

Holmen Area Fire District

Special Meeting Minutes – October 8th, 2024

Jeff Herlitzke called the Holmen Area Fire District meeting to order at 6:30 pm on October 8th, 2024 at the Town of Holland Town Hall.

Members Present: Doug Jorstad (Holmen), Travis Elam (Holmen), Rick Hauser (Holland), Jeff Herlitzke (Holland)

Alternates Present: Micah Wyss

Members Excused:

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng (Fire Chief)

Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Invoice Approval:

The board reviewed the invoice in detail. Motion by Hauser, second by Jorstad. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2025 Budget Draft Review:

Town of Holland representatives voiced approval for the 2025 Draft Budget 3. Village of Holmen representatives thought the draft was still slightly off compared to what the village budgeted for 2025. There was some confusion on which line items were being used to calculate each municipalities share. There was a general discussion on the specifics of the budget and how Chief Ostreng came up with the final numbers. Jorstad stated that he would be talking with Village of Holmen Administrator Heinig in the morning for clarity on the village's contributions and the budget. Wyss gave his interpretation of the budget and explained which line item he thought was causing the confusion. Town of Holland representatives voiced their frustration with the lack of approval from Holmen. Jorstad explained to the board that almost all of Holmen's new taxable revenue was going to the fire department. No motion occurred.

2025 Forest Fire Protection Grant Approval:

Chief Ostreng gave an overview of the grant and noted that the department was responsible for 50% of all purchases. Hauser motioned to approve the grant for a total of \$6,965.68 and to authorize Chief Ostreng for signing privileges for all purchases made with grant funds. Seconded by Elam. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 Command Vehicle Quote:

Chief Ostreng went over the details of the quote and the board reviewed it. Town of Holland representatives stated the command vehicle was on the agenda for their board meeting

that night and that no action could be taken until further discussion occurred regarding how the town would specifically pay for it. No motion occurred.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn Hauser/Jorstad. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Travis E. Elam, Secretary