

Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2025
Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall – Holmen, WI 54636

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was promptly called to order by Chairman Barry Ploessl at 6:32 pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland; Neal Forde, Village of Holmen; John Miller, Town of Holland; Barry Ploessl, Village of Holmen, Marc Ertz, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 26, 2024 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz with second by Commissioner Brockman to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

HAFD Staffing and Personnel:

Chief Ostreng reported that there will be a couple of EMT/Firefighter pinning events coming in the next couple of months. Stay tuned for further information in the upcoming March and April meetings.

Current HAFD staffing continues at 12 FT, not including Chief Ostreng. 2 Paid-on-call members are on staff also.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

There were none presented.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Chief Ostreng was able to present a full report showing the response calls for the full year 2024. The later months continued the consistent overall downward trend throughout the earlier months of 2024. Full year 2024 response calls were 1,131, down from 1,282 in 2023. Chief Ostreng also provided a detailed incident breakdown of Primary and Assist calls by type of call and by municipality supported.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business was carried over from 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Ostreng provided an extensive breakdown of the official rules and guidelines for the Holmen Area Fire Commission. After discussion, it was decided that this will be a homework assignment for all Commission members to do a detailed review prior to our next meeting. The above assignments were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Brockman with a second by Commissioner Ertz.

CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Motion by Commissioner Ertz, 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to move into Closed Session. Unanimous approval.

A significant discussion ensued, along with a review of provided documentation.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

After closed session discussion, motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2nd by Commissioner Forde to reconvene in open session. Unanimously approved.

No specific actions resulting from Closed Session discussion.

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS:

March 24, 2025 6:30 PM

April 14, 2025 6:30 PM

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz, with a second from Commissioner Brockman to adjourn. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.

February 5, 2025