

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The HBPW Board of Directors met  
**February 23, 2026**  
at 4:00 p.m.  
49 West Third Street  
Holland, Michigan

**Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.**

**Members Present:** PJ Thompson, Carolyn Maalouf, Paul Lilly, Brian Lynn, Kyle Engbers, and Ex Officio Member Keith VanBeek

**Members Absent:** Scott Corbin, Dave Couch

**Staff Present:** Dave Koster, Janet Lemson, Jenessa Carter, Ted Siler, Joel Davenport, Becky Lehman, Carlos Panuco, Pieter Beyer, Theo VanAken, Tracy York, Julie DeCook

26.150 **Approval of Agenda**

*Board Member Lilly made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Maalouf.*

26.151 **Communications From the Audience**

*None*

**SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS**

26.152 **Grant of Utility Easements (6) for Holland City Fiber – Sonoma Court**

Sonoma Court is a private street that requires easements to gain a path for new fiber. The owners have agreed to utility easements for fiber construction. The easements will allow HBPW to provide fiber service to the residents in the cul-de-sac by locating fiber equipment on the properties.

Six easements have been created for the following properties:

779 Sonoma Court  
786 Sonoma Court  
787 Sonoma Court  
798 Sonoma Court  
799 Sonoma Court  
800 Sonoma Court

*The Board approved six easements with property owners on Sonoma Court for the installation of new fiber infrastructure.*

*Motion to approve  
Second  
Favor  
Oppose*

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

26.153 **LG Energy Solution Letter of Credit Reduction Agreement**

In April of 2024, the City of Holland and LG Energy Solution executed a 2nd Amendment to the Development Agreement setting forth terms and conditions associated with infrastructure improvements for LG's proposed Phase III plant and operational commitments for the entire LG site. In September of that same year, LG informed the City of an indefinite pause on the Phase III development and terminated all utility service requests.

Since that time, however, LG has expressed interest in continuing to pursue work on 40th Street improvements that are partially supported by an Michigan Department of Transportation grant. Since infrastructure improvements in 40th Street also contemplated sewer extensions and upsizing to support the Phase III facility, and given that service requests have been terminated, it is necessary to execute an agreement that clearly establishes obligations and commitments of the parties for the 40th Street work.

The attached agreement provides for LG to compensate the City and Holland Board of Public Works for road and sanitary sewer work not covered by the MDOT grant. In order to keep a sufficient level of financial security to cover this work, the agreement allows the current value of the letter of credit provided by LG to be reduced to \$6.5 Million.

Except as stated in this agreement, all other terms and conditions in the 2nd Amendment to the Development Agreement remain in full force and effect.

*The Board of Directors approved an agreement between the City of Holland and LG Energy Solution pending approval as to form by the City Attorney's office.*

*Motion to approve  
Second  
Favor  
Oppose*

*Lilly  
Engbers  
5  
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**STUDY ITEMS**

26.154 **Wastewater Utility Issues Discussion**

Staff concludes a four-month series of presentations on the HBPW's Electric, Broadband, Water, and Wastewater Utility operations. Staff will highlight major issues that affect the current operations and future planning.

Plans to address short- and long-term treatment and conveyance of wastewater will be addressed, along with high-level summaries of the capital plans.

*The Board accepted for information the staff report on issues affecting the Wastewater Utility.*

26.155 **Summary Budget Overview - Fiscal Year 2027**

The annual budget development process begins in October and culminates with the formal presentation to the HBPW Board in March. Following Board consideration, the City incorporates the utility budgets into its comprehensive budget presentation to City Council in May.

Recently, the Budget Subcommittee has reviewed the staff proposed budget and recommended revenue adjustments. Minor refinements have been incorporated, and the budget is now ready for a high-level overview and discussion with the full Board.

*For Board information only; no action needed*

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**General Manager Comments**

- Our next meeting is a Regular Meeting on March 9. We will once again convene our meeting at City Hall's Council Chambers at 270 S River Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting of *February 23, 2026*, was made by *Lilly* supported by *Lynn* and agreed upon by the Board of Directors present.

The Board Meeting of February 23, 2026, adjourned at *5:59 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Carlos Panuco, Acting Secretary to the Board

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