

The Town Board of Holland met Monday February 5, 2018 at 8pm, Chmn Wall called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the last Local Monitoring Committee (L.M.C.) and the January town board minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sup. Geiger, seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Motion passed.

Old Business - Chmn Wall commented on the ambulance service and stated that 12-15 minute arrival was very good and the statement that it took up to one half-hour was incorrect.

Also, Steve Deslauriers commented on the earlier draft of the comp plan and stated that the utilities and wind turbine sitings are consistent with state's regulations. This would promote wind development and would be in contradiction to our current protective ordinance. He further stated under the land use goal for economic development any development should include that the citizens of the Town of Holland first and foremost be protected under the health and safety clause of our town ordinance.

Atty Sickel re: the traffic ordinance to allow the Town of Rockland to be admitted to the Brown County Municipal Court would be the first amendment to this ordinance. A motion to approve Rockland to join was made by Sup. Geiger, seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Motion passed.

Next, re: Deyo Contract - They appeared before the board to extend their contract to 7 years with rates staying the same. It was decided to put it on next month's agenda.

Dan Peters from Brown County gave a presentation of the comprehensive plan, labor sources, manufacturing activity, exporting products and looking for developable land in the sanitary district. He gave a report on the ag industries bringing a \$27 million benefit to the area. He also looked at the future business and industrial concerns this would involve site plans, review of ordinances and natural areas. To do this there are economic support groups such as revolving loan funds, grants, federal programs to assist in development.

Housing - He further stated that home building goes up when times are good and the opposite when things go south.

Map - He presented 4 soil type maps, some included prime ag areas, forest, gravel pits and swamp.

Water - He talked about the East River watershed, Plum Creek and flood plains, wetlands on the far east side of the town and how they serve as a purpose.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (E.S.A.) - This would be wet, steep slopes, non-navigable waterways.

Ground Water - Old wells must be sealed and new wells should be tested periodically.

Woodlands - Proceed cautiously to protect natural resources, also ag zoning would protect lands from being developed into non-farming uses.

Payment of bills - After review of bills, a motion to pay them was made by Sup. Geiger, seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Motion passed.

Being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sup. VandeWettering, seconded by Sup. Geiger. Meeting adjourned.