

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
November 12, 2014**

Holland Town Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 8:02 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:

Town Clerk Merilu O'Dell
Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce
Town Attorney Ronald Bennett
Bookkeeper Jill Zientek
Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Sluce
Planning Board Chairman Marty Regan
Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman William O'Dell

RESOLUTION # 92-2014

8:11 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack. Second by C. Kline, resolve the Town of Holland approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held October 8, 2014.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none regarding this month's agenda

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Michael Kasprzyk

- A. Erie County Bridge & Road Maintenance Board – Supervisor reported on the first meeting of the Board, held on October 21, 2014, which was not attended by personnel from either the County Executive's office or the Erie County Highway Department. He called the failures to show as “disturbing and disgusting.” He reported, “Most people came with good intentions,” and although it was disappointing that county personnel did not attend, the participants took the opportunity to put together a mission statement, as follows: “To establish a better understanding of county road priorities in order to work together on improving infrastructure with a more comprehensive and proactive approach, including better communication, planning, prioritization, cooperation and execution.”

The supervisor said, “We weren’t there on a witch hunt...we want things to be better for all parties involved.”

In other matters, he said the Town of Boston has a dispute with the county regarding pushing back snow banks, where the county penalized the town for the county pushing back snow banks within the town, but on county-owner roads. He mentioned that there is apparently a rating system of some kind that rates county and state roads, “But, this has never been shared with the town highway superintendents or supervisors.” He also said the county has been late getting started on road projects; he was assured by a representative of the county attorney, as well as the chairman of the County Legislature (who were both in attendance at the meeting), that there were no holdups on their ends.

- B. The high-pressure natural gas line from Pennsylvania to Elma “is apparently, tentatively, not going through Holland,” the Supervisor reported, “but is following the high-voltage lines through Colden.” All is not final, however – the project must still go before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before finalization.
- C. Unsafe building – 7148 Olean Rd. “Supervisor reported that owner Grant Mix has decided to demolish the building, and has contacted a contractor to price out the demolition. He is awaiting quotes from a couple others, then wants to build a garage to store antique cars. This would be allowed with a Special Use Permit, since the area is in highway-business zoning.
- D. Hazardous Waste Collection – The town must first pay the bill from Hazman; it can then be submitted to the state for the 50% grant for which the town has already been approved. The Supervisor stated that for both Holland and Colden (the two towns had run a joint event), the actual numbers of residents participating and the amount of hazardous materials dropped off “far exceeded our estimates.” He added that the state has agreed to pay 50% of the total, even though the estimates were too low. “The Town of Brant was similarly surprised by the results and the response,” he said. “It demonstrates the great need” for these types of events.
- E. Community Development Block Grant – income survey. Erie County is paying for an income survey of the residents of the portions of Garfield and Park streets, to see if it qualifies for the grant, as there is an income limit. The Supervisor said that the eligibility has not yet been upgraded; as a town, Holland doesn’t meet the income limits, but that portion of the hamlet may. Residents – renters included – are to be surveyed.
- F. Required Training for members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. A resolution from the Association of Towns was offered for consideration, and specified agencies that would be approved for fulfilling the training requirements (four hours each year) for each member of the boards.

RESOLUTION #93-2014

8:15 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, seconded by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve an Association of Towns resolution specifying approved trainers to fulfill the state requirement for four hours of training annually for members of the town’s Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.

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

G. Budget Amendments

General Fund

From:	A1990.4	Contingency	\$5,998.96
To:	A1680.4	Data Processing	\$766.01
	A5410.4	Sidewalks- Contractual	\$4,889.17
	A5182.4	Street Lighting- Contractual	\$343.78

Highway Fund

From:	DA5110.4	General Repairs- Contractual	\$1,260.30
To:	DA9040.8	Workers Compensation	\$547.57
	DA9060.8	Hospitalization	\$712.73

Water Fund

From:	SW8310.22	Water Administration- Engineer	\$10,310.00
	SW8320.4	Power and Pumping	\$166.81
To:	SW9040.8	Workers Compensation	\$98.28
	SW8310.4	Water Administration-Contractual	\$2,016.50
	SW8310.11	Water Administration-Part time Operator	\$8,328.19
	SW8340.4	Transmission & Distribution	\$33.84

Cemetery Fund

From:	CM8810.1	Cemetery- Personal Services	\$1,426.39
To:	CM8810.4	Cemetery- Contractual	\$1,426.39

RESOLUTION #94-2014

8:16 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, seconded by C. Kolacki, resolve the Holland Town Board approve the presented budget modifications, as outlined above, for General Fund, in the amount of \$5,998.96.

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

RESOLUTION #95-2014

8:17 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline, seconded by C. Kolacki, resolve the Holland Town Board approve the presented budget modifications, as outlined above, for Highway Fund, in the amount of \$1,260.30.

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

RESOLUTION #96-2014

8:17 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, seconded by C. Kline, resolve the Holland Town Board approve the presented budget modifications, as outlined above, for Water Fund, in the amount of \$10,310.00.

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

RESOLUTION #97-2014

8:18 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack, seconded by C. Kolacki, resolve the Holland Town Board approve the presented budget modifications, as outlined above, for Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,426.39.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Buildings – C. Kolacki. No report.
- B. Cemetery – C. Hack. Reported that Bob Ersing is currently working on getting the pillars at the Holland Cemetery rebuilt, but was unsure if he could get them done before winter. Brush clearing is also underway, and more will be done in the spring.
- C. Planning Board Liaison - C. Kline. The meeting was held November 5. In the absence of any formal requests, the Planning Board met for general discussion, including yearly training requirements, the county's Agricultural and Farmland Protection plan, and the 2002 Regional Comprehensive Plan, which encompasses five towns, including Holland. Four issues of old business were reviewed, the Community Development Block Grant program, and possible expansion of the town water and sewer lines were also discussed.
- D. Town Park and Community Center – C. Hack. Reported on a “good deal on a playground” from the town of Attica. “It’s huge,” said Highway Superintendent

Patrick Joyce. The online auction was closely monitored, and with 20 seconds left, Jill Zientek placed the winning bid. “She sniped it,” said Joyce. The playground, which still needed to be picked up, will be installed in the town park in the spring.

E. Environmental Committee – C. Kolacki. No report.

F. Beautification – C. Herr. No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning Board Minutes – Report given.

B. Board of Appeals Minutes – No report.

C. Blue Star Memorial – The Supervisor reported that he had received a thank you note from the Garden Club’s Christine Hausauer, who headed up the project. In it, she thanked him and the Town Board for their involvement in the project, as well as the Supervisor’s attendance at the ceremony. He said that it “was a very nice ceremony,” as well as noted the participation of the town’s Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

D. Southtowns Rural Preservation – The agency had sent a flyer, detailing its increased income limits.

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER – Scott Hess. Report given.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – William Newell. Report given.

FACILITIES MANAGER – Patrick Joyce. He reported that the lights at the Community Center operate sporadically, and that he has been unable to find the cause. He also noted that the automatic doors at the front were not operating for the steak roast the previous Saturday evening. “I will have to keep after it, to find out what the problem is,” he said. Legion Commander Gary Kingston replied that he had unplugged the doors and shut off the switch. “It got cold sitting there and working,” he said. Councilman Hack asked if the Center needed to be rewired, to which Joyce replied, “The electrician looked at it, and said there’s no problem.”

GRANT WRITER – Jill Zientek. The sidewalk grant status “is now in a waiting game,” said the Supervisor, adding that the grant process is “lengthy and involved.”

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Patrick Joyce – Reported that the town needed to bill Erie County for the plowing the town has done on county roads by November 15. He submitted his report for October.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Michael Sluce. Report given. In response to a question from C. Kline regarding 117 South Main St., and the Board’s request for Sluce to ask the owner if he would please paint his building, Sluce said he had called the owner, but hasn’t

yet received a response. Sluce reminded residents to clean their wood burners, and check their smoke detectors.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tax Lien – Resolution for the Town of Holland, in accordance with New York Town Law Section 198, to authorize Erie County Tax Department to place a lien upon the Real Property for various unpaid accounts of water and other charges. This Resolution must be filed with the 2015 Town of Holland Final Budget, as it is sent to Erie County.

RESOLUTION #98-2014

8:27 p.m. - Motion made by C. Hack. Second by C. Herr. Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Holland, in accordance with New York Town Law Section 198, to authorize Erie County Tax Department to place a lien upon the Real Property for various unpaid accounts of water and other charges.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None.

TOWN ATTORNEY – Ronald Bennett – No report.

TOWN CLERK – Merilu O’Dell – No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Robert Ersing – Noted that he had not been issued a permit to begin reconstruction of the pillars at the Holland Cemetery. He was told it was not necessary.

William O’Dell – Commented that white edge lines need to be painted on Hunters Creek Rd by Erie County. He said it is a safety issue, especially during bad weather. The Supervisor said he would check with the county’s Highway Department.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

The following vouchers were presented for payment:

General District Claims as set Forth in Abstract A-11	#421-453	in the amount of \$24,117.88
Highway District Claims as set Forth in Abstract DA-11	#141-164	in the amount of \$116,477.67
Garbage District Claims	#21	in the amount of \$22,427.58

as set
Forth in Abstract SR-11

Lighting District Claims #10 in the amount of \$1,558.13

as set
Forth in Abstract SL-11

Trust & Agency Claims #19 in the amount of \$7,553.21

as set
Forth in Abstract TA-11

Cemetery Fund #19-20 in the amount of \$600.00

as set
Forth in Abstract CF-11

Water Fund #111-121 in the amount of \$5,100.72

as set
Forth in Abstract 11

RESOLUTION # 99-2014

8:29 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline and seconded by C. Hack, 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 8:33 p.m., with a moment of silence, in memory of late Holland resident Madeline Purdy and William Kwitkowski (Colden).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED November 21, 2014.

MERILU O'DELL, TOWN CLERK