

# VILLAGE OF HOLLY

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2016

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The regular meeting of the Village of Holly Council Meeting was called to order by President Bladzick at 7:00 P.M. in the Karl Richter Center Board of Education Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

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### Councilmembers Present

Ryan Bladzick  
Debra Musgrave  
Bob Allsop  
Dave Cruickshank  
Suzanne L. Heiple  
Robert Kleven  
Chris Rankin

### Staff Present

Jerry L. Walker  
Cathrene A. Behrens  
Brian Klaassen  
Steve McGee  
Andrew Potter  
Mike Story  
Toni Brinker

### Others Present

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President Bladzick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens called the roll.

### CHANGES TO AGENDA:

President Bladzick stated he there was a proposal for an amendment to the Council Rules of Procedure that is being passed out now and will be Item #3 under New Business.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Agenda Approval
2. Consideration of the Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016.
3. Consideration of the Approval of

Warrant 2016-03 in the amount of \$106,654.13.

4. Consideration of the January 2016 Village of Holly Balance Sheet.
5. Consideration of Excusing the Village Attorney from tonight's meeting.
6. Consideration of the acceptance of a Letter of Resignation from Eric Crawford from the Village of Holly Planning Commission.

**CM 2016-017 Motion by Musgrave, second by Rankin to approve the agenda as amended.**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Cal Steele, 203 Grant Street stated he wanted

to thank everyone that had the opportunity to come to the Public Safety Dinner dance. Because of their generosity any monies made were to be turned over to the Village for fireworks. On behalf of Suzanne and himself, he presented a check to Village President Bladzik in the amount of \$600 for the fireworks fund.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**#1. Consideration of setting a Charter and Ordinance Committee Meeting.**

President Bladzik stated that this meeting has been requested to review the new codified ordinances and the recommendations that American Legal Publishing made to ensure everything is in order.

**The Charter and Ordinance Committee set a meeting for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

**#2. Consideration of setting a Finance Committee Meeting to review the Village Rental Registration Fees.**

**The Finance Committee Meeting set a meeting for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**

**#3. Consideration of an amendment to the Council Rules and Procedures.**

President Bladzik stated under New Business Item #3 to amend the Council Rules of Procedure to add a line in Section 3.1,

subsection 10; public comment shall be allowed before each council vote and public comment shall follow the guidelines listed above in Item #8a.

**CM 2016-018 Motion by Cruickshank, second by Heiple to amend the Council Rules and Procedures.**

Council Member Cruickshank stated that it doesn't make sense to him that the public does not have an opportunity to provide input on each item on the agenda. The public should have the ability to comment on each specific bill; he believes it is appropriate to seek their input and as we are discussing and details come out he would like to see them have an opportunity to voice their thoughts.

Council Member Rankin asked if this was something that would go to the Charter and Ordinance Committee to hash out the details.

President Bladzik stated this is an amendment to the Council Rules of Procedure so it is the council prerogative. He asked if staff was aware of any other communities that we were aware of that use this procedure.

Clerk/Treasurer Behrens stated she was not aware of any that followed this process.

Council Member Allsop stated that the agenda is available for the public to look at when they come in this room. What if there is someone who wants to go through 15 or 20 items. He can look at that before and he can ask on the public comment any of those questions.

Council Member Cruickshank stated that what he is proposing is there will be four minutes per item to give the public an opportunity to

express their opinion or as the item is being discussed by the Council the public may have a question arise that they would like to have answered regarding whatever topic may be on the table.

Village President Bladzik stated that for one example if there are ten agenda items and one person takes the opportunity to comment on each item that adds 40 minutes to the meeting.

Council Member Heiple stated and that is only if only one person makes comment; there could be multiple people who wish to comment on a topic and that could be kind of messy.

Council Member Cruickshank stated he thinks that is why we have entered public service.

President Bladzik stated that the Council has another 168 hours per week that they could be out talking to people. The agenda is provided five days in advance. There is nothing stopping a council member from holding a town hall or a coffee hour to discuss issues. That is part of our job too. To pile our entire job into one council meeting in one or two hours; that seems to be shirking the rest of our duties as public officials. Our contact information is out there; he gets phone calls, emails and Facebook messages and he responds to them. He believes there is plenty of opportunity for the public to ask questions and do research if they have interest. We do not place big items on the agenda five days prior to the meeting to discuss them. We have been working on the design charrette for four months; we are still presenting it; there has been a great deal of opportunity that doesn't involved extending already long days for our staff and meetings when part of our job is to

make decisions. He believes this will open this up to a lot of inefficiencies in our business meetings.

Council Member Cruickshank stated that he understands his point of view so for the big items that are done but this is purely thinking about the normal churning through of items that we do on a monthly basis. Over the past six months he thinks there may have been five instances where someone had the desire to make a comment during the presentation. He attributes it to signing up for this job and people do not necessarily contact us and this is the only avenue they have.

Council Member Musgrave stated that she has sat on many boards, the public was always granted the courtesy of public comment but we are here as elected officials to take care of business; that is what we are charged with doing; we definitely want the publics input but to open it up to every single item is counterproductive.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

**Voting for: Cruickshank, Heiple, Kleven, Rankin**  
**Voting against: Allsop, Musgrave, Bladzik**  
**Absent: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

**Village Manager**

Manager Walker stated there has been a lot of press about water quality and water testing as a result of a City to the north of us. Here in Holly we have a regimented water testing procedure. He has a copy of our testing

procedure that DPW Director Klaassen provided to him and it has been sent out to Council Member Cruickshank and he will be sending it out to the rest of the Council this week just in case you get any questions. DPW Director Klaassen is here tonight and can answer any questions you may have but rest assured that our water quality here in Holly is very high. He additionally stated that DDA Director and he have completed all of their presentations to the various boards and commissions regarding the design charrette and they are in the process of notifying the property owners along N. Saginaw about the design charrette. There has been some talk about a public hearing; and from a staff perspective, it has tentatively been scheduled for the next council meeting on February 23, 2016 if that is acceptable.

**Attorney**

Absent – Excused

**Clerk/Treasurer**

Nothing to report.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Council Member Cruickshank stated the design charrette was reported to them and they accepted it. They also accepted the historic district report.

President Bladzick stated that one thing coming before the Historic District Commission will be some legislation that Lansing is proposing that would more or less cut the legs out from under Historic Districts and it is being referred to the Historic District Commission for review.

Council Member Heiple stated that Planning had the design charrette presentation. The Community Center met prior to the Council meeting with the new Director, Toni Brinker; very efficient; they have numbers, classes and upcoming events. She would like Ms. Brinker to explain a little bit if she can.

KRCC Director Brinker stated that for the month of January there were over 1,000 people that came through the community center in the month of January. They have a bunch of stuff coming up but in April they are bringing cardio kickboxing, roller skating, dance classes, two guitar classes, photography and we are really moving forward on moving more people through here. The biggest contributor to the people coming through the community center is from our Chaos Volleyball league, they brought about 750 people through the center in January.

Council Member Musgrave stated their annual meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Council Member Allsop stated they had a meeting on Monday and approved the illuminated sign for Metro North Credit Union.

Council Member Rankin stated they had their meeting last Wednesday and discussed their Playful City USA application and they had a volunteer step up and agree to refurbish the “H” at Ganshaw Park. They talked about having Cyclone Park repaired for some upcoming games. They have their parks clean-up day, which they moved to May 15, 2016.

Council Member Kleven stated on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the KRCC they will be holding an event emphasizing the prescription drug epidemic going on; it's called "Knowledge Saves Lives" and their next meeting is this coming Monday.

President Bladzick stated the DDA met yesterday and approved an in-kind agreement with the Masonic Lodge for the 5K that is going to be held downtown. They additionally had a collaboration training session for DDA Board members last night and did some team building and got to know one another a little better.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Cruickshank stated that he apologized for missing last meeting. The water testing issue was that he was asked by two residents if we should get our water tested because it is tested by the same company that does the Flint water testing.

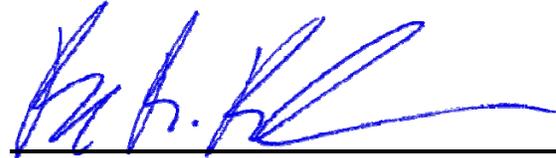
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marlo Davidson, 434 Sherwood Court stated she wanted to add about the community center on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 there will be a community game night. They have some games already but they are kind of worn so she encourages people to bring games to start the process.

Andy Potter, DDA Director, stated that tomorrow there is a ribbon cutting celebration at Jacq and Diane's Juice Box and all are invited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Village President Bladzick adjourned the meeting at 19:27.



**Ryan Bladzick, Village President**



**Cathrene A. Behrens, Clerk/Treasurer**