

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
July 12, 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 Karen Kline  
Councilman William Kolacki  
Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

**Town Board Members Absent:**

Councilwoman Roberta Herr

**Other Officials Present:**

Town Clerk Merilu O’Dell	ZBA Chairman William O’Dell
Planning Board Chairman Marty Regan	Building & Codes Justin Quant
Town Attorney Ronald Bennett	Town Engineer David Pratt
Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Sluce	Dog Control Officer Bill Newell

**RESOLUTION # 49-2017**

8:04 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, Second by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town of Holland approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held June 14, 2017.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT** – Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk

- A. Solar Liberty Project Update – All equipment is completely installed, and the three-phase pole is in. The system is not yet connected to the grid through NYSEG. All that remains before project completion are the actual hook-up and some landscaping.
- B. With the sidewalk project nearing completion, a roadblock has been encountered, that of having both gas and water lines under the area at the southeast corner of Canada St. It is here that a switchback ramp for the handicapped was to be located. The Board’s consensus was to abandon that aspect of the project, and use extra money for either sidewalks on Legion Drive, or welcome signs at the north and south entrances to the town. Engineer David Pratt will convey this decision to NYSDOT.
- C. Shared Services Committee – The Supervisor said he and Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce met and tried to evaluate how to come up with a number to present to Erie County regarding ditching, mowing Erie County road shoulders, and brush and tree removal. He said they did come up with a number for shoulder mowing, which is based upon lane miles, and that proposal has been sent to Erie County. This would be twice

yearly, and does not include mowing behind guard rails, as the town lacks the necessary equipment for this. “I really can’t say if the County will go for this or not,” the Supervisor said. “A cost savings is the thing that must be met.”

He said there are four County forests in Holland, amounting to over 600 acres. He noted at the June meeting that there is “no forest management plans and no revenue” from the forests. He had two suggestions: to have the County turn the property over to the town, which would then ask a professional forest management firm how to get revenue; have the County dispose of the property with a private individual, and back on the tax rolls.

- D. Town Park Shelter Walls – Half-walls done. Some ideas for the upper walls are moveable or removable, sliding doors, accordion doors, or garage-type pull-down doors. He asked the Town Board to think about these options.
- E. Workmen’s Compensation Dividend – The town is eligible for a 15% off the bill from Lovella, a savings of between \$7,000 and \$8,000.
- F. Comprehensive/Master Plan – Steering Committee, for oversight of the Master Plan update. There was a public meeting regarding this on June 20, at the Community Center, at 7:00 p.m. The Supervisor said it was well attended.
- G. Garfield Street complaint – A homeowner has complained that work done last year on the street has led to flooding of his basement. The Supervisor disputed this, saying that the work done was at road level, not the seven to eight feet lower, at the level of the basement. The homeowner wants the town to reimburse him for the damage. The highway crew reviewed what was done, and when, and says there is no way the damage was caused by the roadwork.
- H. Budget Modifications -

**GENERAL FUND**

From: A599	Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$58,870.78	
To: A960	Appropriations		\$58,870.78
A7110.2	Parks- Capital Projects-Shelter Project		\$50,828.35
A7110.1	Parks- Personal Services- Shelter Project		\$8,042.43
Shelter Project- Senator Gallivan Grant			

**RESOLUTION # 50-2017**

8:19 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, Second by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve budget amendment above pertaining to the shelter grant.

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

From: DA599	Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$8,405.00	
To: DA960	Appropriations		\$8,405.00
DA5132.2	Machinery- Equipment		
Purchasing new excavator			

**RESOLUTION # 51-2017**

8:20 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town of Holland approve budget amendment above pertaining to the excavator purchase.

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

From:	SW8310.4	Administration- Contractual	\$420.31	
To:	SW9040.8	Workers Compensation		\$420.31

**RESOLUTION # 52-2017**

8:21 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, Second by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town of Holland approve budget amendment above pertaining to Workmen's Compensation.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Buildings – Councilman Kolacki – The Supervisor thanked him for installing the Kiwanis and Boy Scouts signs on the new storage buildings, and said it looks very nice.
- B. Cemetery – Councilman Hack – Pat Joyce had sent someone to help with the upkeep at the cemetery, on an as-needed basis. The Supervisor said he found additional problems of the type complained about by the Legion last month at other cemeteries, and said it “kind of bugs me that the Legion guys accused us of not taking proper care of things.” He also said that \$12,000 was spent on new foundations last year. In addition, he received an email from a Florida resident, regarding extra care and time Ron Post had put in regarding flowers on their relative's grave.
- C. Planning Board Liaison – Councilwoman Kline – Reid Petroleum met with the Board, regarding plans to raze the Yellow Goose building, and replace it with a new build. Lucy Coady, who was scheduled to appear at the meeting, did not show up, so her issue was moved to the August meeting.
- D. Town Park & Community Center – Councilman Hack – The final form of the upper walls at the shelter is still being considered.
- E. Environmental Committee - Councilman Kolacki – No additional report.
- F. Beautification – Councilwoman Herr – The big planters in the parking lot are done. A plaque commemorating Alice Koester was vandalized, and will be repaired.
- G. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The committee is continuing to meet twice monthly. “We are making a lot of progress,” said Kline, reporting that the Barn Quilt project is well underway. The Committee is also finalizing décor and merchandise to sell.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Planning Board Minutes – Report submitted.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting.

**BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER** –Justin Quant. Report submitted. He said he has been receiving a lot of calls regarding building permits, and there is “quite a bit of activity.”

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

**FACILITIES MANAGER** – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted.

**GRANT WRITER** – Jill Zientek. No report.

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – Michael Sluce. Report submitted. He said an “order to remedy” has now been elevated to three court appearance tickets.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT** – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted. He said that “Erie County needs an Order to Remedy for Whitney Road.” The Board agreed that Erie County needs to be put on notice for this and other county roadways in town. Attorney Ron Bennett will draft the notice.

Joyce noted that it took “seven guys five days to do 200 feet of ditching”, referring to a county crew working near the curve above the railroad tracks on Vermont Street.

**RESOLUTION # 53-2017**

8:30 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, Second by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town of Holland authorize Town Attorney Ron Bennett to draft a notice to Erie County, regarding the condition of Whitney Road, from Hunters Creek Road to the Wyoming County line, and that this notice be sent to Erie County.

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

Joyce also made a request to attend Highway School.

**RESOLUTION # 54-2017**

8:30 p.m. - Motion made by S. Kasprzyk, Second by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve the request of Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce to attend Highway School.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**TOWN ATTORNEY** – Ronald Bennett – No report.

**TOWN CLERK** – Merilu O’Dell – No report.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Karl Simmeth from NYS Assemblyman David DiPietro’s office. He said a flyer, including the Holland Farmers Market and others in the Assemblyman’s district, were mailed to each household. He also passed on a “Hello” from DiPietro, who is now out of session in Albany, and at home. He will be on WBEN radio the following Saturday morning.

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

**Abstract 7**

General District Claims as set Forth in Abstract A-7	#247-277	in the amount of \$15,656.11
Highway District Claims as set Forth in Abstract DA-7	#100-114	in the amount of \$38,362.38
Garbage District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SR-7	#13-14	in the amount of \$23,104.79
Lighting District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SL-7	#7	in the amount of \$1,441.15
Trust & Agency as set Forth in Abstract TA-6	#20-22	in the amount of \$67,362.51
Cemetery Fund as set Forth in Abstract CF-7	#8-11	in the amount of \$12,295.82
Water District #1 as set Forth in Abstract SW-7	#53-61	in the amount of \$6,534.31

**RESOLUTION # 55-2017**

8:34 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack and seconded by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland pay the preceding vouchers.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** –Supervisor Kasprzyk adjourned the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m., in memory of late Holland residents Barbara Elliott and Janet Rykovich.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**MERILU O'DELL, TOWN CLERK**  
**July 14, 2017.**