Town of Holland, Brown County
1293 Holland Rd, Greenleaf, WI

October 7, 2026
Town Board Regular Meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Chairman Mike Smits, Supervisors Tom Vande Wettering and Steve Deslauriers, Zoning Administrator John Sundelius, Clerk Gloria Kennedy, and Attorney Matt Parmentier.

The announcement of Security Video in use was made.
Public Comment: none

Minutes: Steve Deslauriers made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2 Town Board meeting. Tom Vande Wettering seconded the motion. Passed and carried, 3-0.

Permits in Sanitary District: Tim Van Abel spoke about the permitting process, and about an incident of a builder being ready to hook into the sanitary/sewer service without the district having any prior knowledge of this building. He wondered if there was a way that they be part of the initial building permit, rather than after the permit has been issued. John Sundelius will contact Ryan Geiger to see if the permit application can be revised so as to initiate Sanitary/Sewer District involvement in a timelier manner.

East River Collaborative: Kari Hagenow from the East River Collaborative spoke about their organization's projects, objectives regarding the East River, since the start of their collaborative in 2020. Their goals are to work with wildlife resilience, storage of water, reduced flooding, improved water quality and wetland restoration along the watershed, from Brillion to Green Bay. They are currently in the 4th phase of their current projects, working with how the water is collecting and flowing through the landscape. It is a long-term partnership among all the stakeholders, which includes the municipalities. She took questions from the board and floor, and invited people to visit their website: https://eastrivercollaborative.com

Fire Department Contract: Some correspondence took place between the town and the Hollandtown Vol. Fire Department regarding the new format contract. The Clerk explained some of the questions that took place. Attorney Parmentier explained that the contract format was derived from a previous contract, with a few revisions. After some research on their end, HVFD accepted the new contract format. They are asking for 1 mil per thousand, for the next five years, which is acceptable to the Town Board. It was agreed that we would wait until the next meeting to sign, allowing an opportunity to ask to use this same contract format with Greenleaf and Morrison Vol. Fire Departments as well. The clerk will communicate with them in this effort to standardize the contract formats.

Fire Service (Landfill): Some discussion also took place regarding GVFD's question about whether a Cost Recovery Resolution exists for when a fire call has excessive costs; and also, in seeking compensation as it relates to servicing fires at the Brown County South Landfill. It was decided that for now, we will go with the valuations as they are now, and we will try to research if/how we can determine valuation of the landfill property, and how the Landfill Site Agreement addresses the costs/responsibilities of fire service response for that property.

Attorney Parmentier will create a contract for GVFD to include an amendment clause.
Clerk Kennedy will send MVFD a contract in the new format.
Hold HVFD Contract for now (they also cover some Brown County lands).

Insurance Update: Chairman Smits and Clerk Kennedy met with our Rural Mutual agent, and have added the Ice Rink property owned by the town, on Katie Lane. The updated policy will arrive soon, with minimal increase in premium expected.

Insurance Claim: the town recently received payment toward the damages in the Askeaton Park, from the settlement with the other party's insurance.

Park Playground: Supervisor's inspection of Askeaton Park playground equipment shows that there is considerable rusting and deterioration. It appears that the pieces were custom made, and parts would not be readily available. It was agreed that we would take off the slide, and reach out to a local welding shop – if reasonable, we will have it repaired.

We also agreed to include this topic in the 2027 budget preparation.

Roads Near Landfill: Supervisor Deslauriers had discussion with Dean Haen from BC Port and Resource Recovery about signage in hopes of deterring landfill traffic using undesignated roads for landfill use. He indicated that the Town is unable to introduce signage along town roads because of stringent state regulations on signage for town purposes. He also indicated that the town would like the landfill to have signage, but also penalize violators who do not use the designated routes. They indicated that they currently are turning people away, and they also will install signage within the landfill property to use County IL eastbound for entry and exit.

Problems at the Landfill Gate: It was reported that on September 23 a resident entered the landfill from the west, and was reprimanded for using the wrong route. The person became agitated and an argument followed. The Chairman indicated strongly that this behavior cannot take place.

Town Hall Yard Sign: The sign company had reached out to verify which style lighting we want used on the Town Hall sign. We have not heard from them since. Clerk Kennedy will follow up with them regarding the status of the project.

Sewer Service Area Amendment and Rezone: Zone Administrator Sundelius reported that the Planning Commission met in September regarding the application from Neal Schmidt/Schmidt Docks, to rezone 14.357 acres from HL-213-5, County D, to I-1, This parcel currently has dual zoning (part R-1 and part AG-FP). The remaining portion will remain AG-FP. The Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation was that the Town Board accept this rezone petition, since this property is located in the area designated in the Comprehensive Plan as Industrial/Commercial use. **Motion:** Supervisor Vande Wettering made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Deslauriers, to accept the rezoning of 14.357 acres of HL-213-5, County D, from R-1/AG-FP to I-1. Motion passed and carried, 3-0.

Brown County Planning has asked to amend the Sewer Service Area for this because part of the building addition is not in the Sewer Service Area. An additional 3.05 acres will be added to the Sewer Service Area, and an amendment fee will be applied by Brown County. The Sanitary District will engage an engineering firm to make sure it meets standards, and the 3.05 acres will come out of the 'acreage bank' that they have with the County. The costs of the engineer will go to the proprietor because it is an amendment of their property.

Brown County wants a letter of support regarding the addition of 3.05 acres to be taken out of the 'bank' and added into the Sewer Service Area. **Motion:** Supervisor Deslauriers made a motion to expand the Sewer Service Area of HL-213-5 by 3.05 acres, and take action to support this amendment. Supervisor Vande Wettering seconded the motion. Motion passed and carried, 3-0. John Sundelius will communicate the town's support of this action to Brown County.

Culvert Installation Fees: Chairman Mike Smits reported that most towns have a fee imposed on residents when they request a new culvert. This process involves the chairman or another designated person to go to the site, usually three times for sitings and measurements. He asked if the town could create a fee that would cover these costs, or if he would be able to charge the hourly rate plus mileage for this. **Motion:** Tom Vande Wettering made a motion, seconded by Steve Deslauriers, that the chairman charge the town $35/hour plus mileage for preparations involved with culvert installations. Motion passed and carried, 2-0. This charge will then be billed to the resident. The resident is also required to pay the costs of culvert and installation.

Operator's Permit: Rocky Top has requested Town Board approval for Victoria Rojas Operator's Permit. Fees and background check have been done. **Motion**: Tom Vande Wettering made a motion, seconded by Steve Deslauriers, to accept issuance of Operator's Permit to Victoria Rojas. Motion passed and carried. 3-0.

Yard Waste Drop Site: A resident asked if the town could develop a year-round dump site for yard waste. Example given was perhaps admittance by purchasing a card or sticker. The town board discussion included that we had looked into this a few years ago and found it cost prohibitive; it involves DNR approval, land, disposal of refuse, and monitoring. It was suggested that perhaps this could be discussed at an Electors Meeting. Perhaps we could also 'go in' with another municipality.

LMC Report: Steve Deslauriers reported that he received notice of resignation from Butch Jeske from the LMC Committee. Tony Vande Hey is currently the alternate. He will contact Tony about being moved to a full member, and will set up an LMC meeting to approve this appointment, and will also notify Brown County Port and Resource Recovery. **Motion:** Tom Vande Wettering made a motion, seconded by Steve Deslauriers, to move Tony Vande Hey to full membership of the LMC Committee. Motion passed and carried, 3-0. We have 30 days to file this change.

2027 Budget Schedule: The Work Session for the 2027 Budget is Monday, October 12, 2026 at 10:00 am. Tuesday, November 10, 2027, at 6:30 pm is the Public Hearing of the Budget, followed by the Elector's Meeting to Approve the Levy. The Town Board Acceptance of the Budget will immediately follow the Elector's Meeting.

Parks Report: none

Chairmans' Report: Three bridge inspections were done on Weber Rd, Wayside Rd, and Lamers Clancy Rd. These are not Bridge Fund projects. Brown County will be replacing a pipe on ManCal Rd next week. The permit is only good until October 15. It will be blacktopped next year.

The Mill Road culverts have been replaced. Two culvert areas need patching ($15K), and then would be milled out next year if we wait for the paving until then. We will look into the possibility of having Northeast Asphalt still doing the work they bid earlier this year, for Mill Road. There would be a fuel surcharge, if so.

Treasurer's Report: The balance Sheets, and Profit/Loss Summaries were handed out. Steve Deslauriers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports, seconded by Tom Vande Wettering. Motion passed and carried. 3-0

Zoning Administrator: The monthly summary, and building permits log were handed out to the board. John Sundelius reported that he has not heard from Triple J about their amended petition. He also reported that Butch Jeske has resigned from the Planning Commission, and that a replacement will be sought. This open seat will be appointed by the Chairman. Attorney Parmentier reported that he had communication with Triple J's attorney, and they are in the process of putting together a new application. Steve Deslauriers made a motion to accept the Zoning Report, seconded by Tom Vande Wettering. Motion passed and carried. 3-0

Communications: A resident from Mill Road has inquired about the deteriorating conditions on that road. His communication was read by the Clerk. It was noted that there is already a 'No Trucks' sign posted, but it does not apply to the agriculture vehicles that must use that road. As far as speed limits, the town would be able to only reduce speed by 10 mph, and that would have to be under special conditions. Other repairs on the road have recently been, and are currently being addressed.

A resident from Hollandtown asked if the Town Board would create a yard waste dump site that could be accessed year-round – perhaps accessed with a purchased sticker or card, with cameras monitoring for misuse. The board mentioned that they had looked into this several years ago, and found it cost prohibitive, and also highly regulated by the DNR. The board wonders how many residents are really interested in this. Perhaps more discussion of this topic could happen at an elector's meeting.

Closed Session:

Attorney Parmentier reported that in Closed Session, the board will be talking about the landfill claim status, currently 'stayed' to December 3 because of the residents' group filing their claim; the Triple J application to rezone; the issue of zoning misuse on a property on St Pat's Church Road;

Tom Vande Wettering made a motion, seconded by Steve Deslauriers, to go into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Tom Vande Wettering – aye; Mike Smits – aye; Steve Deslauriers – aye. 9:00 pm.

Adjournment will take place at the end of Closed Session.

By Clerk Gloria Kennedy