

**Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: March 24, 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 6:29pm.

**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 AGENDA:**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ertz to pull ahead item 7b on the agenda for pinning ceremony. Unanimously approved. See below for specifics.

Remainder of agenda approved as listed. Motion by Commissioner Forde, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ertz. Unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 3, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockman with second by Commissioner Ertz to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

**HAFD Staffing and Personnel:**

A pinning ceremony for the exchange of badges was held in honor of Caden Douglas, to commemorate his completion of the probationary period. His new badge was delicately placed by fiancé Kalen. Family, friends, and fellow HAFD members were on hand to help celebrate this achievement.

Current HAFD staffing saw a reduction on Paid on Call members, as Jordan Freybler resigned effective March 7.

**RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

There were none presented.

**FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Chief Ostreng reported the response levels for January and February were 101 and 96 respectively. This is running slightly ahead of last year.

**COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Commission did another very brief review and discussion of the Commission Rules and Guidelines, after spending more time in review prior to the meeting. The rules were approved as written. Motion by Commissioner Ertz with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Unanimously approved.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Forde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ertz to move into Closed Session. Unanimous approval.

A significant discussion ensued, along with a review of information provided by Chief Ostreng.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

After closed session discussion, motion by Commissioner Forde, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller to reconvene in open session. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve and proceed with eligibility roster based on recent interviews that were conducted.

Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Forde. Unanimously approved.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHT FOR ACTION/RECOMMENDATION FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

By way of motion, a motion was made to proceed with a conditional offer to the top candidate on eligibility roster. Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Brockman. Unanimously approved.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

April 14, 2025 6:30 PM

**ADJOURN:**

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

Minutes recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.

March 31, 2025