

Minutes of the Village of Holland Council Meeting  
Held Tuesday, January 21, 2025

At 6:00 pm Mayor Spangler called the meeting to order. Council members, Sandy Almond, Mike Bettinger, Nate Gaubert, Sandy Hensley, and Justin Hoen were in attendance. Council President Scott Brown was absent but notified Mayor Spangler and Administrator Bethel of his absence. Council agreed to consider his absence as excused. Village Administrator Bob Bethel and Village Attorney Paul Skaff were also in attendance.

Mr. Gaubert made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025, Council meeting as presented. Ms. Hensley second with roll call carrying five ayes.

Mayor Spangler described a request to re-hire Lori Schroeder as an Office Assistant for the Police Department on a contingent basis to cover vacations and/or sick days for Saydee Perry. Mr. Hoen moved to hire Lori Schroeder as an Office Assistant for the Police Department on a contingent basis at the After Four Year rate of \$24.01 per hour. Mr. Bettinger second with roll call carrying five ayes.

Mayor Spangler provided information on the request to purchase a new leaf box, which will fit on the new dump trucks and will allow the Village to have a back-up in case there are any mechanical issues, which happened during the past leaf season. The additional box may also be used as a second box during normal operations to improve the efficiency of the crew, depending on how many are working. This item was budgeted for 2025. Mr. Gaubert made a motion to approve the purchase of a Titan 9' Leaf Box from Kalida Equipment at a cost of \$12,300 with a second by Ms. Hensley. Roll call carried five ayes.

Mayor Spangler discussed that the request to purchase a Ford F-150 Responder vehicle for the police department is consistent with an annual purchase of a new vehicle. This is the first purchase of a pick-up truck, but this is becoming more common for police departments. Police Chief Piotrowski mentioned that it is necessary because most other police vehicles today do not have trunk space to carry evidence or take materials to special events, nor are they equipped to haul the speed trailer. The truck will be fully equipped as a police vehicle, is available at state pricing, and is pursuit rated. Mr. Gaubert made a motion to purchase the 2025 F-150 Responder Pick-up Truck from the Montrose Auto Group at a cost of \$48,230.23 with a second by Mr. Bettinger and roll call carrying five ayes.

Mr. Gaubert made a motion to read Ordinance 3-2025 by title only. Mr. Hoen second with roll call carrying five ayes.

First reading of ORDINANCE 3-2025, an ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SPLIT AND COMBINATION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, was read by title only. Mayor Spangler mentioned that this is in regard to property in Strawberry Acres Park to be deeded to the Holland Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library for their expansion. Mr. Bettinger said that after meeting with Lewandowski Engineers he agreed with the proposed lot split. Mrs. Almond made a motion to suspend regular rules of council to allow passage on the first reading with Mr. Gaubert second. Roll call carried five ayes. M. Hoen made a motion to approve the first and final reading with Mrs. Almond second. Roll call carried five ayes.

Mayor Spangler informed the Council that at the January 14, 2025, meeting of the Planning Commission the Commission heard requests for a zoning change and variance for a project described as Green Oaks of Holland, an assisted living facility, at 1249 S. McCord Road. After reviewing in detail each of the eight requirements to consider a variance, the Planning Commission recommended approval to Village Council of the zoning change from B2, General Business to R3, Multi-family Residential and the variance to allow a building height of four stories/56' – 6". This issue will be heard by Village Council at the February 18, 2025, Council meeting and will include a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on that date. Mayor Spangler requested that Council members review information about the project and get any questions to himself or Administrator Bethel in advance of the meeting.

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Mayor Spangler also informed the Council that Mr. Bethel has been in contact with both the City of Maumee Building Services and Lucas County Building Services departments to facilitate the transfer of those services for the Village of Holland to Lucas County. The Lucas County Commissioners will consider approval of an agreement to provide those services at their January 28, 2025, meeting. Assuming that the agreement is approved, the change is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Finally, Mayor Spangler informed Council that there may be surveyors in the Whisperwood neighborhood over the next week or two preparing for the road projects in the neighborhood.

Chief Piotrowski presented his 2024 Annual Report. Highlights include hiring five full-time officers, bringing the department to full staffing for the first time in three years; rebranding of vehicles, including a new department logo; and a new uniform design, all of which have received positive feedback both internally and from the community. Chief Piotrowski then reviewed crime and call statistics for 2024. Reports and calls were up significantly, the result of additional officers and a more assertive approach that he has encouraged. There were zero robberies or burglaries reported in 2024. Thefts, retail thefts and motor vehicle thefts were all down significantly, as were criminal damage to motor vehicles and drug violations. Traffic citations, roadway accidents, and private property accidents also increased. For 2025, Chief Piotrowski indicated there will be a new report writing system, increased bike patrol, an emphasis on training, pooling of resources with other departments, the addition of a corporal position, and a transition to 12-hour shifts in April. Chief Piotrowski went on to describe the recent incident involving a shooting at Walmart.

Mr. Bethel referred to his report and highlighted that he and Ms. Almond recently attended a Tree Commission Academy in Sandusky, that the Village received approval for a grant for the extension of the school zone on McCord and N. Mall which should be in place before the next school year, and that he has been in contact with the company doing work near Front Street about removing the wooden mats on the sidewalks. He also mentioned several large projects on the agenda for the year, including new pickleball courts, a website update, a refurbished roof for the police department, new fence and new playground equipment for Strawberry Acres.

Mr. Gaubert made a motion to pay the bills as presented with Mr. Hoen second, roll call carried five ayes.

Unify	99.00	Triotech Software Systems	2929.07
Cintas Corporation	39.36	IWORQ Systems	10000
Leatherman & Witzler	218.50	Sherwin Williams	100.16
Vial Records Control	110.49	Toledo Edison	2903.41
Republic Services	7714.10	TMACOG	65.00
Roth Automotive	89.99	OHM Advisors	736.00
Dorr Street JEDD	2754.62	Village of Holland	1560.95
Springfield Township	14048.57	Holland Springfield JEDZ Board	101,394.55
Springfield Township	332,574.12	Village of Holland	73,004.07

Mr. Bettinger made a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay bills through Saturday, January 25, 2025, upon review and approval by the Mayor. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying five ayes.

There being no further business, Ms. Hensley made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Hoen second. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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Bob Bethel, Administrator

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Ryan Spangler, Mayor