

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2017**

Regular Town Board Meeting - Holland Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 8:03 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 Roberta Herr
Councilwoman Karen Kline

Councilman William Kolacki
Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

Other Officials Present:

Town Clerk Merilu O’Dell
ZBA Chairman William O’Dell
Planning Board Chairman Marty Regan
Town Attorney Ronald Bennett

Highway Spt. Patrick Joyce
Building & Codes Justin Quant
Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Sluce
Town Engineer David Pratt

RESOLUTION # 56-2017

8:04 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kolacki, Second by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held July 12, 2017.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

- A. Set Date and Times for Budget Review Meetings – Times for department heads to request funding for their 2018 departmental budgets are set for Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Budget forms need to be returned to Jill Zientek by August 15.
- B. Appointments – Three New Town Constables – With the number of active constables down to six, there exists a need to boost the ranks, said the Supervisor. Three men have come forward, desiring the appointment, and have been properly vetted for those positions. These include Joshua Metzger, Wade Adsitt and Nicholaus Jackson, all of Holland.

RESOLUTION # 57-2017

8:05 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kolacki, Second by C. Herr, resolve the Town Board approve the appointment of constables Joshua Metzger, Wade Adsitt and Nicholaus Jackson.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

- C. Solar Liberty Project Update – The interconnect is completed, and in the next few days, NYSEG will be turning on the system.
- D. Tornado Damage Update – “It was an absolute mess here three weeks ago,” said the Supervisor. A lot of people were hurting from the damage, mostly to the North Canada St. and Route 16 area.” The entire town was without power for many hours, due to the EF-1 rated tornado that stuck the town on July 20, with some 400 homes not regaining power until Saturday. He reported “an extreme number of trees” down within the banks of Cazenovia Creek, near North Canada St. “With imminent flooding threats, the Erie County Soil and Water and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation came out and evaluated the situation. It was their determination that we needed to get these trees out of there as soon as possible,” he said. He reported between 150-175 trees down in a 300- to 400-yard stretch of the creek, and said, “We could have lost this road and a couple of houses if we didn’t do something fast. Who will pay? The ECSW and DEC both said they have discretionary funds available.” With cars, trucks, and houses crushed and numerous trees down, the Supervisor said, “We were very lucky. There was no one hurt.”
- E. Flu Shot Clinic Discontinued – The Town will no longer offer a free flu shot clinic, as the Visiting Nurses Association has discontinued them. Town Clerk Merilu O’Dell spoke to the pharmacist at the Holland Pharmacy, who told her they would be happy to do the immunizations. O’Dell has sent a story to the newspaper, as well as printed and posted notices for the Town Hall regarding this.
- F. Advertise for Refuse Collection Contract – The Supervisor said it is time to go out and bid for refuse collection, and he has drawn up a tentative listing of what the contract should include. The terms and conditions would remain the same, except for offering options: a rolling tote for recyclables, perhaps adding another one or two hazardous waste drop off dates, and looking for another hauler for the four times per year electronics waste collections. Councilwoman Kline suggested going with an additional 18-gallon recyclable bin, instead of a rolling tote. The Supervisor said the town will still pursue grants to help fund the collections.

RESOLUTION # 58-2017

8:12 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town Board of Holland approve the advertisement of proposals for the refuse collection contract, and for the Town Clerk to place a legal notice in the newspaper of record.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Buildings – Councilman Kolacki – No report.

- B. Cemetery – Councilman Hack – “Minor damage” was reported, other than a large tree which needs to be removed following the recent tornado. The Supervisor urged residents to “look up” at their trees, as damaged branches could be ready to fall.
- C. Planning Board Liaison – Councilwoman Kline – Lucy Coady came to the meeting, regarding her chickens; she does not currently possess a permit.
- D. Town Park & Community Center – Councilman Hack – There was more vandalism last week, at the playground, bridge, and dugout areas. The Erie County Sheriff’s Department and New York State Police are increasing patrols. “This is the fourth [vandalism] time since spring,” Hack said. “Maybe we need to post a reward? Get more cameras?” He said wi-fi may be going into the Community Center, and the cameras can be remotely accessed then. Councilwoman Herr said, “When – not if – the vandals are caught, there will be videos available” to law enforcement.
- E. Environmental Committee - Councilman Kolacki – No report.
- F. Beautification – Councilwoman Herr – Herr said that new Framers Market banners have been purchased, and she wants to see how they hold up with the recent weather. The Supervisor commented that the flowers in the boxes and hanging baskets “look good.”
- G. 200th Anniversary – The committee is continuing to meet twice monthly. The historical book will be available for sale on December 18, for holiday gift giving. The calendar is ready for the printers, and Kline reported that the Barn Quilt Project has “really taken off.” A quilt workshop will be held on August 31, at the East Aurora Library, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She also reported that the committee is continuing to work on the project list.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Planning Board Minutes – Report submitted.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals – Report submitted.

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER –Justin Quant. Report submitted.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – William Newell. Report submitted.

FACILITIES MANAGER – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted.

GRANT WRITER – Jill Zientek. The Supervisor said the proposed handicapped crossing ramp is being scrapped, in favor of an at-grade crossing at the high school. Engineer Pratt is doing survey work.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Michael Sluce. Report submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted. He said the town has a lot of help from Erie County and the state in cleaning up the storm’s aftermath. He said the town needs to sign a mutual aid agreement with the state. “They saved us in the thousands” of dollars in cleanup costs, he said.

The Supervisor said he has received complements regarding the road chip and seal jobs the town has done.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution - Buffalo Children's Psychiatric Hospital – Mickey Kearns is spearheading an effort to have this facility remain open. Otherwise, these children would be housed with adults.

RESOLUTION # 59-2017

8:31 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town Board of Holland send a resolution to urge the continued operation of the Buffalo Children's Psychiatric Hospital in West Seneca.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

- B. Request for Children at Play Signs – Highway Superintendent responded that he believes the posting of these signs “encourages kids to play in the road. Besides,” he continued, “this is an Erie County road, not a town road. It's out of our hands.” The Town Board will look at police reports, to see if the 35 mph speed limit is being enforced.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Special Use Permit Request – Lucy Coady – The Planning Board recommended approval of the request, subject to conditions. Coady indicated no problems with those conditions.

RESOLUTION # 60-2017

8:35 p.m. - Motion made by C. Herr, Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town Board of Holland approve the Special Use Request (chickens) of Lucy Coady, subject to stated conditions.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

TOWN ATTORNEY – Ronald Bennett – No report.

TOWN CLERK – Merilu O'Dell – She said she had spoken to the pharmacists at Holland Pharmacy, who were willing to give immunizations to town residents, since the VNA discontinued its clinics.

NUMBERED SIGNS FOR RESIDENCES – Geoffrey Hack – He is looking into reflective house number signs and posts, to facilitate locations for emergency purposes. He mentioned that the Town of Sardinia is “doing this on an on-going basis.” He said he is hoping to proceed, but needs more information for Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce. “Numbering patterns don't exist on some streets, and it is very difficult to determine a residence if there's no number [posted],” he said. The Supervisor then added, “This could be a life or death situation.”

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

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

Abstract 8

General District Claims as set Forth in Abstract A-8	#278-312	in the amount of \$27,137.42
Highway District Claims as set Forth in Abstract DA-8	#115-129	in the amount of \$333,633.55
Garbage District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SR-8	#15-17	in the amount of \$25,452.35
Lighting District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SL-8	#8	in the amount of \$1,472.23
Trust & Agency as set Forth in Abstract TA-8	#23-25	in the amount of \$8,691.45
Cemetery Fund as set Forth in Abstract CF-8	#12-15	in the amount of \$969.11
Water District #1 as set Forth in Abstract SW-8	#62-66	in the amount of \$4,350.63

RESOLUTION # 61-2017

8:38 p.m. - Motion made by C. Herr and seconded by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland pay the preceding vouchers.

5 YEA – Hack, Kline, Herr, Kolacki, Kasprzyk / 0 NAY / 0 ABSTAIN
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT –Supervisor Kasprzyk adjourned the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, July 14, 2017

MERILU O'DELL, TOWN CLERK.