

STUDY SESSION

The HBPW Board of Directors met
December 18, 2023
at 4:00 p.m.
625 Hastings Ave.
Holland, Michigan

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: PJ Thompson, Paul Lilly, Carolyn Maalouf, Brian Lynn, Beth Snyder

Members Absent: Dave Couch, Keith Van Beek, Scott Corbin

Staff Present: Dave Koster, Janet Lemson, Ted Siler, Becky Lehman, Chuck Warren, Joel Davenport, Chris Van Dokkumburg, Pete Hoffswell, Bill Badran, Julie DeCook, Tracy York

24.110 **Communications from the Audience**

None

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ITEMS**

24.111 **Broadband Utility Issues Discussion**

Staff continues up a four-month series of presentations on the HBPW's electric, water, wastewater, and broadband utility operations. Staff will highlight major issues that affect the current operations and future planning.

Plans to address short- and long-term broadband build as well as the Holland City Fiber Initiative will be discussed, along with high-level summaries of the capital plans.

Study Session topic, for Board information only.

24.112 **Holland Board of Public Works 2024 Strategic Plan Recap**

In 2020, the HBPW Board adopted a strategic plan culminating several months of work. This plan affirmed seven Critical Issue areas, and seven Strategic Priorities, within the Critical Issue areas, upon which to focus.

As required by Governance Policy G008 Evaluation and Support and Policy G002 Agenda Planning, Item V, Staff began preparing for the strategic plan review in FY 2023. Steve VanderMeer was engaged as a consultant to facilitate the work sessions between the Board and staff held on September 25 and 26. The Board was presented with an updated SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats), a review of the Critical Issue areas and related Ends Policies, and a review of the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values.

The revised Strategic Plan will be presented for adoption after the completion of study session reviews.

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** Red italics indicate information or discussion added during the meeting and/or action taken.*

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General Manager Comments

- Our first meeting of the new year is January 8
- Water Utility Issues will be our next focus at the January 22 study session
- Save the date, May 2, for the MPPA Stakeholder event at Frederick Meijer Gardens

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting of December 18, 2023, adjourned at *6:31 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Janet Lemson, Secretary to the Board