

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of August 28, 2007**

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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**

Don Winglemire  
William Kuyk  
Jim Scherman  
Reisa Hamilton  
Shirley Campbell  
Peter Clemens

**Staff Present**

Aaron Oppenheimer  
Marsha Powers  
Rollie Gackstetter  
Marv Swanson  
Richard Figura

**Others Present**

Larry Lilly  
Gordon Johnson  
Jackie Campbell  
Larry MaGaw  
Jim Weil  
Jackie Brown  
Jane Orrin  
Angie Lemon  
Dennis Todd  
Kim Scherman  
Jack Hollands  
Faye Hollands  
John Lauve  
Amy Mayhew  
Elena Miller  
Cherie Monette  
Ian Nick

**Council Members Absent**

Pauline Kenner (excused)

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Clemens opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Motion Clemens, second Winglemire to excuse Kenner. Motion carried by a voice vote of six ayes and no nays.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Agenda Approval
2. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 8-14-07

3. Approval of Bills for Payment \$181,862.52
4. Routine Reports:  
None
5. Ordinance No. 387 – DDA District Boundaries
6. Accepting Public Utility Dedication and Easement Agreements for North Ridge Condominiums (Res. No. 2007-49)
7. Acknowledge receipt of proposed ordinance to amend the Village of Holly Zoning Map (Res. No. 2007-50)
8. Authorize the preparation of the Special Assessment Roll for the Holly Millpond

and setting Public Hearing for same (Res. No. 2007-51)

- 9. Award bid for Sewer Jet Trailer (Res. No. 2007-52)

Changes to the Agenda:

- Add Consent Item #10 – Resolution confirming the Village President’s appointments to Boards and Commissions (Res. No. 2007-53)
- Add Storm Update above Public Comment
- Move Presentation to after Storm Update and before Public Comment
- New Business C, Resignation of Council Member Jim Scherman

**Motion Winglemire, second Campbell to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried by a voice vote of six ayes and no nays.**

**STORM UPDATE:**

Oppenheimer comments:

- Hubble Dr. area received the worst damage
- Roads were cleared by early the next morning
- Village crews worked through the night
- Holly Bush & Riviera Shores were hit hard also
- All power has been restored
- Water main break by McKay’s Hardware at the same time
- Village crews assisted Fenton
- DPW crews will pick up brush
- Will apply to the County for Disaster Relief
- Hopes to receive reimbursement

- No injuries
- Great response from citizens who helped with cleanup
- Great spirit in the community
- Police went to 12 hour shifts
- Emergency calls were handled by cell phone since lines were down
- Adopt a truck will be available at no charge

Chief Gackstetter comments:

- Residents need to be vigilant about who they hire to do repairs
- Talk to your insurance company and Better Business Bureau before hiring a contractor

Clemens said the current plan is for Livingston County, Fenton and Holly to submit their application for disaster relief together. Clemens thanked the Police and Fire Departments, DPW and residents for all they have done during the disaster.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Gackstetter said the department has been moving in a new direction by building an accountable and effective command structure within the department and too by increasing staffing to not only be more effective first responders, but also to provide more safety for the Officers.

Gackstetter introduced Lt. Scott Fischer, and his wife Debbie, and thanked Debbie for supporting Scott, who has served the community for 30 years, and was being promoted.

Gackstetter also introduced Julie Bemis and Jose Garcia, two part-time officers who were being promoted to full-time officers.

Judge Kelly Kostin administered the oath of office to Fischer, Bemis and Garcia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Lauve of 200 N. Saginaw:

- Sorry to see the Scherman's leaving the community
- Water rate hike needs to be fixed without causing a hardship for widows and the elderly
- Should be a Water Commission to refinance the project in the same way people can get a new mortgage
- Oppenheimer said interest rates have gone up since the bonds were issued and there is no way the Village can refinance them without losing money, which is against Michigan law

Jackie Campbell of 807 Mary Ann:

- Thanked the Council, DPW, Fire and Police Departments for outstanding help during the recent storm
- Thanked the staff for being such a comfort, and warning residents about the scam artists in the area
- Shelters are needed; Clemens responded Sherman Middle School is the designated shelter

Gordon Johnson of 202 Grant:

- Public meeting yesterday was very informative and he appreciated it

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence:

- Asked for sewer projection chart
- Public meeting was great
- Wished good luck to Council in the upcoming election

Jackie Brown of 4041 Grange Hall:

- Complained Holly Mobile Home Park had no storm shelter

Larry McGaw of 213 Washington:

- Sirens were late
- People in mobile home park need a shelter nearby where they live
- Oppenheimer said he will work to make residents aware the middle school is an emergency center
- Clemens suggested developing an emergency preparedness flyer
- Campbell suggested a second location on the other side of town
- Clemens said Council Members could meet in Council Chambers after a disaster as a sort of command center
- Kuyk asked why sirens did not sound
- Gackstetter said Oakland Co. operates the sirens, and there must be a sighting for them to sound the sirens; there are already discussions on how to resolve this problem
- Kuyk said there needs to be a siren the Village can decide to sound if the County fails to do so

Cherie Monetto of 139 Corbin:

- Said she felt the storm moved so fast that the county did not have time to activate the sirens

Elena Miller of 3284 Valley Rise:

- Concerned about shelters also
- Would like Patterson Elementary to be a shelter
- Would be good to announce in the school newsletters that will be coming out soon that the schools serve as emergency shelters

Jackie Campbell of 807 Mary Ann:

- Village should print out a pamphlet with a disaster plan for residents

Larry Lilly of 110 Clarence:

- Sirens have to sound ahead of time to ensure safety

John Lauve of 200 N. Saginaw:

- Surprised mobile homes are not required to have a shelter for residents
- Asked if the police monitor the radio when there are storms, saying he was warned by someone watching TV

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Cell Tower Agreement (Tabled)**

This item remained tabled.

**b) Holly Township – Sorenson Park (Tabled)**

This item remained tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Joint Finance/Personnel Committee Report**

Hamilton said the Committee met to discuss the health care benefits for Village retirees. The Committee recommended replacing the current BCN plan with a BC/BS PPO I.

**Motion Hamilton, second Winglemire to replace the current BCN plan with the Blue Cross PPO Plan 1 for Village retirees. Roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Winglemire, Campbell,**

**Hamilton, Scherman, Kuyk, Clemens**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: Kenner**

**The motion carried.**

**b) Finance Committee Report**

Hamilton said the Committee met to discuss the Bendzinski & Co.’s utility rate report. The Committee recommended Council accept the letter from Bendzinski as presented. Hamilton discussed the recommendations, saying future water rates may not have to be raised.

Clemens said Council needed to look at the sewer fund this year, and would like to have the rates reviewed even though it would cost about \$15,000. Oppenheimer noted Council previously said they did not want the expensive review, but that the company that did the review could set the water and sewer rates similar with other communities.

Kuyk said a study was not needed; the Village should be able to look at all the costs and set the rate themselves. Oppenheimer felt a study might yield more information.

**Motion Winglemire, second Campbell to have a water and sewer rate study done by an outside entity. Roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Hamilton, Campbell, Winglemire, Scherman, Clemens**

**Voting against: Kuyk**

**Absent: Kenner**

**The motion carried.**

**c) Resignation of Council Member Jim Scherman**

Clemens thanked Scherman for his years of service to the community.

Scherman thanked the Village of Holly for all their support during the 14 years they have lived in the community.

**Motion Clemens, second Campbell to accept Jim Scherman’s resignation as a Council Member, effective 8-29-07. Roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Campbell, Winglemire, Kuyk, Hamilton, Clemens, Scherman**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: Kenner**

**The motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

**Village Manager:**

- Cleanup efforts are still underway
- Streetscape update
- New curbs on Morrison St.
- Elm St. water tower is painted
- Infrastructure was not damaged in the storm
- Kuyk noted how nice the water treatment plant looks and how well it is working
- The streetscape will not be completed by Carry Nation as hoped

**Attorney:**

- Figura said the Council had 30 days to fill Scherman’s vacant seat
- Campbell asked if there was anything in the Cell Tower contract allowing future Council Members to cancel the contract during the 25 year contract term due to new technology
- Figura replied he did not believe there was, but would look into the matter

- Oppenheimer said that would be one of the advantages of getting money up front from Unison

**Clerk – Treasurer:**

- Powers informed Council she would not be at the next meeting due to the election

**Council Comments:**

- Scherman recommended Tom McKenney as a replacement for his seat

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Clemens adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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**Peter Clemens, Village President**

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**Marsha A. Powers, CMC-CPFA  
Clerk-Treasurer**

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**Sheri McGee, Transcriber**