

Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: February 5,2026

Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall - Holmen, WI 54636

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was promptly called to order by Chairman Ploessl at 6:29pm.

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to approve the meeting agenda as posted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockman with second by Commissioner Bushman to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None were presented.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

- A- Chief Ostreng reported the response level for January 2026 was 130 calls, compared to 101 last January. Some credit for that increase would be due to influenza hitting the community.
- B- Chief Ostreng confirmed that there is a staff member serving a suspension (2 -work days w/o pay). This suspension runs from 0800 Sunday Feb. 8, 2026 until 0800 Tuesday Feb. 10, 2026.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Forde to convene in Closed Session. Unanimous approval, obtained by individual voice vote.

- A- Consideration of Fire Captain-Training Officer candidate and promotion.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Commissioner Forde, with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to reconvene in Open Session. Unanimous approval, obtained by individual voice vote.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHT FOR ACTION and/or RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)FOR
CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S):**

1-Motion by Commissioner Miller with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to certify the Fire Captain promotional eligibility list as presented on Feb.5, 2026 to the commission by Chief Ostreng. Approved Unanimously.

2- Motion by Commissioner Miller with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to: Appoint the identified primary candidate to the position of Fire Captain-Training Officer from the certified Fire Captain promotional eligibility list, contingent on completion of all required administrative requirements. This appointment would be effective Feb. 8, 2026. Motion received unanimous approval.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next meeting of the HAFC is scheduled for March 2, 2026.

Another potential meeting date is May 26.

All meeting dates will be confirmed by Chief Ostreng as needed.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bushman, with a second from Commissioner Forde to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.
February 6, 2026