

# **Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: June 30, 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 6:30pm.

### **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, James Bushman, Village of Holmen, Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

A warm welcome to Commissioner James Bushman, attending his first official meeting!

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Remainder of agenda approved as listed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Bushman with second by Commissioner Forde to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

### **HAFD Staffing and Personnel:**

A pinning ceremony for the awarding of Probationary badge was held in honor of Emmaline Zabel, to commemorate her recent addition to the HAFD. Her badge was delicately placed by her grandfather. Family, friends, and fellow HAFD members were on hand to help celebrate this achievement.

### **RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

None were presented.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

As this was the first Commission meeting held after May 1, it was time for election of officers.

Nominated as Chairman, Commissioner Ploessl. 1<sup>st</sup> by Comm. Forde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Miller.

Nominated as Vice Chair, Commissioner Brockman. 1<sup>st</sup> by Comm. Ploessl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Bushman.

Nominated as Secretary, Commissioner Miller. 1<sup>st</sup> by Comm. Bushman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Brockman.

All officers nominated enthusiastically agreed to these positions and will duly perform these tasks for the next term.

### **FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Chief Ostreng reported the response level for May was 113, June was 106, bringing the YTD total to 604. This YTD total is running almost 70 ahead of last year.

### **COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:**

Nothing major to report. Special mention that the summer was off to a rousing start!!

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chief Ostreng mention that this category may be replaced in the future. Instead, this may become a place for items requiring specific action or attention.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

We have no specific need for scheduling the next meeting at this time, therefore, we were not able to set a firm date.

To Be Determined.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, with a second from Commissioners Brockman and Bushman 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.

July 2, 2025