

**Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: March 2,2026**  
**Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall - Holmen, WI 54636**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was promptly called to order by Chairman Ploessl at 6:30 pm.

**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, Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

Absent: James Bushman, Village of Holmen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Commissioner Forde, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Brockman to approve the meeting agenda as posted. Unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockman with second by Commissioner Forde to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

No concerns from residents were presented.

However, Mr. Patrick Barlow, Holmen Village President was in attendance and asked to be heard. He presented Commissioner Neal Forde with a token of appreciation for his active involvement in helping establish the Holmen Area Fire Commission and for his term of service on the Commission which will be ending soon. Thank you, Mr. Barlow, for your attendance and for your kind words for Commissioner Forde.

**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. February calls were 122 vs. 96 last February.
- B- Staffing/Personnel: A pinning ceremony was held to recognize the Promotion of Nicholas Meinertz to the position of Captain. Captain Meinertz was joined by friends, family, and fellow HAFD personnel. Oath was administered by Chief Ostreng. Sworn in by Chairman Ploessl. Pinned (carefully) by Hudson. Congratulations Captain Meinertz!!!

**COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:**

Nothing reported.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

N/A

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

N/A

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

N/A

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next meeting of the HAFC is scheduled for May 26, 2026.  
All meeting dates will be confirmed and posted by Chief Ostreng.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, with a second from Commissioner Brockman to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.  
March 4, 2026