

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Ben Filter, Steve Mieden and Kathy Warzynski
EXCUSED	Jeff Herlitzke
STAFF PRESENT	Town Crew Jeff Paulson; Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Notices were posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Warzynski to approve the minutes of June 9th as presented. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Kimberly Nimtze, N7042 Pedretti Street, and Melanie Tarnow, 304 Grant Street, introduced themselves as the new owners of Magnolia Sunset Properties. Nimtze explained they will be updating the current Drugan's restaurant as a wedding and events venue. She explained they will be phasing in other updates over two years. Stupi welcomed them to the Town.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT: none given.

PUBLIC WORKS

Casberg Coulee Road bridge: Stupi reviewed the background on the July 3rd wash-out along the Casberg Coulee Road culvert and reported the repairs were completed by the La Crosse Highway Department. Discussion followed on possible grant funding to replace the bridge. Filter mentioned that Moe Coulee Road also has a culvert that needs replacing. Item will be researched further.

Radar reports: Filter will provide reports next month.

Town crew report: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reviewed his written report. He reported the plow truck may be ready for delivery in September.

Compost drop-off area: Frauenkron reported on the flooding issues in the compost area and suggested they could dig out the small pipe and replace with a 20" culvert. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to have the crew install the culvert and make any other adjustments to enhance drainage.

Holland Estates Ballfield donation: held off on discussion until the project manager was present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shared Services MOU: Stupi reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved by the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Fire Chief will be sworn-in on Tuesday during the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting.

Report on 6/15/21 meeting: Stupi referenced the minutes. He noted they will continue to seek a full-time firefighter and the former Chief was given notice that his position was eliminated with the new agreement.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadband: Stupi referenced the 6/21/21 minutes.

Trail Development:

- (A) Filter asked that this item be tabled until the Park Committee discusses at their July 21st meeting.
- (B) Motion by Mieden/Filter to appoint Mike Flury to the Ad-hoc Trail Development Committee. **MOTION** carried unanimously.
- (C) Filter reported on the June 30th meeting. He noted they are working with the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) on a bike/ped plan to be used for grant requests.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 2021-11: Stupi explained this resolution will finalize the loan paperwork. Clerk

Pedretti read the resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION 2021-11

***WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, at their June 9, 2021 board meeting, unanimously passed a motion to purchase a Ford F250 from La Crosse Truck Center, in the amount of \$37,150 which includes trade-in of the 2008 Ford F350; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the said promissory note will be paid with a tax levy adjustment to cover principal payments plus interest each year.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board will borrow \$37,150 funds for the purchase of the Ford F250 from River Bank at an interest rate of 1.98% for two years.*

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Resolution 2021-11. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-12: Clerk Pedretti read the resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION 2021-12**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

***WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers, proclaimed, by Executive Order #72, a public health emergency in the State of Wisconsin as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.02(16); and*

***WHEREAS**, the Town of Holland declared a State of Emergency in response to the Covid-19 pandemic by Resolution 2020-2 on March 19, 2020; and*

***WHEREAS**, the State Declaration of Emergency has expired; and*

***WHEREAS**, the number of Covid-19 cases continues to decline and the number vaccinated persons continues to increase, with vaccinations readily available to any person aged 12 and older; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Center of Disease Control has advised that fully vaccinated persons can safely participate in almost any pre-pandemic activity;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Holland, hereby rescinds the State of Emergency declared for the Town of Holland on March 19, 2020, effective immediately.*

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

Motion by Filter/Mieden to approve resolution 2021-12. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds: Stupi reported the Town received the first installment and it is in a segregated, interest bearing account. He noted the Town has until 2024 to spend the funds. Warzynski suggested the Town evaluate the option for reimbursement of revenue losses. Mieden suggested we could utilize some for seed money for a broadband matching grant.

Facebook account: Stupi reported the Facebook account is up and can be found “@townofhollandwis” and has received two likes.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Stupi reported on the two new Class “B” combined liquor license applications. Motion by Filter/Warzynski to approve the liquor licenses for Magnolia Sunset Properties LLC, W7667 Sylvester Road, Agent: Kimberly Nimitz; and Whispering Pines Campground, N8905 U.S. Highway 53; Agent: Alex Parcher. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

OPERATOR’S LICENSES (for service of alcohol)

Clerk Pedretti provided a list of 4 applicants for Drugan’s Castle Mound:

- Blank, Sydney – N7391 Casberg Coulee Road, Holmen
- Grover, Sarah – N18057 Grover Lane, Galesville
- Hanson, Rylee – 571 13th Street, Dallas WI
- Heal, Brooke – 2918 James St, La Crosse

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the operator’s licenses as listed. **MOTION** carried.

WTA CONVENTION

Stupi asked members to notify the clerk if they plan to attend the annual Wisconsin Towns Association convention October 10-12.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS

The June Treasurer’s report and July invoices were reviewed. Motion by Mieden/Filter to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented and pay the bills in the amount of \$133,472.91. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

HOLLAND ESTATES BALLFIELD

Project Manager Mike Flury, W7815 Amsterdam Prairie Road, reported on two quotes received for delivering rock and black dirt to begin the work on the new ballfield. Discussion took place concerning the quotes, a possible donation of rock and the process for future work. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Sand Box Express Lamprich Enterprises proposal for ballfield material not to exceed \$12,800. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Stupi shared an invitation to attend the Boys & Girls Club open house in August.

ADJOURN

Motion by Filter/Mieden to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk