

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
April 13, 2016**

Regular Town Board Meeting - Holland Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., at the Holland Town Hall, 47 Pearl St., Holland, NY 14080. The Pledge of Allegiance and official Roll Call followed.

Town Board Members Present:

Councilman Geoffrey Hack
Councilwoman Karen Kline
Councilwoman Roberta Herr
Councilman William Kolacki
Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

Other Officials Present:

Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce
Town Clerk Merilu O'Dell
Bookkeeper Jill Zientek
Assessor Tammy Adsitt
Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Sluce
Town Engineer David Pratt

Not Present:

Town Attorney Ronald Bennett
Dog Enforcement Officer Bill Newell

RESOLUTION # 24-2016

8:02 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, Second by C. Herr, resolve the Town of Holland approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held March 9, 2016.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

- A. Vermont Street Sidewalk – There was a continuing issue between the Town and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Chaney, regarding the sidewalk extension, to connect the two ends of the sidewalk together in front of their property. Chaney took issue with a newspaper report of the Town's March meeting, and comments that were made at that time. There was also disagreement concerning a town offer to pay \$750 toward the Chaney's legal expenses; the Chaney's maintain this was \$7,500. There was heated

discussion between the Board and the Chaneys, after which both sides agreed to have a separate meeting between all parties involved, in the near future.

- B. Solar Project Update – The Supervisor said that adding the fire district and the Holland Boys & Girls Club to the Town’s meters has been approved. Solar Liberty still has some issues to resolve before shovels go into the ground.
In a related issue, a few farmers have reported being approached by a solar company about placing a very large solar array on their properties. The Supervisor said the company is looking for about 20 acres of property for the array.
The Supervisor also said a New York State-sponsored “Community Solar” has been discussed, but he has no details as yet.
- C. Rural Transit – A volunteer appreciation meeting will be held April 20. Councilwoman Herr is checking her schedule to see if she is able to attend.
- D. Association of Erie County Governments – The Supervisor is unable to attend the meeting in Hamburg; Councilwoman Herr may attend.
- E. Assessment Changes – Verizon - The assessment change for Verizon has gone down by about \$100,000 for 2016. The Town has no say in this; the decision is made by the NYS Office of Real Property Services. “The [town’s] taxpayers will be picking the rest of this up,” said the Supervisor.
- F. Code Changes – Peddler’s Permits and Sign Ordinance. The possibility of these two changes to the Town Code was discussed. The Supervisor asked the Town Board to think about these, and get back to him if any ideas came up. The Town Clerk had asked other Clerks what ordinances their towns have, and a summary was given to the Town Board. Regarding the sign ordinance. Buildings and Code Officer Justin Quant said the sign ordinance “really needs to be cleaned up.”
- G. Local Government Conference – A training opportunity will be held at Houghton College on May 11. Anyone interested in attending needs to register for the event.
- H. Route 16 Sign – After New York State questioned the legality of a sign erected off Route 16, a search was made for any possible permits. It was found that a permit was issued to John Kramer and was filed in the Town Clerk’s Office in 2003. The issue is now between Mr. Kramer and the State.
- I. Budget Amendments

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		4/13/2016	
General Fund			
From:	A1990.4	Contingency Account	\$11,504.00
To:	A3989.4	Public Safety	\$11,504.00

to cover expenses of demolition of unsafe property

RESOLUTION # 25-2016

8:26 p.m. – Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland approve the aforementioned budget amendment.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Buildings – Councilman Kolacki – The front and back stairs and metal railings at the Town Hall are in need of de-rusting and repainting. This will begin as soon as the weather improves.
Regarding the Town Highway Garage on Edgewood Drive, “It looks like it’s a feasible thing” to put an addition on the west side of the building. The Highway Department is having to park its large equipment in the garage sideways.
- B. Cemetery – Councilman Hack – The Supervisor said that he had received complaint of snowmobile tracks across graves at the Holland Cemetery. He said it looks like the Town will need to block off the area, so snowmobilers cannot drive across the front of the cemetery graves.
- C. Planning Board Liaison – Councilwoman Kline – Tim Painter was brought forth as a replacement for Joe Marzolf, who resigned recently.

RESOLUTION # 26-2016

8: p.m. – Motion made by C. Kline, Second by Supervisor Kasprzyk, resolve the Town Board approve the appointment of Tim Painter to the Planning Board, to replace member Joe Marzolf.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

- D. Town Park & Community Center – Councilman Hack – No additional report.
- E. Environmental Committee - Councilman Kolacki – He reported the monthly meeting of the Erie County Environmental Management Council was cancelled, due to inclement weather.
- F. Beautification – Councilwoman Herr – Flowers have been ordered for the hanging baskets to be placed along Main Street, and she is expecting them to be delivered the first or second week of June.
Due to problems at the highway garage, another security camera has been requested.
- G. Holland’s 200th Anniversary – Councilwoman Kline and Supervisor Kasprzyk met with the Town of Wales historian and its Town Board liaison; East Aurora representatives were not able to attend the meeting. The three towns may be planning a joint event, accompanied by separate events in each town. The first Anniversary Committee meeting will be scheduled soon, before the May Town Board meeting. The Committee is still looking for interested persons to join.
- H. Skateboard Park – Councilwoman Herr said she has not heard back from the skateboard group.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Planning Board Minutes – Report submitted.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting.

- C. Opiate Meeting – East Aurora, May 5. This is an open meeting, and anyone interested may attend.

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER –Justin Quant. Report submitted. He reported that he is now complete with his training, and is “officially certified.” There will be an update class later this year. He also mentioned that the Town Code needs clarifying. “There are a few gray areas,” he said.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Michael Sluce. Report submitted. He also said he condemned two more accessory buildings in town, saying both will have to be demolished.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – William Newell. Report submitted. The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets inspected Newell’s kennel, and passed it. The Supervisor said that Newell “continues to do a good job for us,” as town dog control officer.

FACILITIES MANAGER – Patrick Joyce. Joyce said tires and televisions continue to be dumped at the highway garage. “There have been 1,000 tires [dropped off] in the past two and a half weeks,” he said.

GRANT WRITER – Jill Zientek. No report.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted. Joyce said he would like to replace an old tractor with a John Deere model, off state bid, for about \$26,000. He also needs a new flail mower for shoulder mowing, for just over \$7,000. As a result, he would like to sell a 1987 tractor, and old flail mower, and other surplus items by Internet auction.

RESOLUTION # 27-2016

8:38 p.m. – Motion made by C. Kolacki, Second by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve the request by Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce to purchase a John Deere tractor and a flail mower..

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 28-2016

8:39 p.m. – Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland approve a request by Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce, to sell a tractor, flail mower, and other items at Internet auction

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Michael Sluce. Report submitted. He cautioned residents to be aware of building, zoning, and code regulations, and “Make sure you get a permit before you begin to build; otherwise, it’s a \$100 fine” on top of the permit costs.

NEW BUSINESS – Aurora Collision. Mike Biasillo requested a new, lighted sign for his business at 7117 Olean Road. The top portion would be backlit, with the lower section a digital display. Both would be double sided, with an overall measurement of 4 four feet by eight feet, and no higher than 20 feet. There will be no animation or flashing lights. Biasillo said he would like to have the sign on all night, “But, it can be automatically dimmed to 10 percent.”

RESOLUTION # 29-2016

8:60 p.m. – Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland approve the lighted sign request of Mike Biasillo, with restrictions

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – None.

TOWN ATTORNEY – Ronald Bennett – No report. He was not in attendance, as he is convalescing from a hip replacement and fall injury.

TOWN CLERK – Merilu O’Dell – No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

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

Abstract 4

General District Claims as set Forth in Abstract A-4	#95-144	in the amount of \$24,241.47
Highway District Claims as set Forth in Abstract DA-4	#51-75	in the amount of \$19,011.46
Garbage District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SR-4	#3	in the amount of \$22,646.52
Water Fund Claims as set Forth in Abstract SW-4	#18-29	in the amount of \$4,668.97

Lighting District Claims
as set
Forth in Abstract SL-4

#3

in the amount of \$1,809.06

Trust & Agency Claims
as set
Forth in Abstract TA-4

#10-14

in the amount of \$388,890.54

RESOLUTION # 30-2015

8:48 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack and seconded by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland pay the preceding vouchers.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT –Supervisor Kasprzyk adjourned the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:49 p.m., with a moment of silence, in memory of late Holland residents:

- Shirley Lawandus
- Otis Maynard (former town employee)
- Earl Schrader
- Chauncey Kloiber

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on April 25, 2016

MERILU O’DELL, TOWN CLERK