

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Ben Filter, Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden and Jerome Pedretti
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew John Frauenkron

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Notices were posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the minutes of January 13, January 20 and February 9, 2021.

MOTION carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, had nothing to report.

ATV ROUTES

Michaels asked Ron Chamberlain, La Crosse County Highway Commissioner, for his input on the ATV route request. Chamberlain explained the request was for access on County Road T and Country Road TT and would like the Town Board's input. Michaels stated his concern that there will be a waterfall of ATV routes and Chamberlain noted that would be the Town's decision for Town roads. Discussion followed. Bob Stupi, N7577 County Road XX, asked the process for opening other county roads. Chamberlain explained it would require a LLC club or Town Board request. Motion by Herlitzke/Mieden to approve the ATV routes request.

MOTION carried unanimously.

LAND DONATION

Mieden noted he had a chance for a quick look at the report from Braun Intertec on the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESI), which was made available late this afternoon. He had concerns, such as a potential underground tank, potential abandoned well and an unknown fill pipe. Filter noted the need for debris removal and possible septic tank. Discussion followed.

Mike Arneson, via zoom in Montana, joined the discussion and explained his understanding that there were no underground tanks and the well was capped. He noted most of the concerns in the report were exempt unless the site was being redeveloped. Arneson was concerned with the inconsistency of the ESI report. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to seek clarification from Braun and to table the other land donation discussion items until next month.

PARK COMMITTEE

Parking lot for donated land: Herlitzke reported the Park Committee recommended obtaining quotes for installing the parking lot on the proposed donated land and noted the Town crew felt confident in performing the tree removal for that area. Discussion followed. Motion by Filter/Herlitzke for bids to install an 8" gravel parking lot and removal of tree stumps and overburden while installing a 15" poly-propylene culvert for access to Amsterdam Prairie Road. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 1/21/21 meeting: Herlitzke reviewed the January 21st minutes from the Park Committee meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Plow truck bid documents: Michaels noted the bid specifications were introduced last month and invited Bob Boecher from the County Highway department to assist with the discussion. Boecher noted our bid documents from 2015 were good. He suggested “upping” the engine from 350 hp to at least 425 hp and noted the rubber plow blades are a good investment. Boecher listed the various vendors they work with and suggested including a test drive review as part of the bid specs. Discussion followed concerning the bid specifications and the market changes to accommodate equipment for distributing liquid brine. Boecher will provide the Clerk with a copy of their bid specs.

Radar reports: Filter reported on the radar speed sign data from Old NA east, Old NA west and Oak Street and noted the speeds are decreasing. Discussion followed.

Town crew report: John Frauenkron, Town crew supervisor, reviewed the written crew report.

Stop sign request: Michaels reported on a request by Tom Roerkohl and Larry Parce to install a stop sign at the corner of Prairie Woods Street and Dutch Avenue. He talked to the other corner residents (Kelly, Bornitz) who agreed. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to install the Town’s radar speed sign, currently on Oak Street, on the west end of Prairie Woods Street heading east, to see if that will alleviate the speeding and revisit the issue in April.

PLAN COMMISSION

Ordinance #1-2021: Filter noted the public hearing indicated no changes. Motion by Filter/Herlitzke to by-pass the first reading of Ordinance 1-2021 to amend the Comprehensive Plan. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Motion by Filter/Mieden to approve Ordinance #2021 to amend the Comprehensive Plan. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Zoning Variance: Robert Marconi, N8163 Amundson Coulee Road, requested a variance to construct a 40’x40’ pole building which will exceed the square foot limit and height restrictions for his 1.4 acre parcel. Marconi explained the proposed building would be used to store vehicles, bee keeping supplies, equipment and provide a place to repair cars and reassured the Board that no business will be conducted. He reported he has signatures from all adjoining and several additional neighbors in support of his request. Filter asked about the chicken coop and shed and Marconi confirmed both would be removed. Michaels reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve the zoning variance for Robert Marconi, N8163 Amundson Coulee Road, for his request to build a 40’x40’ and 18’2” building. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CSM: Eric Reimer, N8694 Hanson Drive, requested approval of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to realign property lines between Lot 13 and Lot 14 in the Lorraine Estates subdivision plat (applicant not present). Michaels reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Mieden to approve the CSM for Eric Reimer, N8694 Hanson Drive, to realign property lines for Lots 13 and 14. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Open House: Filter reviewed the dates for open houses for the draft Comprehensive Plan update, which will take place February 24th and March 24th from 5-7 pm. He noted information

will be available during the clerk hours the corresponding weeks and there will be a virtual option posted to our web page.

Report on 2/3/21 meeting: Michaels noted everything was covered from the Plan Commission's February 3rd meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Current fire protection: Herlitzke had nothing to discuss this month.

Report on 1/20/21 meeting: Fire Chief Buck Manly reviewed the minutes of January and February. Manley reported on the fire on Sunrise Lane.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Michaels suggested we stay the course. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to continue with the office closed to the public through the end of March and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The January Treasurer's report and February invoices were reviewed. Motion by Mieden/Filter to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2021 and approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$226,523.01. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk Pedretti noted there is a spring Primary Election on Tuesday, February 16th. Filter noted the open house on February 24th from 5-7 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by J Pedretti/Herlitzke to enter closed session, under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(c) for: "...consideration of employment, compensation or performance evaluation data..." of Town employees to wit: review job descriptions and discuss Clerk and Treasurer appointments. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 7:44 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:54 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2021-6

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Reappoint Town Treasurer & Town Clerk

WHEREAS, the Town of Holland residents, at their annual Town meeting on April 10, 2001, voted to authorize a change for the Town treasurer and Town clerk from elected positions to appointed positions; and

WHEREAS, Section 60.10(1)(b)2m authorizes the Town Board to provide for the appointment of the Town treasurer and Town clerk; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2003, the positions of Town treasurer and Town clerk were appointed by the Town Board for a three year term each and reappointments were given for additional three year terms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, do hereby reappoint the town treasurer Marla Wagner to a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby reappoint the town clerk Marilyn Pedretti to a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that their salaries will be reviewed annually with their wages and benefits established by the Town Board.

Dated this 10th day of February 2021.

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Resolution 2021-6, a resolution to reappoint the Town treasurer and Town clerk. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk