

**Monthly Meeting  
Town of Holland, Brown County Wisconsin**

May 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:30 pm.

**Old Business:**

**Issuing Burning Permits;**

The Town Ordinance on burning permits does not mention authority for the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief to issue such permit. The Town Board would like to amend the ordinance to include these persons. Mr. Clancy will post notice 10 days before the June 2 meeting regarding this topic.

**Question about open burning ordinance:**

Do we now have any burning restrictions outside of the Sanitary District, other than state (DNR) restrictions? Is there a plan to further define or create an ordinance in reference to open burning outside of the sanitary district?

No recommendation regarding this has been made up to this date.

Discussion from the floor followed regarding this matter. Some stated that there should be some restriction in order to put more power in the town when persons misuse this privilege, especially when burning toxic materials, or enact nuisance burning. Several persons stated that they would not want any restriction in reference to wood burning stoves used for heat sources. There was some discussion about whether any ordinance is needed at all since the DNR already addresses acceptable open burning practices.

Mr. Sickel stated that if the town wants this, the Town Board would need to give a recommendation to him to create a draft for consideration. The floor urged the Town Board to move forward to create an ordinance that would clarify open burning in the town.

**Recommendation** made by Jerry Wall: that the question of burning should be brought to the Zoning Board, and that ensuing discussion will determine if an ordinance should be drawn. Motion seconded by Tom VandeWettering. Motion carried.

**Public Forum:**

**Dan DeKoch:** Brought forth the problem of a land purchase he had made in spring of 1991 from Art Weber. He described the intent to purchase 24 acres at that time, and then how that changed to a 12 acre parcel after the owners changed their mind. His intent was to eventually build a home. Explained that during the following 11-year period his phone calls to town board assured him that he would be able to build and that there would be no need to take out an on-going building permit. Life circumstances led to unforeseen debt and a delay in building. Now, he is told that the property is not big enough to build a home, according to town restrictions. His question references item #7 of Town Ordinance (1985) about subdivision after 1985, leading him to pursue whether his parcel was subdivided after such date, based on his survey copy, and that he should be allowed to build a home as planned.

The Town Board outlined the procedure for him to follow. They urged that Mr. DeKoch petition the Zoning Board for a variance. They then can give a recommendation to the Town Board regarding this.

**Question of assessment for garbage pickup from previous meeting:**

Mike Geiger had discussion with a citizen regarding this topic. This person feels that since they have no need of pickup (they have access to disposal where they work), that they would not need the service, and thus they should not have to pay for it. Note that a referendum is scheduled to take place at the fall election. This vote will give direction to the Town Board regarding this decision. If it's decided to go forward, then it will not be possible to exempt individuals. The estimated cost for this on a homeowner's tax bill is \$123. Discussion will continue on this

topic at a later date.

Payment of Bills took place.  
Meeting adjourned 10:15.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Kennedy