

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
February 8, 2023**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-** Holland Supervisor Geoffrey Hack called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., open to the public at the Holland Town Hall, 47 Pearl St., Holland, NY 14080. Roll Call followed.

Town Board Members Present:

- Councilwoman Karen Kline
- Councilman Bill Kolacki
- Councilman Dan Lotito
- Councilwoman Lynne Roth
- Supervisor Geoffrey Hack

Other Officials Present:

- Town Attorney Ron Bennett
- Highway Superintendent Jason Simmons
- Town Clerk Jill Dix
- Bookkeeper Peg Koss
- Town Engineer Dave Pratt
- Planning Board Chairman Marty Regan
- Building and Zoning Deputy Officer Bill Shimburski

**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 19-2023**

Motion made by Councilwoman Kline and seconded by Councilman Kolacki to approve the Organizational Meeting and January 2023 Regular Town Board Minutes.

5 AYE/ 0 NAY/ 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

- A. Appointment- Councilman Dan Lotito to Erie County Environment Management Council- 2 year term- June 1, 2023- May 31, 2025

**RESOLUTION # 20-2023**

Councilman Kolacki motioned to appoint Councilman Dan Lotito to the Erie County Environment Management Council- 2 year term- June 1, 2023- May 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilwoman Roth.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Opposition to NYS Ban on Natural Gas Heating and Appliances

**RESOLUTION # 21-2023**

Councilman Kolacki motioned to oppose the Proposed Ban on Natural Gas Heating and Appliances in NYS. Seconded by Councilman Lotito.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul’s state-of-the-state address contained a proposal to “...end the sale of new fossil powered heating equipment by 2030 by calling for construction of – all new

construction needs to be zero emission – starting in 2025 for small buildings and 2028 for large buildings,”; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and the White House have come out against any prohibition of gas stoves; and

**WHEREAS**, the State’s proposal is intended to help address climate change, but could create a burden for our region’s working-class residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a ban on natural gas appliances and water heaters is not feasible for Western New York with harsh winter weather and exposed electrical infrastructure. Appliances used to heat water and cook food need to work during power outages especially during times of inclement weather; and

**WHEREAS**, this past December saw a blizzard rip through the Buffalo Metro Area leaving tens of thousands of residents stuck in their home without power, many for several days. Gas appliances, fed by more resilient infrastructure, allowed those residents to heat their homes, boil water, and safely cook their food for the days needed to clear the roads and restore electricity. Nearly four dozen people died during this storm, many more would have suffered if they had to rely on our power grid for cooking and emergency heating; and

**WHEREAS**, what is more, alternatives to natural gas-powered heating have yet to be proven reliable as a sole-source heating system in cold-weather climates; and

**WHEREAS**, electrical appliances have more moving parts and are expensive to maintain and repair, mandating their purchase is an unnecessary burden we are placing on families across New York State at a time when the cost of living has significantly outpaced wage growth; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, due to market conditions and technology limitations, most electric appliances are less efficient and absent improvements in electricity efficiencies and the electrical infrastructure grid, would likely cause increases in energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, as we have seen with California’s recent push to make everything electric, improperly planned energy transitions can lead to an increased strain on a state’s electrical grid, leading to black outs and rationing, which is especially dangerous with the winter weather we experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to transition the state’s energy infrastructure grid should go through a more thorough review to understand how this will impact the energy production and distribution system as a whole, as well as the impact on residential energy systems, before any action is taken.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Association of Erie County Governments hereby urges Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to pause in their rush and to fully examine the real life impact their decisions will have for all New Yorkers, especially those least able to afford them; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul’s Office, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN  
MOTION CARRIED

C. Appointment- Greg Putney- Zoning Board of Appeals

**RESOLUTION # 22-2023**

Councilwoman Kline motioned to appoint Greg Putney to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective February 8, 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Roth.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

D. Budget Amendments

**RESOLUTION # 23-2023**

Councilwoman Roth motioned to approve the following budget amendments. Councilman Lotito seconded the motion.

GENERAL FUND

From: A599	Unexpended Fund Balance	\$49,157.93
To: A960	Appropriations	\$49,157.93
A6989.2	Economic Assistance	
	to purchase Community Van	

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings-** Councilman Kolacki

**Constabulary-** Councilman Kolacki

**Town Park and Community Center-** Councilman Lotito

**Planning Board-** Councilwoman Kline

**Environmental Committee-** Councilman Lotito

**Beautification-** Councilwoman Roth

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Planning Board Minutes

**BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER** –Justin Quant. Report submitted.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER** – William Newell. Report submitted.

**GRANT WRITER** – Jill Dix

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AND FACILITIES-** Jason Simmons. Report Submitted.

**RESOLUTION #24-2023**

Councilman Kolacki motioned to purchase a new 2022 Ford F150 Highway Pick up for \$32,156.50 with NYS pricing from Emerling Ford. Seconded by Councilman Lotito.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #25-2023**

Councilwoman Roth motioned to declare the old 2013 Ford F150 Highway Pick up as surplus inventory and will be sold at auction. Seconded by Councilman Kolacki.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Special Use Permit Request-** Aurora Lawn Services LLC- 11288 Holland Glenwood Rd

**RESOLUTION #26-2023**

Councilwoman Kline motioned to refer the Special Use Permit applicant, Aurora Lawn Services LLC- 11288 Holland Glenwood Rd, to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Roth.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B. Russ Clothier- Update on Rt 16 Plaza was given and they will be amending their Special Use Permit to add more buildings to site and will be applying for a new Special Use Permit for high end storage at a different location.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A) **Special Use Permit**- 13578 Wilkens Rd- Frederick- chickens for personal use

**RESOLUTION #27-2023**

Councilwoman Kline motioned to approve the Special Use Permit for 13578 Wilkens Rd to have chickens for personal use with the following conditions:

- Chickens must be kept on the property
- Feed must be kept in a sealed container that is rodent proof
- Proper disposal of manure
- Limit of 12 chickens – no additional roosters
- Existing rooster must not be replaced after death
- Noise and dust must be controlled
- Permit will be rescinded if neighbors complain about noise.

Seconded by Councilwoman Roth.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B) **Special Use Permit**- 7207 Hunters Creek Rd- Rural Outreach Center

**RESOLUTION #28-2023**

Supervisor Hack splits the Special Use Permit application into two parts. Code Blue Shelter and Transitional Housing. Supervisor Hack motioned to deny the Code Blue Shelter and Councilwoman Kline seconded the motion.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #29-2023**

Councilwoman Roth motioned to table the discussion and application of the Transitional Housing Special Use Permit to acquire more information. A separate meeting will be held to gather more information. Councilwoman Kline seconded the motion.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**- Ron Bennett

**TOWN CLERK** – Jill Dix

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS** - The following vouchers were presented for payment:

General District Claims	in the amount of \$92,272.86
as set	
forth in Abstract A-2	

Highway District Claims	in the amount of \$50,999.39
as set	
forth in Abstract DA-2	

Water District Claims in the amount of \$23,425.51  
as set  
forth in Abstract SW-2

Light District Claims in the amount of \$1,209.06  
as set  
forth in Abstract SL-2

Garbage District Claims in the amount of \$33,371.26  
as set  
forth in Abstract SR-2

Trust and Agency District Claims in the amount of \$9,709.50  
as set  
forth in Abstract TA-2

**RESOLUTION # 30-2023**

Motion made by Councilwoman Kline and seconded by Councilwoman Roth resolve the Town of Holland pay the preceding vouchers.

5 YEA / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT** –Supervisor Hack adjourned the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:07 pm in honor of all our community members who have recently passed away.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Jill Dix  
Holland Town Clerk