

Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: April 14, 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 6:28pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: 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.

Absent: Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Remainder of agenda approved as listed. Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Ertz. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz with second by Commissioner Miller 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 Nick Meinertz, to commemorate his completion of the probationary period. His new badge was delicately placed by daughter Brynley. Family, friends, and fellow HAFD members were on hand to help celebrate this achievement.

The conditional offer to the new candidate was issued and accepted. She is currently working thru CVTC for remaining certifications. Other necessary screenings will occur shortly. Potential start date might be mid-May.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Patrick Barlow, Holmen Village President, attended our meeting as an observer. He gave us his brief introduction and welcomed any questions and/or concerns that the Commission may have. He fielded a few quick questions from the Commission. We appreciate your positive support for the Holmen Area Emergency Support Services. Thank you, Patrick, for attending and taking an interest in our meeting.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Chief Ostreng reported the response level for March was 103, bringing the YTD total to 300. This YTD total is running slightly ahead of last year.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None to report.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO COMMISSION RULES:

A request was made by Chief Ostreng for a minor re-wording of Section 100, sub-section 2.

Another request was made by Chief Ostreng for re-working of several items in Section 103, Terms of Office. These dealt with 1-Commissioner 5 Term expiration, 2-subsequent length of terms after the initial term of office, and 3-the alternating terms of office of Commissioners from the municipalities as terms expire.

A brief discussion ensued regarding these proposed changes.

Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2nd by Commissioner Forde to approve the requested changes as written. Unanimous approval.

CONSIDERATION OF TRAINING CAPTAIN JOB DESCRIPTION:

A brief discussion ensued. Resulting in recommendation by Chief Ostreng to postpone this topic until the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Ertz, with 2nd by Commissioner Miller to postpone. Unanimously approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Several topics are in flux; therefore, we were not able to set a firm date.
To Be Determined.

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 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.
April 17, 2025