



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Community Center, 1725 Slivermoon Ln, New Holstein

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Konkle.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Langenfeld. Present were Richard Snelson, Scott Konkle, Bob Bosma, Fran Schmitz, Gene Woelfel, Norman Propson, Brad Hess, Terry Thiessen, and Jeff Hebl. Also present were Administrator Cassandra Langenfeld, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, Police Chief Brian Reedy, Fire Chief Denis Mayer, and Emergency Management Director Craig Carey.

GUESTS: see attached

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Thiessen, seconded by Schmitz, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Woelfel, seconded by Bosma, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

CITIZEN INPUT: Laurie Anhalt, Sue Niesen, Richard Halfmann, Dianne Reese, Becca Mosier, and Dave Damkot addressed the Committee on the Police Consolidation, Rosalie Fromm addressed the Committee regarding the ATV/UTV/Golf Cart Ordinance.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

- a. 1.&2. Langenfeld presented the monthly invoices, and treasurer's report for the month ending August 2020. A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Propson, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to approve the invoices as presented.
3. The Committee reviewed the monthly meeting attendance requests.
4. Langenfeld presented the invoice from New Holstein Utilities in the amount of \$91,930.73 for the fiber project. A motion was made by Bosma, seconded by Woelfel and carried to recommend to the Common Council to approve the invoice as presented.
- b. There were no License applications for review.

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY: None

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

a. The Committee reviewed the Park Rental and Special Event Application as submitted by Alexander King. A motion was made by Woelfel, seconded by Hess, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to approve the request.

RECREATION DIRECTORS: None

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hebl informed the Committee that he met with the Mayor from Plymouth at a 9-county consortium for the railroads. New Holstein, Chilton and Kiel were present at the meeting to discuss opening the rail line between Chilton and Plymouth. Hebl mentioned that Southern National rail may be interested in purchasing this line.
- b. Hebl opened the discussion on the proposed Police Consolidation. Hebl indicated that he has been in contact with the Calumet County Administrator to obtain additional budget numbers for the consolidation and he expects to have this information by the end of this week or early next week. Hebl indicated that he will present this information at the October Committee of the Whole meeting. The Committee discussed the Public Hearing options. Hebl informed the Committee that the Schools are not an option and that the hearing would most likely

need to take place at the Community Center. Hebl informed the Committee that the City has a lot of police assets that need to be reviewed as this would reduce the City's annual expense with the County. Hebl also mentioned that there could be an option to lease police vehicles from the County. Hebl informed the Committee that the library might be able to stream the meeting live. Bosma informed the Committee that they need to review the information that they receive and to not base their decision on emotions, he recommended that they make a list of pros and cons and consider the comments that they receive from the community, there will be good and bad consequences with either decision. A motion was made by Bosma, seconded by Schmitz and carried to hold the Public Hearing for the Police Consolidation on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Cassandra Langenfeld, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer