

DRAFT MINUTES

Subject To Change Before Approval By The Holmen Area Fire Commission

Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: May 26,2026

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 6:30 pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: John Miller, Town of Holland; Barry Ploessl, Village of Holmen, Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland, James Bushman, Village of Holmen.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

Absent: Troy Miller, Town of Holland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner John Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to approve the meeting agenda as posted, with one minor exception of pulling Item 7b ahead of 7a. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 2, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockman with 2nd by Commissioner Bushman to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

No concerns from residents were presented.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

- A- Chief Ostreng reported the response level as of the end of April was 497, 112 ahead of last year. The month of May has been a bit slower, and Chief is estimating that nearly 75% of the calls are of a medical nature.
- B- Staffing/Personnel: A badge pinning ceremony was held to recognize the completion of the probationary period for Emmaline Zabel. Firefighter Zabel was joined at the ceremony by friends, family, and fellow HAFD personnel. Words of commendation, encouragement, and support were expressed by Chief Ostreng. The exchange and pinning of badges was carefully executed by Cam (her fiancé). Congratulations Firefighter Zabel!!!

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

However, our newest member of the Commission, Troy Miller, was not in attendance. Consequently, his formal introduction to the rest of the commission will be handled at our next meeting.

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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

Election of Fire Commission Officers:

- a. Election of Commission Chair. Nomination by Comm. John Miller with 2nd by Comm. Bushman for Barry Ploessl to continue in his role as Chairman. Unanimously approved.
- b. Election of Commission Vice Chair. Nomination by Comm. Ploessl with 2nd by Comm. John Miller for Patrick Brockman to continue in his role as Vice Chairman. Unanimously approved.
- c. Election of Commission Secretary. Nomination by Comm. John Miller with 2nd by Comm. Brockman for James Bushman in the role of Secretary. Unanimously approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

No future meeting date was scheduled at this time but will be called as needed. All meeting dates will be confirmed and posted by Chief Ostreng.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bushman, with a second from Commissioner Brockman to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.
May 27, 2026