

**TOWN OF HOLLAND  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
May 11, 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  
Building Officer Justin Quant  
Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Sluce  
Town Engineer David Pratt  
Town Attorney Ronald Bennett  
Dog Enforcement Officer Bill Newell

**RESOLUTION # 31-2016**

8:02 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 April 13, 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. During the April 13, 2016 Town Board meeting, both sides agreed to meet after the Tulip Festival. The meeting, to include both attorneys, is scheduled for May 18, at 4:00 p.m., at the office of Town Attorney Ron Bennett, at 2 North Main St.
- B. Solar Project Update – The Supervisor said that contracts for the fire district and the Holland Boys & Girls Club to access the Town's meters are undergoing final

- revisions. Solar Liberty still is arranging financing for the Town's array, which is bundled with other projects.
- C. Income Survey for Community Development Block Grants – The Town is currently not qualified to receive CDBG grants, due to lack of an updated income survey. Erie County is contracting with Stuart Brown Associates of Rochester to do an updated survey, with no cost to the Town. Although the entirety of the Town does not qualify for the grant program, the hamlet area – serviced by both the Town's water and Erie County's sewer district – may be eligible for future program consideration.
- D. Dog License Fees and Fines – Town Clerk Merilu O'Dell researched both dog fines and fees of other towns, and found that Holland's license fees are “pretty much in line with other surrounding towns,” said the Supervisor. However, Holland does not have fines for late licensing or unlicensed dogs. The Town will review that part of the Code, when it does other Code revisions.
- E. Graffiti Problems – A person who has spray painted graffiti on both the Town Park bridge and the west side of the Town Hall “has a very limited vocabulary, four-letter words, primarily,” said the Supervisor. “Rumor has it that this is not a kid [doing the graffiti.]. You would think they would be mature enough to know better, but that apparently is not the case,” he added. He said that it is believed that the same person did both places, since the same word was misspelled in both instances. The Town is also repositioning its camera at the highway garage, to capture the license plate number of drivers dumping tires there. “This last time, it was over \$1,500 to dispose of the dumped tires,” said Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce. “This is a significant hit on our budget.” Joyce said it may be worth the effort to do away with tire collection altogether, since it is costing so much when people dump tires, but Councilwoman Roberta Herr said she believes it is a good thing for the town to have a tire collection service. Currently, households are allowed to bring four tires per year to the highway garage, but Joyce said he doesn't know where these are all coming from.
- F. Assessment Changes – Railroad and Utilities – As was the case last month with Verizon, the Town was notified by the Office of Real Property Services that the assessments for the railroad and several utilities are down from last year's levels. “This is set by Real Property, and the Town has no say in the matter,” the Supervisor said. “This year, five out of the six assessments are down, and that puts an added burden on the other assessments in town.”
- G. Budget Amendments – There were no budget modifications this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Buildings – Councilman Kolacki – The scraping and painting of the back stairway at the Town Hall has begun. An addition to the highway garage is preferred over a whole new highway building, primarily because of cost. There would be an issue of where to store equipment currently in the garage, as well. The Town will probably be self-financing the addition. The Board decided to authorize Town Engineer David Pratt to prepare bid documents for the proposed highway garage addition.

**RESOLUTION # 32-2016**

8:15 p.m. – Motion made by C. Kolacki, Second by C. Herr, resolve the Town of Holland direct Town Engineer David Pratt to prepare bid documents for the proposed highway garage addition.

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

- B. Cemetery – Councilman Hack – No additional report.
- C. Planning Board Liaison – Councilwoman Kline – The Board met May 4, and considered various planning issues. There were no specific matters brought to the Board for its consideration.
- D. Town Park & Community Center – Councilman Hack – The bridge at the Town Park was spray painted with graffiti.
- E. Environmental Committee - Councilman Kolacki – He attended the monthly meeting of the Erie County Environmental Management Council.
- 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. A watering schedule has been set up.
- G. Holland’s 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Councilwoman Kline - The first Anniversary Committee meeting will be scheduled soon after the Tulips Festival. The Committee is still looking for interested persons to join.
- H. Skateboard Park – Councilwoman Herr said she sent the skateboard equipment documents to the interested group, but has not heard back from them.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – Michael Sluce. Report submitted. He reminded residents that the Open Burning Ban will be over on Sunday, May 15.

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

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

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

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT** – Patrick Joyce. Report submitted. Joyce said he would like to attend Highway School in June.

**RESOLUTION # 33-2016**

8:24 p.m. – Motion made by C. Kolacki, Second by C. Hack, resolve the Town of Holland approve the request by Highway Superintendent Patrick Joyce attend Highway School in June.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**TOWN ATTORNEY** – Ronald Bennett – No report. The Supervisor welcomed him back, following his long convalescence.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Gary Kingston – He said that skateboarders “need to learn to show some respect to vehicle traffic. You have to get about 15 feet from them before they decide to move out of the way,” he added.

Kingston also addressed road conditions. “East Holland Road is BAD,” he said, suggesting that the town notify Erie County of the conditions. “It’s not just the roads,” said Councilman Hack. “The County doesn’t give a (expletive deleted) regarding the Town of Holland.” Kingston said that the Town Highway Department “does a great job with Town roads.” Supervisor Kasprzyk then said that he would notify the Erie County Highway Department and County Legislator Joe Lorigo.

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

**Abstract 5**

General District Claims as set Forth in Abstract A-5	#145-178	in the amount of \$11,367.21
Highway District Claims as set Forth in Abstract DA-5	#76-88	in the amount of \$30,364.33
Garbage District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SR-5	#4-5	in the amount of \$24,198.93

Water Fund Claims as set Forth in Abstract SW-5	#30-44	in the amount of \$10,389.39
Lighting District Claims as set Forth in Abstract SL-5	#4	in the amount of \$1,742.43
Trust & Agency Claims as set Forth in Abstract TA-5	#15-16	in the amount of \$6,822.85
Cemetery Claims as set Forth in Abstract CF-5	#2-5	in the amount of \$8,708.68

**RESOLUTION # 34-2016**

8:27 p.m. - Motion made by C. Kline and seconded by C. Kolacki, resolve the Town of Holland pay the preceding vouchers.

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

**Karl Simmeth – NYS Assemblyman David DiPietro’s Office** – He said to remind the Assemblyman that the Town will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so he can issue a proclamation and sponsor celebratory events.  
He also said that residents may contact the Assemblyman regarding state issues at 655-0591.

**ADJOURNMENT** –Supervisor Kasprzyk adjourned the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:28 p.m., with a moment of silence, in memory of late Holland resident Calvin Kirsch.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on May 13, 2016**

**MERILU O’DELL, TOWN CLERK**