

Holmen Area Fire Department Commission Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2024
Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall, Holmen, WI 54636

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Ryan Ostreng at 6:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

ROLL CALL:

Present: Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland; Marc Ertz, Town of Holland; Neal Forde, Village of Holmen; John Miller, Town of Holland; Barry Ploessl, Village of Holmen

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief

INTRODUCTION OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Fire Commissioners took turns introducing themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chief Ostreng acting as Temporary Chair opened nominations from the floor for position of Chair. Commissioners Ploessl and Forde nominated. Commissioner Forde declined. Nominations closed and Commissioner Ploessl elected Chair with a unanimous yes voice vote.

Chief Ostreng acting as Temporary Chair opened nominations from the floor for position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Brockman nominated. Nominations closed and Commissioner Brockman elected Vice Chair with a unanimous yes voice vote.

Chief Ostreng acting as Temporary Chair opened nominations from the floor for position of Secretary. Commissioner Miller nominated. Nominations closed and Commissioner Miller elected Secretary with a unanimous yes voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None as this is first meeting of the Fire Commission.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Chief Ostreng reviewed the number of emergency calls so far for 2024. Chief Ostreng discussed the current career and paid-on-call staffing levels of the Holmen Area Fire Department and how they deploy to cover a variety of emergencies. Chief Ostreng also discussed automatic aid with Onalaska Fire Department and La Crosse Fire Department to get closer to needed staffing numbers on a fire scene.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

None.

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FIRE COMMISSION RULES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertz with a second from Commissioner Miller to adopt the Holmen Area Fire Commission Rules as presented with a following discussion. Motion passed with a unanimous yes voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c). A motion was made by Commissioner Miller with a second from Commissioner Ploessl to move into closed session with a unanimous yes voice roll call.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller with a second from Commissioner Ploessl to reconvene in open session. Motion passed with a unanimous yes voice vote.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 8, 2024 at 6:30pm at Town of Holland Hall.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller with a second from Commissioner Ertz to adjourn. Motion passed with a unanimous yes voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes by Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief