

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of January 26, 2010**

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The regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly was called to order by President Clemens at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, Michigan.

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**Councilmembers Present**

Tom McKenney  
Sandra Kleven  
Pauline Kenner  
Don Winglemire  
William Kuyk  
Reisa Hamilton  
Peter Clemens

**Staff Present**

Marsha Powers  
Susan Nassar  
Steve McGee  
Scott Fischer  
Rollie Gackstetter

**Others Present**

Larry Lilly  
Jim Weil  
Michel Peel  
Marjorie Brannen  
Kevin Walters  
Barb Rice  
Gwen Walters  
Fred Hopper  
Janet Leslie  
Barb Myers  
Tom Todd  
Lenore Johnston  
Mike Jewell  
Cathy Bateman  
Amy Mayhew  
Brian McConnahey  
Katy Hughes

**Council Members Absent**

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Clemens opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Agenda Approval
2. Approval of the 1/12/10 Council Minutes and 1/20/10 budget work session
3. Approval of Bills for Payment \$149,185.93
4. Routine Reports: None

**Motion Winglemire, second Kleven to accept the agenda as presented. Motion**

**carried by a voice vote of seven ayes and no nays.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fred Hopper of 112 N. First Street:

- Comments on the Village fireworks
- Fred Hopper will spearhead funding and will have the contract
- No funding is expected from the Council or Village, but will hope will provide police and fire protection at no cost to Hopper
- All parking funds are to be donated to the 2011 fireworks

- Permit will be issued to Hopper by 1/26/10 so he can set date will provide \$1,000,000 insurance coverage for the Village and Twp.
- Special Event Permit will still be required
- May receive a raffle license through the Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber will match up to \$1,000 in donations
- Stephanie Chamberlain, the Park Comm. Representative, had some good ideas about fireworks and should be contacted

Mike Jewell of Holly Bush Drive:

- Fireworks are a major event
- Wishes Village had done an across the board cut in wages, rather than cut services

Kevin Walters of 7212 Big Trail:

- Hard decisions were made, but they were good decisions
- 5 days furlough was the right decision considering the circumstances
- Should be stated as 40 hours furlough rather than 5 days furlough
- HVAC savings may not be realized

Tom Todd of 713 Mary Ann:

- Sidewalk snow removal ordinance is not being enforced
- Would like empty stores to be neat from the street

Powers said if they receive complaints about snow covered sidewalks, the resident will be contacted. McKenney said he gets a lot of questions about this. If notices are sent and not heeded, snow will be removed with the cost added to their taxes.

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence Street:

- Public comments should be verbatim
- Fireworks are an asset
- Many sidewalks are not shoveled
- Follow up on Public Comments

Powers noted that once an Event Permit is issued for the fireworks, the event will be put into a Resolution for Council approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Charter Amendments (*next available election August 2010*)**

- Remained tabled

**b) FY09-10 budget discussions**

- Review list provided by staff
- Teamsters were not in favor of the 4-day work week for the office
- BC/BS was changed to a 20% deductible plan in lieu of furlough days
- Manager and Clerk eliminated items from their budget.
- Total savings in the adoption of the list would now be \$60, 100.65

**Motion Clemens, second Winglemire to approve the FY 2009-2010 Revised General Fund Budget Reductions as presented. A roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Kleven, Kenner, Winglemire, Kuyk, Hamilton, McKenney, Clemens**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: None**

**The motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Personnel Committee Report**

- Met 1/19/10
- Discussed possible upcoming vacancies of Dept. Heads
- All dept. head positions could be vacant within the next 3-4 years
- No vote was taken by committee and no action is required by the Council

**b) Public Works Committee Report**

- Met earlier in the evening to discuss the Water & Sewer fund status
- Big investment has to be paid for
- Not asking to change use charges of water & sewer, these funds are not able to pay debt payments
- Committee recommended by a 2 to 1 vote to have an increase of \$5/mo. put on the sewer fund to help cover a shortfall of \$182,000 beginning with March 2010 billings

**Motion Winglemire, second Kenner to have an increase of \$5.00 /mo. put on the sewer debt fee to help cover a shortfall of \$182,000 beginning in March 2010..**

- Increasing usage fees on water would be of no benefit
- Consumption rates are being left as they are
- Consumption rates are based on an estimated use from model
- This could change in July
- Clemens said he hated to vote for this but felt he had no other option to aid the shortfall in the sewer fund

- Called Bond Atty. about refinancing and was told it may not be feasible right now
- This might change with new legislation
- Kuyk opposes higher water rates but realizes the bond does have to be paid

Lenore Johnson of 713 Mary Ann:

- New resident and loves town
- Most upset about water & sewer
- Her monthly water/sewer bill now exceeds what she was paying quarterly when she lived in Waterford
- Big expense for seniors
- Objects to raising the rate again

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence:

- Billions in stimulus should go to issues like this instead of banks
- Have to find a different way to deal with this problem

**A roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Kenner, Winglemire, Hamilton, McKenney, Kleven, Clemens**

**Voting against: Kuyk**

**Absent: None**

**The motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

**Village Manager:**

- Met with teamsters
- Will meet again on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in hopes to settle some final issues
- Sent letter to get some funding for the fireworks
- Finishing up CSX paperwork to have the building demolished

- Top soil sample needs to be sent for testing
- Fire Dept. responded to a smoke investigation last night and did an excellent job
- Will add a street light at the corner of John and Sherman
- Business flow, employee work hours, etc. are listed in the packet as an FYI
- Report from Wixom City Manager on how they handle 4-day work week is in the packet
- Staffing overlaps have provided Wixom with considerable savings
- A 12 month trial saved them \$48,000

**Attorney:**

- Not present

**Clerk – Treasurer:**

- Working on NSP bid specs and two are completed and have been mailed to contractors
- Working on resident letters for water usage
- went into negotiations today with teamsters

**Council & Staff Comments:**

- Hopes employees will realize the advantage of a 4-day work week
- Will use less gas, one less lunch to buy, more time with family

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Clemens adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

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**Peter Clemens, Village President**

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**Susan Nassar, Clerk-Treasurer**

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**Sheri McGee, Transcriber**