

Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 11:59 AM
To: April Brandon
Cc: Village Council; Jerry Narsh; Jeremy Watson; Brian Klaassen; Lisa Bone; Michael Gildner
Subject: July 8, 2025 Agenda
Attachments: Agenda July 8.pdf

Village Council,

Please find the attached Agenda. We are having our printer repaired, however the packets will be delivered once that is finished. Pretty short agenda this week due to the quick turnaround between meetings and the holiday.

A fellow City Manager posted this on their linkedin and I thought I would share it with you all as it seems timely:

"Some residents don't want resolution. They want resentment.

And if you don't learn to tell the difference, you'll spend your leadership capital chasing storms that were never yours to calm.

Not every complaint is about a broken process. Not every criticism is about a real issue. Some are about attention. Some are about control. And some are just about finding someone, anyone, to crucify in public, so they don't have to take inventory in private.

Because, if they ever did take that inventory, they may have to face how hollow their purpose is. They'd have to admit that outrage is the only place they feel relevant. That without a target, they'd have no role. No cause. No momentum. No identity. They've built their sense of meaning around being against something, because it's easier than becoming someone.

You've watched people argue against the very solution they demanded, because it came from someone they resent. You've come prepared with facts, timelines, open records, clear reasoning, and still been accused of lying. You've stayed late to fix the issue, only to wake up the next morning and find a new accusation waiting.

Outrage, for some, isn't a response. It's a hobby. It's not about results. It's about perceived relevance. And when you're their target, it has nothing to do with whether you're right. It has everything to do with how uncomfortable your capabilities makes them feel.

You cannot build a healthy system by appeasing dysfunction. You cannot lead a city by trying to win over people who have no interest in fairness. And you absolutely cannot confuse volume with validity.

Leaders don't chase fires to prove they care. They check the structure. They confirm the facts. They review the record. And if the system held up, they hold the line.

A public servant with no spine becomes a public target with no end.

You were never meant to tailor the mission to match the mood of the loudest person in the room.

Leadership means knowing when to listen and when to move. It means having the discernment to spot the difference between a real signal and background noise. And it means understanding that not every critic is qualified to shape your strategy.

You were not called to be a character in someone else's drama. You were called to steward something bigger than their grievance.

The work is too important. The margin is too thin. You don't have time to be everyone's villain and still move the mission forward.

For the ones who show up mad, stay mad, and try to call it accountability...maybe the reason they hate the system so much...is because it still works without them."

Have a wonderful Independence Day, and I will see you tomorrow or next week.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price

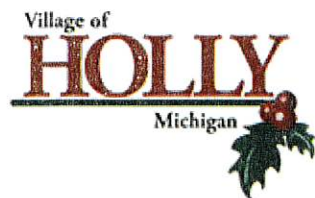
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Cc: [Jeremy Watson](#); [Brian Klaassen](#); [Jerry Narsh](#); [Daniel Rathsburg](#); [Michael Gildner](#); [Lisa Bone](#)
Subject: (Do Not Reply All) September 9, 2025 Council Agenda
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 3:43:03 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Village Council,

Please find the agenda for next week at the following link:

[September 9, 2025 - Village Council Agenda](#)

Another beefier agenda, however nothing should be too controversial.

An item that didnt make it this month, but will be in next months agenda is updates to the Ethics Ordinance. Updates have been made, however I would like to ensure it gets a legal review before we proceed. There will be many ordinance updates put before you over the following months as we scrub the document for issues.

I will be hosting Coffee with the Manager at Battle Alley Coffee on September 8, 2025 0800-1000 and my guest this month will be Jennifer Finney our new interim DDA Director. In case anyone wants to stop by.

Thank you for all you do everyday to improve our Village.

Here is your thought for the day from Brooks Williams:

"The ignorance surrounding local government is rarely about access. The information is everywhere...websites, press releases, newsletters, public meetings, signage, mailers, even the phones in our pockets. The problem is not that people cannot know. The problem is that people often choose not to know.

American politics has trained the public to believe that civic life is simple. Lower taxes, higher services, faster results, and anyone who says otherwise must be lazy or corrupt. We even have the public believing the lies our politicians tell that you have can choke cities to ZERO tax revenue and still receive services. We have conditioned voters to treat governing like college football...pick a side, scream at the other, and pretend the scoreboard proves something about reality. But reality doesn't work that way.

Running a city is reconciling demands that are mathematically impossible to satisfy at

once. Roads are not just asphalt. They are drainage, utilities, bid laws, traffic patterns, and contracts worth millions. Delays are not “red tape.” They are sequencing, capital, inspections, and coordination across a dozen moving parts, and most are impacted by the applicant, not the city. Every choice is wrapped in laws, audits, and financial limits.

Demanding cities do everything faster, cheaper, and prettier without tradeoffs is like asking a cow to win the Kentucky Derby. You can saddle it up, but it is never going to run like a horse.

You can demand lower taxes and more services. You can freeze budgets and still insist on new projects. You can squeeze a nickel until the buffalo poops and still ask for shade trees along a mile-long trail because it “would look prettier.” People do it every day. But, this is delusion parading as civic engagement, and it has become a defining trait of our society.

Delusion is exactly what politics has sold us. We see making demands and fist-pounding as civic participation. We hate being told no. We hate being reminded that tradeoffs exist. We mistake noise for power and think shouting into a microphone makes us right.

The danger is that people have been conditioned to live in a civic reality that does not exist.

A conversation is overdue about reality versus fantasy. We need more civics. We need more willingness to learn before we demand. We need fewer billygoat brains with mockingbird mouths. Because until communities bring both their hearts and their heads into the conversation, local government will remain the scapegoat for a public that has forgotten how reality works.

If people keep rewarding fantasy and punishing reality, they will get exactly what they asked for...a government built on noise, incapable of delivering anything that lasts."

Respectfully,

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 12:40 PM
To: Village Council
Cc: Jerry Narsh; Jeremy Watson; Daniel Rathsburg; Lisa Bone; Michael Gildner; Holly DDA Executive Director
Subject: (Do Not Reply All) UofM Trust and Democracy Report
Attachments: MPPS-Spring-2025-Trust-and-Democracy.pdf

Village Council,

I thought the attached report from U of M would be interesting to some of you. I will hopefully be participating in some of their economic forecasting sessions over the next couple days. Here is more about the report:

"Below is a link to a new report from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) which presents Michigan local government leaders' trust in their residents and their assessments of whether discussion in local politics is constructive or divisive. It also looks at changes to ratings of the overall functioning of democracy in their jurisdictions.

These data come from the Spring 2025 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) which received responses from local government leaders like you representing 1,328 Michigan jurisdictions (counties, cities, townships, and villages).

Key Findings:

A minority (40%) of Michigan local government leaders currently trust their residents "nearly always" or "most of the time" be responsible participants in local policymaking. Meanwhile, 21% say they seldom or almost never trust residents, the highest level since the MPPS started tracking these sentiments in 2012.

Assessments of the tone of civic discourse involving residents have also deteriorated. Local leaders are significantly less likely this year to say discourse about local policy issues among residents themselves is primarily constructive (30%) compared to 2022 (42%). In addition, 59% of local officials report primarily constructive discourse between elected officials and their residents, down from 66% in 2022 and 70% in 2012.

Declines in assessments of trust and discourse are not the whole story. In 2025, the percentage of Michigan officials statewide who say they have highly functioning local democracy ticked slightly upward from 79% to 82%, while the percentage who report poor functioning dropped from 7% to 2%.

Assessments in rural communities remained flat at 79% while mostly rural (87%), mostly urban (88%), and urban (92%) communities saw substantial increases in ratings for high functioning of local democracy."

Respectfully,

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From: James Koskela
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:02 AM
To: Village Council; Timothy Price
Subject: (Do Not Reply)DDA Meeting Tonight

Hi All,

Again do not reply...

I sent this email to our DDA board members this morning and wanted all to be aware:

Good morning,

I inquired with Manager Price this morning regarding any updates for our scheduled DDA / Village Council meeting this evening. Mr. Price informed me that DDA board have now come together and decided to join the joint workshop. This is great to hear!

Last week I made a public post on social media channels regarding our village DDA. I understand that not everyone has social media, so I am including the note here:

There have been growing concerns about how our DDA is operating, and the most recent situation involves the upcoming joint DDA and Village Council work session scheduled for this coming Monday. This meeting has already been properly noticed to the public. Village Council fully intends to attend. However, Village staff was informed by Interim DDA Director Finney that the DDA board has decided not to attend. Instead, the DDA plans to hold a different meeting during the same time slot. From the outside, this appears to be an attempt to isolate Village personnel from an already agreed upon meeting.

For those who may not know the background, the Village DDA was created through a Village ordinance many years ago. Every DDA board member is appointed by Village Council, and it is the Village Council that holds the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the legal, ethical, and procedural requirements that govern the DDA. The authority of the DDA, its boundaries, its spending powers, and its obligations all originate from the Village itself. This means accountability and proper oversight must be present for the DDA to function in the way Michigan law intends.

I am still gathering information about how and why this recent decision to abstain from the meeting was made, but given the totality of the circumstances, it raises serious concerns. Village Council has continually tried to work with the DDA, communicate clearly, and provide guidance. Council has supported the reappointment of multiple DDA members. Despite those efforts, it is becoming clear that DDA board members are not following required processes, regulations, and reporting duties. When these processes and regulations are not followed, it may also hamper governmental operations and create unnecessary strain between boards that should be working together.

Chairwoman Stouffer has criticized me in the past for communicating with board members directly and has insisted that all communication be public. For that reason I am addressing this matter here rather

than emailing board members privately. I do not believe this is the best way to resolve problems and do not agree that my voice should be silent, and given the current situation, something needs to be said.

At the most recent DDA meeting it became clear that several board members do not understand the purpose of the DDA, how a TIF district functions, or how spending must follow the Village approved TIF spending plan. Hearing members express surprise that there was a document that was supposed to guide how taxpayer money is spent was extremely troubling.

Several months ago I asked the previous DDA Director for prior year TIF spending reports that are to be submitted to Council. The purpose of the request was to make sure past spending was compliant with the approved TIF plan, since Council is responsible for reviewing these reports every year to ensure compliance and the proper use of tax increment funds. Council has a responsibility to ensure compliance through all Village instruments, and the DDA is no exception.

There is a growing disconnect between the DDA and the Village of Holly. President Brandon, who serves on the DDA, has been consistent in advocating for improvements across the entire district, not just one block downtown. She has also been advocating for improvements on the North end in accordance with the TIF plan, which clearly outlines obligations and priorities for the entire district. The DDA district is large in comparison to the village and includes properties from Waterworks Park to the Holly Foods area, along with parts of Grange Hall. Residents and businesses throughout the district deserve improvements that increase property values and support the broader community, which is the purpose of PA 57.

When these concerns first started, I believed many of the issues were simple mistakes that could be corrected with better education and clearer guidance. I was wrong. It has become clear that this is no longer a matter of simple mistakes. Some of these actions appear to be deliberate, and when you look at the totality of the situation, it is clear that this pattern cannot continue. For that reason I believe Village Council must begin discussions on replacing DDA board members, which the law allows.

The ongoing repeated concerns and "mistakes" are becoming a giant distraction, and our residents deserve better. In neighboring communities the DDA actively supports the local government and works in partnership to improve the community as a whole. That is how it should be here in Holly. Our community deserves transparency, accountability, and a DDA that uses taxpayer money responsibly and follows the law. That must be our priority moving forward.

Looking forward to improving our DDA district for our residents and businesses alike.

Best regards,

Jim Koskela

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Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Timothy Price
Attachments: IMG_4082.jpeg; IMG_4084.jpeg; IMG_4083.jpeg

Just keeping you in the loop in case ethics or legal needs to get involved at some point.

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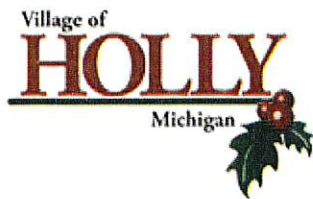
From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 11:24 AM
To: Lisa Bone
Cc: Tessa Clardy; Jerry Narsh; Brian Klaassen; Jeremy Watson
Subject: 8 July Agenda
Attachments: Agenda July 8.pdf

Lisa,

Attached is the agenda for next week based on the documentation I have received thus far.

Respectfully,

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Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 4:59 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Appeals for Agenda
Attachments: FOIA Cost Appeal: Jan 15th, 2025 #5; FOIA Cost Appeal: #4 Ethics Jan 15th, 2026; Re: FOIA Cost Appeal: Jan 15th, 2025 #5; RE: FOIA [Email Communications Concerning Village Attorney Officer Status]; FOIA Request - Records Concerning Holly Village President FOIA Appeal Authority; FOIA APPEAL — Failure to Respond — Records Concerning Holly Village President FOIA Appeal Authority

Tim,

Here are the emails regarding the appeals.

Thanks. 😊

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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 2:44 PM
Subject: August 12, 2025 - Meeting Agenda
Attachments: August 12, 2025 - Complete Agenda.pdf

Council,

Please see the attached Agenda for next week, it is also available now from the website. Those that still choose to receive paper copies will be delivered via normal method.

I will have a couple additional updates for council at the meeting. That morning is when we will have our hearing with EGLE, we have ethics and personnel committee this evening, I will be providing a few RFPs for council to review (but no vote needed), a draft job description for a joint DDA/Economic Development Director position, as well as much more. Look forward to seeing you then (or earlier).

Respectfully,

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 11:20 AM
To: April Brandon
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: Basic Agenda Rundown

April,

Here is a basic Agenda rundown, Lisa and I will be in Union Meetings the rest of the morning.

Consent Agenda:

- Special Event Downtown Hollyween
- Special Event Dickens Fest
- Special Event Dickens Parade
- Special Event Mischief and Magic
- WOTA Credit Transfer
- Business Reg. Sip and Saddle
- Business Reg. Sweet Puffs Smoke Shop
- Resignation Doug (HDC)
- Minutes (Council, Planning, DDA)

Appointments:

- Andy (HDC)
- Jan (HDC)
- Ragina (Parks)

Presentation:

- Jessica (Citizen Recognition)

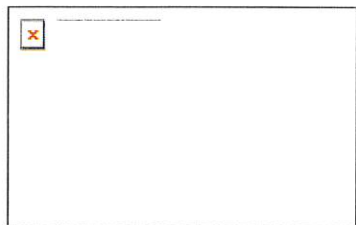
New Business:

- Traffic Control Orders x2
- Parking Lot Winter Plan
- Ordinance Update Ethics
- Ordinance Update Chp. 117
- Ordinance Update Constuction Board of Appeals
- Depot Quotes x2

Closed Session: Approval of Minutes of previous closed session

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:56 AM
To: Village Council
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: Committee Meetings

Council,

I just wanted to make sure you were all aware of a couple of committee meetings that are occurring:

Finance Committee Tonight at 5:30PM. (Discussing water/sewer rates and reissuance of bonds)

Personnel and Ethics Committee August 6th at 5PM. (For the personnel committee, discuss onboarding procedures, however this will mostly be an administrative lift. Review the RFPs for both the auditing services and legal services. Ethics, will discuss changing the ordinance from stating "public hearing" to "public meeting", and also to determine notification procedures for those that are suspects of a complaint based on the previous meeting.)

All council Members can attend however in order to avoid OMA issues they should not participate in discussion.

10.6 COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE Individual Council members shall have the right to attend meetings but are cautioned about becoming involved in the meeting's discussion. Council members, however, may answer questions put to them or respond to information being provided.

Reminder that committee's are only advisory and all decisions will need to be made in an open meeting by the entire Village Council.

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Timothy Price

From: linda@battlealleycoffee.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1:01 PM
To: April Brandon; Amber Kier; James Koskela; Thomas Ryan; Daniel Wendel; Buster Winebrenner; Shannon Cole
Cc: Holly DDA Executive Director; jeromeraska [REDACTED] Timothy Price
Subject: Contact for DDA Director
Attachments: DDA Executive Director Position_06242025_Council Request Packet.pdf

Dear Council Members,

Attached to this email is the contract for our new DDA Director. I am respectfully asking that this be added to the consent agenda this evening for approval of the contract. We are almost at the 10 month mark that we have been without a DDA director and we would like to expedite this as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this evening's council meeting as I am out of town, but members of the executive committee and Timothy Colbeck from Oakland County will be in attendance.

As some of you are aware, we have undergone an exhaustive search, an intensive interview process, and unanimously approved the candidate that we feel is the most qualified to fill this position.

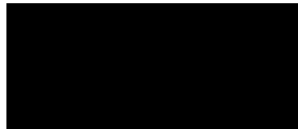
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,

Linda Stouffer

DDA Board Chair

Owner, Battle Alley Coffee



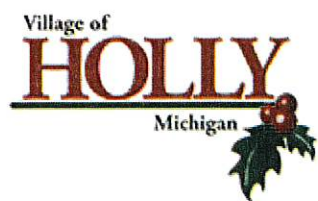
Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 7:01 AM
To: April Brandon
Subject: Council Rules and Procedures Update
Attachments: COUNCIL RULES & PROC 11Feb25.pdf

April,

Please see attached as requested.

Respectfully,
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Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Council Rules and Procedures Update

I see the sense in 11.7 and 11.8. Please disregard I misread some of that. The remaining questions are, do your suggestions negate the charter for council going through you to ask staff, including the attorney while at meetings, questions.

Also, we have an ethics document, that might not be lined up with 11.8 in regards to council calling a meeting with the attorney against a manager.

April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

From: April Brandon
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 7:30 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Council Rules and Procedures Update
My remaining questions/comments are as follows:

11.3 does this negate the charter, or infringe on council right to ask staff questions , whether during a meeting or outside of one

11.6 I feel this one is appropriate being that it is about directives to staff going through village manager as a request from council

11.7 what is the purpose of the village manager opening council mail as a default, instead of just handing it to council members or unless directed by council to open it if they are unavailable to open it in a timely manner?

11.8 In regards to questions to the attorney going through the village manager... I mostly agree. But what about a clause that allows council to ask the village manager questions during the meetings he attends as a staff member? Would that be in accordance with the4 charter?

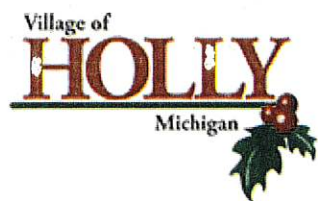
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From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Timothy Price; Lisa Bone
Cc: linda [REDACTED]; jeromeraska [REDACTED]; hjallge [REDACTED]
dave [REDACTED]
Subject: DDA Executive Director Position for Council Agenda June 24, 2025
Attachments: At-Will Employment Agreement_Main Street Holly DDA_AHillman.pdf; DDA Executive Director Position_06242025.pdf

Hello Tim and Lisa. Please find attached a memo requesting the approval of the Executive Director position for the Council meeting on June 24. Let me know if this is the typical format you need and if you need any other attachments or modifications. I have attached the contract, but wasn't sure if you wanted the resume and reference letters or not. Happy to send those along. We do hope that this can go on consent. If not, I believe Dave will be presenting this to the Council if it is on the regular agenda.

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Jerry Narsh; Jeremy Watson; Brian Klaassen
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: Department Head Evaluations
Attachments: Dept Head Evaluations 2025 - Updated.docx

Brian/Jeremy/Jerry,

I have updated the Dept Head Evaluation and changed some of the questions. I am filling this out with my current evaluation based on my observations. I will add comments after each.

I would like you to take this and rate yourself using the numerical scale. When we meet individually next week to go over the evaluations, I would like you to bring your own rating so that we can compare notes.

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:22 AM
To: April Brandon; Amber Kier; Shannon Cole
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Council Members,

I was hoping to schedule some time to meet to discuss some of the items that were discussed at previous meetings for the personnel and ethics committees. Please let me know some dates over the next couple weeks that may work for the group.

For the personnel committee, I wanted to discuss onboarding procedures. This will mostly be an administrative lift. I thought this would be an appropriate committee to review the RFPs for both the auditing services and legal services before they get sent out for bids.

For ethics, it was discussed that we wanted to look at changing the ordinance from stating "public hearing" to "public meeting", and also to determine notification procedures for those that are suspects of a complaint.

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Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:28 AM
To: Timothy Price
Cc: April Brandon; Shannon Cole; Amber Kier; Michael Gildner
Subject: Ethics Committee Info

Good Morning All,

As a follow-up for [REDACTED] for voting at the March – May meetings, the March and April meetings were cancelled. As for the minutes from the May meeting, I will have to get with Carol once she returns from vacation next week.

Thanks. 😊

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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 10:13 AM
To: Hannah Young
Cc: Joe Mishler; April Brandon
Subject: Ethics Complaint Article

Hannah,

I just saw the article in this weekends times in regard to the Ethics discussion that the council had at the last meeting.

One item that is wrong and that I believe should be retracted, is that Joe Mishler did not file an ethics complaint against Ms. Stouffer. I believe there is confusion on how this was stated in the meeting. The issue was brought up by the ethic's committee itself during their subcommittee meeting, as they are required by ordinance to review and/or intervene in any potential ethics violation that they become knowledgeable of.

Having worked with you I know that you strive to provide accurate unbiased reporting and believe this was just a misunderstanding. If you ever need clarification on an article, you have all my contact information. Please feel free to call my number any time.

I have included Mr. Mishler on this email, in case you would like to discuss any kind of clarification with him directly.

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From: Hannah Young [REDACTED]@tctimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Timothy Price; April Brandon
Subject: Ethics Complaint Story

Good morning Timothy and April,

I am sorry for the late response. I was out of town yesterday and was not answering my emails. Thank you for letting me know.

I will reach out to Mr. Mishler today regarding this. I wanted to clarify that the ethics complaint was not filed by him but he recited/shared confidential information to a village staff member, which the staff member then reported to the village manager.

Thanks,
Hannah Young

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Thank you!
Hannah Young
Tri County Times Staff Writer

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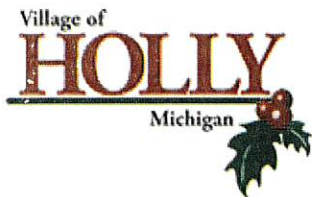
From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Michael Gildner
Subject: Ethics investigation

Mike,

I don't remember if Linda had a specific allegation in regard to wanting April and I investigated for ethics violation, however if you need anything from me, please let me know.

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From: Timothy Price
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:12 PM
To: April Brandon
Subject: Ethics

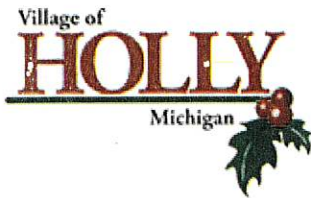
<https://www.hollyvillage.org/index.php/document-library/new-amended-ordinances/ord-472-code-of-ethics/viewdocument/715>

Sorry I am still working on this... Just found it.... Realized all the previous ordinance updates since Feb 2022 haven't yet been codified in the full charter....

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442

Office: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@[hollyvillage.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@hollyvillage.org)



Timothy Price

From: Tessa Clardy
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 4:04 PM
To: Anna Matson
Cc: Lisa Bone; Timothy Price
Subject: FOIA #4 Ethics Deposit Request
Attachments: Matson, A.-4 Ethics Deposit Letter.pdf; Matson, A.-4 Ethics FOIA Deposit Invoice.pdf

Importance: High

Ms. Matson,
Please see the attached letter and invoice regarding a required deposit for your #4 Ethics FOIA request.

Regards,

Tessa Clardy
Deputy Finance Officer
Village of Holly, MI
504 ½ East Maple Street
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 8:26 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Fw: \$1079 Water Bill Follow Up
Attachments: IMG_0430.jpeg

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From: Jesse Szmagaj [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 8:18:36 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Cc: Brittany [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; James Koskela [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]; Buster Winebrenner [REDACTED]; Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: \$1079 Water Bill Follow Up

Good morning council,

I am writing today in regards to the results of the water meter test that was done at [REDACTED]. We are still yet to receive these results that Mr. Price was so fortunate to give the council on the 13th during the meeting. There was much haste in shutting our water off but no sense of urgency in get us information in this matter? I'm shocked at the mismanagement of this situation and frustrated. Please give us the results and a follow up on the extortion issue please and thank you.

Hope you all have a blessed day

On Wed, May 21, 2025, 7:06 PM Daniel Wendel [REDACTED] wrote:
Thank you April for following up on this with her

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:14:59 PM
To: Brittany [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; James Koskela [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]; Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]; Buster Winebrenner [REDACTED]
Cc: Jesse Szmagaj [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: \$1079 Water Bill Follow Up

Hi Brittany,

First, thank you for taking the time to write this follow up. Second, I understand having to leave due to the babysitter. I'm glad you were able to watch the rest of the meeting online.

You should have already received the results from the Fenton audit. I'll ask Tim to make sure you get them if you haven't already.

I've got the attorney looking into the extortion allegation. I'm not going to try to disassemble legal jargon myself and make a determination or hold an ethics meeting or move forward with it in any way without legal input. But I am getting that legal input. I don't expect an immediate response from the attorney. I've learned every answer we seek in government takes time to review. When I get that answer, I will respond accordingly.

I don't think a petition is required from the public for an external auditing agency to review our dpw and water system. I think when we're presented with the options, a ruling from council to move forward would suffice. If council were to decide against an auditor, then I think a petition might be considered.

The new staff has also implemented a system. Whenever someone's water bill jumps a certain amount, they are calling the resident directly to try and figure out the source. I like this strategy as a starting point, and I do hope to see more things in place as we figure this out.

Thanks for including the frequency issue. I'm relaying all this to Tim so the council can be informed of all of the pieces in this puzzle.

Have a great rest of your day, and take care.

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From: Brittany [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 12:55:14 PM
To: April Brandon <abrandon@hollyvillage.org>; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; James Koskela [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED] Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]; Buster Winebrenner [REDACTED]
Cc: Jesse [REDACTED]
Subject: \$1079 Water Bill Follow Up

Good Afternoon, Council.

My name is Brittany [REDACTED] and I spoke before you at Tuesday's meeting last week with my husband, Jesse. We weren't sure how long the meeting was going to last and we only had a sitter until 730, so we left early. I was able to watch the rest of the meeting afterwards and wanted to follow up to provide further information & clarification on a few things. I apologize in advance as it's going to be a long read.

1. Our bill was for \$1079 - 46 gallons of water. Head of DPW stated it likely could've a been running toilet that we wouldn't have heard & is common in bathrooms not used often. As we told him and Tim Price, we only have one bathroom. [REDACTED]

2. Tim Price mentioned that when our meter stopped working back in 2022, that it was a receiving issue for the radio frequency meaning a wire outside needed replacing and not that the meter wasn't working. I would like to respectfully disagree. Tim's own words were that our meter is old and requires water running through to move the odometer. Why then, when the radio frequency issue was fixed, did our meter not show a huge increase in usage? We used water during those 4/5 months. Water was moving through the pipes and meter yet the odometer on the meter never moved forward.

I've attached a photo and highlighted our usage during this time below. If our meter had been working properly, just not sending the signal out, it should have jumped up exponentially from the last reading where to frequency worked. Instead, our meter moved from 326 to 331. We average 4-5 thousand gallons a month. If the frequency was just the problem, when it came back online, our meter should have shown a 20-25 increase to account for the water used just not reported and read somewhere between 346-351. Instead, it showed 331. Proving that the entire meter/odometer failed during this period of time.

I know Tim Price had our meter tested in Fenton - and has yet to contact us with the results but said them at the meeting - and the meter tested normal. But if the meter failed for months at a time then self regulated as we have proven for 2022, is it not possible that it has done the same for the month of March 2025 only this time it jumped forward vs not moving.

3. Extortion/illegal practices: I understand the village attorney stated he is sure the offices acted legally. We do not agree. While we initially thought Michigan law stated a 10 day written notice must be given before water can be shut off at a residence, we've come to learn that Michigan is only 1 of 6 states that doesn't govern water utility systems. I'm guessing this is why everyone bows down in the Village and eventually caves regardless if it's fair.

Someone must hold the village offices accountable so they cannot just rule by fear and that is why we stand firm in our original claim of extortion (which is illegal).

Extortion is the act or practice of extorting especially money or other property
especially : the offense committed by an official engaging in such practice
Extort/extorting : to obtain from a person by force, intimidation, or undue or illegal power

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/extortion>

When I called the village office first thing Monday morning on May 5th, it was to follow up and make a payment plan. We had already paid \$150 towards the bill. We did so as a sign of good faith. The village offices said it was now too late and I would have to pay an additional \$170 or they would shut our water off at 2pm that day. We had not received any shut off notice and we did the right thing by making a \$150 less than a week before. Therefore, this was a threat. Then the village offices took it a step further and shut our water off at noon! And that's intimidation by instilling fear into us that they can turn our water off whenever they so choose!

How is this allowed? How is this fair practice? As residents, we are supposed to just accept that Tim Price, Lisa Bone and the others in the office can just shut off someone's water at any given time? We did the right thing. We made a payment towards the balance. We had been in contact with Tim Price and Brian Klasson repeatedly since we received our bill. It's not like we ignored the bill/situation. And yet we were threatened with pay more or else we'll shut your water off. And then they turned it off 2 hours earlier than the original threat stated. Home alone with a potty training 3 year old and no way to even use the bathroom. I couldn't even prepare for the shut off because they did it hours before! Of course we now had no choice but to call our entire family and beg for help. This was the only way so we could pay the balance off and not have to worry about the village retaliating any further and leaving us unexpectedly without water once more.

A law abiding, tax paying citizen should never have to worry if their child won't have access to a working bathroom or running water in their OWN HOME.

4. We are not the only residents who have experienced this situation where we have an astronomical bill one month then it's back to normal the next without explanation. The Township offices experienced this. Jeffery [REDACTED] and David [REDACTED] have as well. Big [REDACTED] too. I will say when I first talk to the owner of Big [REDACTED] he couldn't find the source of the problem. I heard Tim Price said it's now been discovered as a running toilet. And while I'm happy they found the solution, it doesn't change that these random high bills have happened to others for 0 reason. I'm sure I can find more residents that have gone through this too which leads me to my next point.

5. Official Audit: President April Brandon, I'm thankful for you asking Tim Price about that at the meeting. I am more than confident that we can get enough signatures from Village Residents to request an audit. I think that would be a great way to show transparency to us residents. Look at what happened in Detroit with former mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and more recently in Taylor, MI with former mayor Rick Sollars. If no one stepped up and asked for help, how much more could've happened. While I am not necessarily saying the Village Offices are involved in any corruption, it would be good for all us residents to see that theses random \$1000 water bills are going to waste water treatment fees and not Starbucks runs like a previous lawsuit against the Village suggested. Please let me know when we can start a petition for signatures.

Lastly, I would just like to say we are not fighting this because it's fun. We are not fighting this because we have it out against the Village. We are not fighting to attempt some win fall from a lawsuit. We are only fighting this because nothing is adding up. We are fighting this because we are hard working and have a family to support and \$1079 is a HUGE hit on our finances. On top of all other bills going up, needing a new roof, repairing a leak in our house from the roof, finding out I have a herniated disc and am being ordered by my doctor to step down to 2 days of work, we now have to make monthly payments to repay our family for the loan they gave us to pay this water bill. We came to Holly after living in Novi & Royal Oak. We love the small town/ up north feel. We love our town and the people in it! We came here as renters and loved it so much we bought our first home here!! We shop local and try to use local shops for any work we need. I've volunteered in the community and at the schools. I've worked in the schools. I plan on going back to work at the schools in the fall so I can be a bigger part in this community. But we cannot sustain \$1000 water bills. We cannot stress over our water potentially being shut off without so much as a notice. We cannot give back to our community and enjoy our community knowing that our Village Offices are doing the exact opposite.

So we are asking - nay - BEGGING the council to please help us! We've built a beautiful life here and don't want to leave. Please help us so we don't have to leave.

Thank you so much for your consideration, support, and hopefully help!

Brittany & Jesse [REDACTED]



Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:33 PM
To: Michael Gildner; Carlito H. Young
Cc: Tessa Clardy; Timothy Price
Subject: FW: #4 - Ethics FOIA

#4.

FYI

Lisa Bone

Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



From: Anna Matson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: #4 - Ethics FOIA

Dear Ms.Bone,

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting copies of all public records related to ethics issues from January 1, 2020, to the present. Specifically, I am seeking:

1. **Ethics Complaints and Investigations:** Any and all complaints lodged against elected or appointed board members that pertain to ethics concerns, regardless of whether they were formally classified as ethics violations. I would also like any follow up public records for each of these complaints such as communication, investigations, and determinations.
2. **Ethics Committee Records:** Copies of all minutes, agendas, and official communications from the ethics committee during this period.
3. **Related Correspondence:** Any correspondence and communication (including but not limited to emails, memos, or letters) that discuss or reference ethics, ethics complaints, the ethics committee, ethics reviews, or investigations involving board members.

By phrasing the request in this manner, I aim to ensure that it encompasses all records that might relate to ethics matters, including those that may have been considered informal or not officially labeled as violations. This would include complaints lodged against any appointed or elected board members, even if you do not believe it crossed the line of an official ethics complaint.

Fee Waiver Request

I request a waiver or reduction of all fees associated with this request as disclosure of these records is in the public

interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations, oversight, and accountability of government. The requested information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Format of Production

I request that all responsive records be provided in electronic format and delivered via email to:

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:27 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Fw: Chairwoman S [REDACTED]

Official ethics complaint. Please advise.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

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From: James Koskela [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:22 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Chairwoman S [REDACTED]

President Brandon,

We briefly talked on the phone about this and I'm sorry that I didn't have more time. When my kids see me on the phone they materially change into different people with the goal of making any conversation difficult. Ha.

For the past week or so I have been requesting information from our village DDA director regarding potential oversight and compliance issues that mainly dealt with actions I believe where undertaken by Chairwoman S [REDACTED]

I started paying more attention to our village DDA when council was cautioned by Chairwoman S [REDACTED] to not communicate with individual DDA board members. This gave me pause.

Particularly interested in actions that may be related to:

- Enacting DDA by-laws without governing body approval.
- Using official DDA name, branding, and authority without authorization.
- Spending tax funds without board approval, to the benefit of other board members.
- Using government resources to benefit other board members.
- Thousands of dollars in unapproved budgetary overspending.

This is still in the very early stages; I really don't know enough yet to affirmatively state what happened and confidently by who.... But hopefully with the help of our DDA director we can get to the bottom of it.

Jim Koskela

Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:29 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Fw: Education

Fyi

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From: linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:32:29 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Education

Thank you. We have Cristina scheduled to provide onboard training. The other training that I was referring to was on the Village's ethics ordinance. It states that we should be provided a copy and training. We ought to even sign it if we are to be held accountable to it.

Owner, Battle Alley Coffee



On Jul 10, 2025, at 11:56 AM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Linda,

It is in the DDA bilaws to pursue onboarding education for new members. That is your duty as chair to provide.

Michael Gildner is willing to provide some education to the DDA about their roles and their responsibilities. That's up to you to follow your process, and schedule.

You can also look for educational classes for newly appointed officials and provide those to your new members.

How would you like to proceed?

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Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:30 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: FW: Personnel Manual
Attachments: Combined Personnel Manual.pdf

Tim,

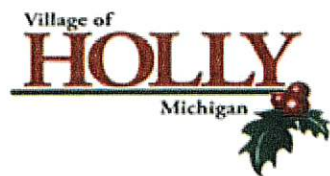
While reviewing this manual, April has stated that she would like something stated in the manual about not having non-approved visitor's or public within the Village Offices unless pre-approved by the Village Manager or Clerk/Treasurer. She stated that this would include the conference room.

She also stated that this would include Kevin as well.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:49 AM
To: Tessa Clardy [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Personnel Manual

Attached.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price

Village Manager

504 ½ E. Maple St.

Holly, MI 48442



From: Tessa Clardy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 5:21 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Personnel Manual

Tim,
Will you please combine the attached PDF's into one file when you have a minute.

Thank you for your help 😊

Tessa Clardy
Deputy Finance Officer
Village of Holly, MI
504 ½ East Maple Street
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 6:36 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Fw: Petition at the Farmers Market

Can you see both her message and my reply?

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 6:35:53 PM
To: Diana [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Petition at the Farmers Market

Hi Diana,

I cannot speak for the council. I am but one member. Secondly, I would never want to use my position to influence anyone's livelihood. And last, this is under your jurisdiction, and ultimately, this decision is yours. What I will say, is that no matter what vendors you have at the market, no one from council or village staff is permitted to use it against you. If they ever do, please let me know, and I will have the ethics committee review them.

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From: Diana [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 6:30:11 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Petition at the Farmers Market

April,

This is Diana [REDACTED] the farmers market manager. I wanted to run something by you. I have a lady. Her name is Regina Kakos who wants to have a booth at the market to have customers sign the position to save the damn.

I have been on the fence about this as I usually don't like anybody with petitions at the market. However, it sounds like the village is very much for saving the damn and I don't mind having her. I just wanted to touch base and see what the council might have an opinion on this matter. It's probably too late for her to even attend tomorrow because she needs to have a peddler permit filled out. She really wanted to attend this Sunday because of the council meeting on the 27th. However, she said she would come any other day if possible.

So my question to you is this something that you think the village and council would be okay with or should we keep the market separate from anything like that? I don't want to cause any waves with the village on this matter.

Thank you so much
Diana Regan

Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 9:37 AM
To: April Brandon; Shannon Cole; Amber Kier; Michael Gildner
Cc: Timothy Price
Subject: FW: Planning Meeting Minutes

Good Morning,

Carol stated that there was only one vote on the May meeting and it was unanimous. So, for Ms. W [REDACTED] ethics violation, it would not matter for the May meeting.

Thanks. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Carol Hammond [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 7:32 AM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Planning Meeting Minutes

Hi Lisa,

Unfortunately, I have not started the minutes from Mays planning meeting. 😞 Is there something I can help you with?

Thank you,
Carol Hammond
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly MI 48442
[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:29 AM

To: Carol Hammond [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Meeting Minutes

Carol,

Can you please send me the meeting minutes from the planning commission for May? I know they would only be in draft format, however, I am looking for something specific.

Thanks. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



Timothy Price

From: Anthony Geraci [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:15 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Geraci Statement for meeting tonight
Attachments: A Geraci Statement Holy Mtg.docx

Manager Price, I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to work. I have prepared a statement to be read.

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Re: Special meeting



You

3:57 PM

To linda [REDACTED]



Hi Linda,

I'm a little confused. I thought it was the boards directive to solicit new candidates, and raise the cap wage, in the case that Janet didn't accept the offer? Am I mistaken?

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linda [REDACTED]

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The directive was to go back to Janet and if she did not accept, then we were going to raise the amount. We didn't not vote on not accepting any of the other candidates and in fact, purposely left it open.

I asked Christina to bring Beth in for a one on one discussion to see if she had the capacity and willingness to learn the parts of the job that she doesn't know and she determined that she does indeed. I thought she warranted another look before we start all over.



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To Linda [REDACTED]



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It's possible I remember this incorrectly, I'd need to review the recording to be certain.

I did get an email from [REDACTED] AC Alrey earlier that suggested you've already hired this woman. This is a board decision, and I hope you plan to hear the board input. At the previous meeting, there was a consensus that she is not qualified and to pursue new candidates and offer up to \$70,000.

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Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:36 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Joint meeting

Hi Tim,

Id like to have a joint session for DDA and council. I would like Mike to present some basic information in a half hour segment. Id like him to educate everyone on their responsibility to be accessible to the public and each other (contact info), repercussions for sabotaging Holly events, their role in the village, and then reviewing ethics and bilaws, foiya and purchasing policy is each persons own responsibility to study in their own time.

I would also like to know, from Mike, if the DDA can have their own attorney, their own bank account, and if they can have their own treasurer to replace Lisa Bone.

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Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

From Amber Kier [REDACTED]

Date Wed 7/23/2025 4:53 PM

To Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]

Cc Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

I can do 5pm on the 6th

Sincerely,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:24 AM

To: April Brandon [REDACTED]

Cc: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Parks commission would be at 6PM on the same day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2025, at 10:56 AM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

How about August 6, 5pm?

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From: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:54:59 AM

To: Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]

Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Also pretty open after 5 in August except the 5th and 7th.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:50:38 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

I'm available any day except August 4th after 5pm

Sincerely,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:21 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Council Members,

I was hoping to schedule some time to meet to discuss some of the items that were discussed at previous meetings for the personnel and ethics committees. Please let me know some dates over the next couple weeks that may work for the group.

For the personnel committee, I wanted to discuss onboarding procedures. This will mostly be an administrative lift. I thought this would be an appropriate committee to review the RFPs for both the auditing services and legal services before they get sent out for bids.

For ethics, it was discussed that we wanted to look at changing the ordinance from stating "public hearing" to "public meeting", and also to determine notification procedures for those that are suspects of a complaint.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



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Re: Ethics Complaint

From Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date Tue 7/15/2025 10:07 AM
To Hannah [REDACTED]

Trust but verify 🤔

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics Complaint

Hi Timothy,

Thank you. I wanted to double check and ensure correction before I put forth a correction of any kind. Thanks for answering my questions (even if it's redundant!).

Best,
Hannah [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 9:59 AM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:
Hannah,

I believe I answered this in my previous email. The Ethics Committee, which is comprised of three council members, brought the issue up for discussion themselves. Our ethics ordinance (attached) enjoins the council to look into any potential violations.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:43 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics Complaint

Goodmorning Timothy and April,

After speaking with my editor, who filed the complaint? Was it the Ethics Committee? My editor and I would like to know about the correction. Thank you!

Thanks!

Hannah [REDACTED]

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Thank you!

Hannah [REDACTED]

Tri County Times Staff Writer



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Thank you!

Hannah [REDACTED]

Tri County Times Staff Writer



Re: Ethics Complaint Article

From April Brandon [REDACTED]

Date Mon 7/14/2025 10:14 AM

To Timothy Price [REDACTED] Hannah [REDACTED]

Cc Joe Mishler [REDACTED]

Thank you, Tim. I sent a similar message to Hannah yesterday.

April Brandon
Holly Village President

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 10:12 AM

To: Hannah [REDACTED]

Cc: Joe Mishler [REDACTED] April Brandon [REDACTED]

Subject: Ethics Complaint Article

Hannah,

I just saw the article in this weekends times in regard to the Ethics discussion that the council had at the last meeting.

One item that is wrong and that I believe should be retracted, is that Joe Mishler did not file an ethics complaint against Ms. Stouffer. I believe there is confusion on how this was stated in the meeting. The issue was brought up by the ethic's committee itself during their subcommittee meeting, as they are required by ordinance to review and/or intervene in any potential ethics violation that they become knowledgeable of.

Having worked with you I know that you strive to provide accurate unbiased reporting and believe this was just a misunderstanding. If you ever need clarification on an article, you have all my contact information. Please feel free to call my number any time.

I have included Mr. Mishler on this email, in case you would like to discuss any kind of clarification with him directly.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
[REDACTED]

tprice@hollyvillage.org





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Re: FOIA

From Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date Thu 7/10/2025 8:38 AM
To Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

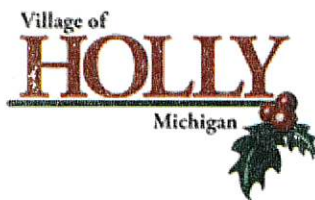
Lisa,

There was obviously some misunderstanding of what was stated by the council during the meeting. This item was brought forward to the ethics board by an ethics board member. Joe Mishler was not the complainant, but the individual that confronted the department head with the confidential information.

The ethics board discussed the item and asked the Village Attorney to prepare the resolution that was presented. I was not present for much of the discussion on this item.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:24 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOIA

Tim,

Do you have this information?

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple

Holly, MI 48442

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Stouffer [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:22 AM

To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

Subject: FOIA

Lisa,

I came in yesterday to pay for the FOIA. I know that a report was forwarded to Council for their review per the Ethics Ordinance. I would like the original complaint supposedly filed by Joe Michler and the report provided to Council.

Thanks,

Linda

Re: Ethics Committee Resolutions

From Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date Tue 7/8/2025 3:25 PM
To April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]
Cc Lisa Bone [REDACTED]

 1 attachment (28 KB)
Resolution of Censure Against Stouffer Final.doc;

Sorry only one attached.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Timothy Price
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:05 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics Committee Resolutions

Ethic's Committee,

Attached you will find the two resolutions drafted by the Village Attorney based on your discussions. These will be discussed during tonight's meeting.

Mr. W [REDACTED] has elected to have his discussed in closed session before voting, while Ms. Stouffer would like hers to be discussed in open session. Regardless any council votes will occur in open session.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Re: Closed meeting

From Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Date Thu 7/3/2025 11:56 AM
To Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED] Amber Kier [REDACTED]

i know today is a busy day for all of us but when are you going to post the going into closed session so that it is out where it needs to be because I got my packet this morning sorry I don't want to sound bossy just don't want it delayed anymore thank you and Happy Independence Day

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co Lead Volunteer

From: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:18:42 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Closed meeting

Thank you

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co Lead Volunteer

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:18:08 PM
To: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED] Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Closed meeting

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Jul 2, 2025, at 8:04 PM, Daniel Wendel [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co Lead Volunteer



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Re: Closed session

From April Brandon [REDACTED]
Date Wed 7/2/2025 9:32 PM
To Timothy Price [REDACTED]

Oh that's fine as long as Mike did. Her cell is +1 [REDACTED]
We still need to know if she needs a closed session.

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:30:38 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Closed session

Yes, however I thought Mike was going to do that. I will verify, I was trying to stay out of it. Do you have her cell phone number?
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 2, 2025, at 9:29 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] > wrote:

L [REDACTED] needs to be offered a closed meeting since the ethics committee is recommending a censure.
Can you inform her that she's got that on the agenda and ask if she wants a closed session?

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:15:34 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Closed session

I have not spoken to anyone. Mike spoke to D [REDACTED] today. I didn't know we would be talking about at the ethics meeting until it happened

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On Jul 2, 2025, at 8:26 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] > wrote:

Was L[REDACTED] informed about the ethics committee review, and did she ask for a closed session?

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Re: Ethics Committee Info

From Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Date Tue 7/1/2025 12:14 PM
To Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc Lisa Bone [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]

Thank you for the clarification!

Thank you,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics Committee Info

I was asked this question yesterday. Committee Meetings are not subject to the same requirements of a public body in regard to OMA, we do not have to post them in the same manner. This is from the

attorney generals OMA handbook:

meeting also being noticed as a county commission meeting), since the nonmember commissioners did not engage in deliberations or render [decisions](#).⁴¹

Advisory Committees and the OMA

The OMA does not apply to committees and subcommittees composed of less than a quorum of the full public body if they “are merely [advisory](#) or only capable of making recommendations concerning the exercise of governmental authority.”⁴²

Where, on the other hand, a committee or subcommittee is empowered to act on matters in such a fashion as to deprive the full public body of the opportunity to consider a matter, a decision of the committee or subcommittee “is an exercise of governmental authority which effectuates public policy” and the committee or subcommittee proceedings are, therefore, subject to the [OMA](#).⁴³

If a joint meeting of two committees of a board (each with less than a quorum of the board) results in the presence of a quorum of the board, the board must comply in all respects with the OMA and notice of the joint meeting must include the fact that a [quorum](#) of the board will be present.⁴⁴

Use of Email or Other Electronic Communications Among Board Members During an Open Meeting

Email, texting, or other forms of electronic communications among members of a board or commission during an open meeting that involve deliberations toward decision-making or actual decisions violates the OMA, since those communications are not open to the public and, in effect, transform the open meeting into a “closed” session.

While the OMA does not require that all votes by a public body must be by roll call, voting requirements under the act are met when a vote is taken by roll call, show of hands, or other method that informs the public of the public official’s decision rendered by his or her vote. Thus, the OMA bars the use of email or other electronic

⁴¹ OAG, 1989-1990, No 6636, p 253 (October 23, 1989), cited with approval in *Ryant v Cleveland Twp.*, 239 Mich App 430, 434-435; 608 NW2d 101 (2000) and *Nicholas*, 239 Mich App at 531-532. If, however, the noncommittee board members participate in committee deliberations, the OMA would be violated. *Nicholas*, 239 Mich App at 532.

⁴² OAG, 1997-1998, No 6935, p 18 (April 2, 1997); OAG No 5183 at p 40.

⁴³ *Schmiedicke v Clare School Bd.*, 228 Mich App 259, 261, 263-264; 577 NW2d 706 (1998); *Morrison v East Lansing*, 255 Mich App 505; 660 NW2d 395 (2003); and OAG, 1997-1998, No 7000, p 197 (December 1, 1998) (A committee composed of less than a quorum of a full board is subject to the OMA, if the committee is effectively authorized to determine whether items will or will not be referred for action by the full board), citing OAG, 1977- 1978, No 5222, p 216 (September 1, 1977).

⁴⁴ OAG, 1989-1990, No 6636, at p 254.

communications to conduct a secret ballot at a public meeting, since it would prevent citizens from knowing how members of the public body have voted.⁴⁵ Moreover, the use of electronic communications for discussions or deliberations, which are not, at a minimum, able to be heard by the public in attendance at an open meeting are contrary to the OMA's core purpose – the promotion of openness in government.

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On Jul 1, 2025, at 12:07 PM, Amber Kier [REDACTED] wrote:

Can we get confirmation that notice of the ethics meeting was posted? I'm hearing reports it was not posted.

Thanks,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 12:04 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Ethics Committee Info

I have not yet received any resolutions for the censures, If I haven't gotten them by this evening I do not think they will make it on the July Agenda.

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On Jul 1, 2025, at 9:27 AM, Lisa Bone [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning All,

As a follow-up for A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for voting at the March – May meetings, the March and April meetings were cancelled. As for the

minutes from the May meeting, I will have to get with Carol once she returns from vacation next week.

Thanks.

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



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Re: Formal Concern Regarding Commisioner A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Conduct on Social Media

From Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date Tue 6/24/2025 10:15 PM
To Amber [REDACTED]

You are welcome.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2025, at 9:37 PM, Amber [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you for educating me in this matter. Also I do see the time at which you sent this email was outside of business hours. That was definitely not expected, but deeply appreciated, especially after a council meeting.

Thank you for the time you are taking to help move this village in a new direction.

Sincerely,
Amber [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 8:26 PM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:

The ethics committee consists of the Village President, Councilperson Kier, and Councilperson Cole. They meet as needed, however we already have a meeting schedule this week. They provide their guidance back to Council.

Steps are based on the issue and the ethics policy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2025, at 5:43 PM, Amber [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you for your response. Are you able to share who is on the ethics committee? I looked on the website and do not see it listed. Does this committee meet? When the committee receives a complaint such as this, what steps are they required to take?

Thank you for your time Mr. Price,
Amber [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 10:56 AM Timothy Price [REDACTED]
wrote:

Amber,

I will provide your concerns to the ethics committee.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ [E. Maple St.](#)
[Holly, MI 48442](#)
[REDACTED]

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From: Amber [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Formal Concern Regarding Commissioner A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Conduct on Social Media

Dear Mr. Price,

I am writing to formally express deep concern over the conduct of Planning Commissioner A [REDACTED] [REDACTED], whose recent public comments on social media have been not only unprofessional, but deeply disrespectful to members of this community.

Commissioner [REDACTED] has made multiple remarks toward residents that include calling people "jealous," telling them to "quit sulking," and—most egregiously—telling them to "keep their mouths shut." These are not the words of a public servant. This kind of language degrades public trust and sets a dangerous precedent for how appointed officials may feel empowered to treat the very people they are supposed to represent.

To make matters worse, Commissioner [REDACTED] later advised another commissioner to clarify that their comments were personal opinions and not representative of the board. Yet she herself **never once made such a disclaimer**. This double standard only underscores the lack of accountability and reinforces the impression that she believes herself to be above the expectations of civil discourse.

I will be attaching screenshots of the statements in question to this email so there is no confusion or room for misinterpretation.

At a time when our village is already under financial and emotional strain, the very last thing we need is for our appointed officials to mock or belittle the public. This behavior is unacceptable, and frankly, alarming. If this is how a commissioner chooses to speak publicly, I can only imagine how she views the people of this village behind closed doors.

I am unsure of the formal process for removing a commissioner from their position, but I urge you to look into it. At minimum, this incident highlights the need for clearer expectations and enforceable guidelines regarding **social media conduct and public engagement** for all board members and commissioners moving forward.

The people of Holly deserve to be treated with respect and dignity by their leadership—no matter their opinion, background, or question. I hope to see prompt and meaningful action taken in response to this matter.

Sincerely,
Amber [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re: Planning Commissioner Eligibility

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date: Mon 6/23/2025 11:21 AM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]

Thank you. I will provide this to the ethics committee, we have a few items to review.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 8:13 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Planning Commissioner Eligibility

Good Morning,

I've looked at the County BS&A and she is delinquent on her Village taxes.

Thanks.

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:49 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Planning Commissioner Eligibility

Lisa,

Can you please confirm this?

Tim
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2025, at 9:43 PM, Thomas Ryan [REDACTED] wrote:

Tim and April,

I regret to inform you and that I am obligated to report it now that I was made aware of by a resident that A [REDACTED] on the Planning Commission is currently delinquent on her Village taxes. According to our charter this makes her ineligible to hold this position.

§ 4.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE IN VILLAGE.

(A) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to any elective or appointive village office if such person is in default to the Village. The election or appointment of any such person in default shall be void.

(B) As used in this section, "in default to the Village" means delinquent in the payment of property taxes or delinquent in a debt owed to the village if one of the following applies: (1) The property taxes remain delinquent after the last day of February in the year following the year in which they are levied, unless the taxes are the subject of an appeal.

(2) Another debt owed to the village remains unpaid 90 days after the due date, unless the debt is the subject of an administrative appeal or a contested court case.

This of course would not be the case if it is under appeal. I double checked BS&A Online to verify before I brought it. I attached a screenshot showing this. Tim can you verify this on the Village side that it is accurate?

Owner [REDACTED] Taxpayer [REDACTED] SEE OWNER INFORMATION

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Recalculate amounts using a different Payment Date

You can change your anticipated payment date in order to recalculate amounts due as of the specified date for this property.

Enter a Payment Date

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****Note:** On March 1 at 12:00 AM, Summer and Winter local taxes become ineligible for payment at the local unit.

****Note:** On September 14 at 12:00 AM, Village local taxes become ineligible for payment at the local unit.

	Year	Season	Total Amount	Total Paid	Last Paid	Total Due	
▶	2024	Winter	\$357.99	\$0.00		\$357.99	** Read Note(s) Above
▶	2024	Summer	\$1,794.52	\$0.00		\$1,794.52	** Read Note(s) Above
▲	2024	Village	\$1,114.45	\$0.00		\$1,114.45	** Read Note(s) Above

Re: Ethics Committee

From Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Date Sat 6/21/2025 10:31 AM
To April Brandon [REDACTED] Michael Gildner [REDACTED]; Amber Kier
[REDACTED] Shannon Cole [REDACTED]

So it sounds like everyone is available Thursday evening if we can plan on that.

We can finalize all the details when we are all together on Tuesday.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 1:25 PM
To: Michael Gildner [REDACTED] Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Timothy Price
[REDACTED] Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics Committee

I can do Thursday night next week.

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From: Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 3:48:53 AM
To: Amber Kier [REDACTED] Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon
[REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ethics Committee

I have night meetings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I could meet before or after your council meeting on Tuesday or anytime Thursday or Friday.

MICHAEL J. GILDNER

Member



5206 Gateway Centre Suite 200 \ Flint, MI 48507
[REDACTED]

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From: Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics Committee

I am available all next week but am unfortunately out of state this week.

Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:06 AM
To: April Brandon <[REDACTED]>; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Mike Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee,

The Village Attorney is closing out his investigation, I would like to schedule a time for the committee to meet in order to discuss several items beyond the investigation to include issues with potential incompatible offices and individuals that may need to be removed from commissions due to charter requirements. I would guess we will need approximately 2 hours. I think it is important that the village attorney to be present to answer any questions or research follow on questions.

Please let me know your availability, would the committee be available before the 24th meeting? Or would another day be preferable.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Ethics

From April Brandon [REDACTED]
Date Tue 4/15/2025 4:31 PM
To Timothy Price [REDACTED]

Yes, this matches mine. thanks for confirming with me.

Whats your interpretation of D [REDACTED] actions against this policy?

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:29:47 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics

This was the ethics ordinance update from 07-08-2023

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics

I don't think i saw a violation of any of these... number 6 i think could be Dicks only arguable point "adversely affecting public opinion on the integrity of the village of holly".... but D [REDACTED] wasn't acting as the village.

Are you certain this is the updated ethics handbook? I'll get mine out in a bit to confirm.

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:11:40 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics

<https://www.hollyvillage.org/index.php/document-library/new-amended-ordinances/ord-472-code-of-ethics/viewdocument/715>

Sorry I am still working on this... Just found it.... Realized all the previous ordinance updates since Feb 2022 haven't yet been codified in the full charter...

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Re: Ordinances

From April Brandon [REDACTED]
Date Mon 10/20/2025 6:30 AM
To Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]

The ethics committee does not make decisions. If the attorney or manager do not recognize a viable ethics complaint, the grievance is dismissed. Per my understanding, that follows the ethics ordinance as writ, and all applicable laws.

Privacy laws matter. You and every council member have a right to a closed session should an ethics violation by viable, which means preliminary investigations are not for public consumption.

That ordinance was approved both by council and legal.

Gildner was not at our last council meeting, so when he is caught up, we will have his input and go from there.

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From: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2025 8:17:20 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

April and Tim,

I will first address the follow-up and then after I will clarify my stance on this. Tim I hope my response on here clarifies more than my previous response. As previously mentioned due to the nature of who the violation complaints are made against, this should be referred to the Village Attorney so please forward this for his Attention.

I disagree with calling an ethics complaint filed by someone a grievance. If that path is followed then there is no official way to submit an ethics complaint. Any ethics complaint made by the public or a member of the Village Government in any capacity needs to be treated as a public complaint. Any ordinance for the City of Rochester is not applicable to the Village of Holly and its ordinances. The problem with the OMA complaints on this subject is that it is reasonable to suspect that a decision has occurred by choosing not to pass the ethics complaint on to council whether it was by vote or consensus. This is the primary reason why committees are not to make decisions per our charter and our rules and procedures. To me this is black and white with no grey area as it directly affects the confidence the public has with our local government.

For the simplified specific complaint, it is my understanding that the entire ethics board, by admission of Councilmember Kier during the October 2025 Council Meeting, has commonly been deciding to dismiss ethics complaints without forwarding them to the entire Village Council for review and final determination. As far as an ethics complaint specifically against the Village Manager for allegedly not forwarding all ethic violation complaints to the ethics committee, that would need further review with the employee handbook as I am not familiar with that document.

The following are the applicable citations from the Village of Holly's Charter, Ethics Ordinance, and Council Policy and Procedures (violations identified at end):

Charter

§ 6.13 COMMITTEES.

(A) The Village Council by resolution shall have the power to create committees comprised of three (3) Councilmembers for the purpose of serving as a recommending and advisory body to the Council. The President with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the members to serve on each committee.

(B) The Committees created by the Village Council shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Council.

(C) Committees may be established for Departments within the Village governmental structure.

(D) Committees will have the power to make recommendations to the Village Council at either regular or special meetings of the Council.

(E) Committees will only have the power to study, investigate and report back on matters referred to them by Council.

(F) Committees will not have the power to interfere in the day-to day [to-day] operation of the Village administration.

(G) A Department Head or other Village Officer may request, in writing to the Council, a meeting with a particular committee. The written request shall set forth the specific reason for said meeting.

(H) Committees must present their reports to the Village Council at the next regular or special Council Meetings

Council Policy and Procedures

10.2 Rules of Procedure

Each committee shall, to the extent applicable, follow the rules set forth in these Rules of Procedure with respect to the conduct of its meetings.

10.3 Committee Authority

Each committee shall only consider those matters referred to it by a majority of the Village Council. Each committee shall report back to the Village Council on every matter referred to it. No committee shall have any authority to take any action on behalf of the Village Council. Each committee may only make reports and recommendations to the Village Council on matters referred to it.

10.4 Time for Report

Each committee shall report to the Village Council on the status of every matter referred to it at the next regular or special meeting of the Village Council subsequent to the meeting at which the matter was referred to the committee. Any items referred to committees resulting in recommendations for Council action shall be placed on the meeting agenda under New Business.

Ethics Ordinance NO. 472

31.65 Scope and Applicability

The following apply to the elected positions of Village Council and all other boards, commissions and committee members appointed by Village Council. All full-time and part-time employees, including the Village Manager and Village Clerk/Treasurer, are subject to the Personnel Ethics Policy and other procedures as dictated by the Village of Holly Personnel Manual, department rules & regulations and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

31.66 Intent and Purpose

In an effort to maintain the public trust, the Village of Holly hereby declares that all Council/Board/Committee members of the Village of Holly shall avoid any conflict between their private interests and those of the general public they serve. All Village officials shall safeguard public confidence by being honest, fair and respectful of all persons and property with whom they have contact. Furthermore, to enhance the faith of the citizens in the integrity and impartiality of the Council/Board/Commission members of the Village of Holly, it is necessary to provide specific guidelines for dealing with conflicts of interest and proper conduct of officials and appointees. The Village of Holly intends that its Council/Board/Commission members will avoid any action which might result in or create the appearance of:

1. Using public office for private gain
2. Giving or accepting preferential treatment or monetary gain to or from a person or organization
3. Impeding government efficiency or economy
4. A lack of independence or impartiality of action
5. Making an official decision outside of proper channels
6. Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the Village of Holly.

31.67 Definitions.

Decision means a determination, action, vote or other disposition upon a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution or ordinance by members of the governing body; or a determination, action or other disposition taken by an elected official with the authority to do so.

Official action means a decision, recommendation, approval, disapproval or other action or failure to act which involves the use of discretionary authority.

31.72 Compliance and enforcement

1. This Code of Ethics for the Village of Holly expresses standards of ethical conduct expected for the officials and appointees of the Village of Holly. Village Council Member and appointees themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that they understand and meet the ethical standards expressed in this code of ethics and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of government.
2. Complaints alleging a violation of this section shall be filed with Village Manager. The Village Manager, or his/her designee, shall investigate the complaint to establish whether a violation of this section occurred. After investigation, then he or she shall report the complaint and the initial investigation findings to the Ethics Committee. After review, the Ethics Committee will forward the investigation, along with a recommendation of validity, to the Village Council. In the case that a member of Council is the focus of the complaint, the Manager may refer the matter to the Village Attorney or appropriate entity for investigation.
3. Upon acquiring reasonable suspicion of a violation of the code of ethics, by referral of the Ethics Committee, the Village Council president shall set, or any three Council members may require the setting of, a public hearing at a regular or special meeting of the Village Council to determine whether a violation of the code of ethics occurred and, if so, what sanctions shall be imposed for the violation. In complaints alleging a violation of this section by a member of the Village Council, that member shall not take part in any proceedings related to the complaint as a Village Council member.
4. The Village Council may impose sanctions on Village officers whose conduct does not comply with Village's ethical standards. A violation of this section by any Village officer shall be deemed misconduct in office. Sanctions may include reprimand, formal censure, loss of committee assignment, restrictions on budget or travel. If Council believes removal from office is appropriate, the Village Attorney shall work in conjunction with the State of Michigan for proper review. Upon removal of a member of Council from office, Council shall appoint a successor in the manner described in the Village Charter for appointments.
5. As an expression of the standards of conduct for Village officials and appointees expected by the public, this code of ethics is intended to be both responsive to complaints and self-enforcing. It therefore becomes most effective when Village officials and appointees are thoroughly familiar with it and embrace its provisions. Therefore, ethical standards shall be included in the regular orientations for newly elected or appointed Village officers. In addition, the Ethics Committee shall annually review the code of ethics for the Village of Holly.

The scope of these citations show that Committee members shall not make decisions even those through the use of discretionary authority. The ethics committee violated these partitions when they,

1. Decided to not forward their recommendations to the rest of Council

Violates OMA (making a decision outside an official meeting)

Violates Charter (6.13)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.66) (Supported by 31.72)

Violates Council Rules and Procedure (10.2, 10.3)

2. Did not report on any meetings of the Ethics Committee at the next Council Meeting

Violates Charter (6.13)

Violates Council Rules and Procedure (10.4)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.66)

3. Did not set public hearing (or agenda item) for reasonable suspicion of violation of the code of ethics (President only)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.72)

Thank you,
Thomas Ryan

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED] Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

Hi Thomas,

Following up:

- The website of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board states:
“Complaints and investigations ... are privileged and confidential ... unless and until a public complaint is issued.”
This shows that in the attorney-discipline context, investigations before formal charges are confidential.
- (It isn't formal until manager/attorney/board approval depending on who the complaint is lodged against)
- An article on grievance confidentiality in Michigan also states:
“Confidentiality attaches to a grievance from the moment it is filed ...

and it is supposed to remain in place forever unless ... a formal complaint is filed.”

- (See above parenthetical)
- A local ordinance for the City of Rochester provides:
“During which period the identity of the complainant and the person complained of shall remain confidential to the Board and not subject to public disclosure, except as required by law.”
- The OMA only governs “meetings” of a public body where deliberation toward decision occurs; some investigatory activity does not qualify as a “meeting”.

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:38:09 PM
To: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

Council Member Ryan,

I will pass on to legal. What is your specific ethics complaint?

Tim
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2025, at 6:39 PM, Thomas Ryan [REDACTED] wrote:

Hey April and Tim,

I included Tim on this as well. I'm just in disagreement with the interpretation on Ethics Ordinance/Charter requirements and what constitutes a decision being made by the committee. I do understand the general take on it to not disparage people on frivolous claims. I believe that needs to be reviewed further (I am currently looking into how to do this) and be mentioned in our ordinance. I do not believe there was any intentional breaking of ethics by the committee members to not pass on to the rest of Council but I do still believe that it is a requirement.

I think in this situation since there is a disagreement on the interpretation of how we handle ethics complaints, and since the complaint in itself involves both management and the committee, we need to have legal review it. If he agrees with my interpretation of the ordinances than I am obligated by our ordinance to file an ethics complaint, let this serve as the complaint if that is the case.

If my interpretation of our ethics ordinance/charter is incorrect, I believe we would still need to address the single point of failure problem. Having complaints fall on one person to be the decision maker on if it qualifies or not is not a good thing. This was a problem in our Audit findings on the financial side, it should not be any different in this case. Two person integrity doesn't just benefit the person making the complaint but it also protects the person who receives the complaint from allegations of not taking it serious.

Thomas

From: April Brandon <abrandon@hollyvillage.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 6:27 PM

To: Thomas Ryan <tryan@hollyvillage.org>

Subject: Ordinances

I don't see anything to contradict our ethics ordinance as written.

I see committees are to report, but if there's no recommendation to make because no investigation was launched, no report is necessary. Tim agrees.

If you see anything that stands out to you, will you send it to me for review?

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Timothy Price

From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 11:55 AM
To: DDA Board of Directors; Timothy Price; Lisa Bone; Cristina Sheppard-Decius
Subject: Main Street Holly DDA Board of Directors Meeting_Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6 p.m.
Attachments: Main Street Holly DDA Board Packet_06092025.pdf

Please find attached the board packet for the Main Street Holly DDA Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Please reply if you are unable to attend.

Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CMSM
Main Street Holly DDA
Interim Executive Director



Timothy Price

From: april brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 2:12 PM
To: Scott Roper
Cc: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: [External Message:] Re: Facebook anonymys posts

Hi Scott,

Great! I am available on Wednesday April 2, at 1pm, or Thursday April 10 at 4pm, Monday April 21 at 5pm, or Wednesday April 30 at 11am.

Also, here's a link to a post I made in the group today, if you'd like to take a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19SaB9TTuj/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

April Brandon MA, LPC
Gold Star Counseling LLC
[REDACTED]

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 1:40 PM Scott Roper [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello April,

Thank you for reaching out to me. There seems to be some misinformation here. I would like to confirm that I am only seeking to work with you to find a possible solution to reduce the negative impact that anonymous posts are having on the school community. Our concerns pertain to student safety and student well-being. There have been several incidents over the past years when misinformation creates unfortunate fear for our families and school community. We work very hard to earn and maintain that trust through our communication and transparency. Unfortunately, anonymous posts have also specifically named school leaders or staff and falsely criticized them; disrespecting them; and tarnishing their reputation.

I do not disagree that anonymous posts have also served as a valuable tool with the examples you shared in your email. And, I agree that the forum has provided a valuable tool to our community when used by members with integrity and positive intent.

The issue that impacts the school community is the misinformation, particularly when disseminated through social media platforms, poses significant challenges to Holly Area Schools, affecting leadership effectiveness, operational functions, public trust, and diverting attention and many hours from critical educational and safety objectives.

There is some confusion here. I never questioned your ability or the legality of you working as a moderator for a Forum outside of your official capacity on the Village Council. I never stated pursuing legal recourse against you or the Village and I am very disappointed if that was communicated to you. I only mentioned that an anonymous poster could be subject to defamation claims and that is something that the school could look into with legal counsel as a remedy to the damage that some of these false incidents have on the schools. That is very specific to the anonymous poster upon uncovering his/her identity.

Our intent is and continues to be to discuss and share the impact on the school community. I am familiar with hierarchy and in fact I shared that with Mr. Price. My words were that I know that the Village Council does not answer to you. I went to him to share the impact on the school as we partner with the Village in our efforts to support the community, and to seek some suggestions on next steps since he has a professional rapport with you and I do not. My hope was that this effort could result in an opportunity for a meeting with you to discuss. If that is possible, I would appreciate a time to meet and discuss during the month of April.

Thank you for your communication and additional insight into how the forum serves the Holly community. I appreciate your time and also want to foster a partnership with you so that we may find a way to reduce the negative impact that anonymous posts have on our school community. Please let me know if you are interested and willing to meet next month.

Sincerely,

Scott Roper

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 12:46 PM april brandon [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello Scott,

Having spoken with Tim, it is my understanding that you wish for us to reconsider permitting anonymous posts. This is a Facebook feature that has allowed many people to post requesting help, aid, and resources with dignity and privacy. This feature also enables survivors of domestic abuse to seek resources while remaining safe from being outed. These are posts you may not be privy to and may not have considered before, as they aren't the ones that blow up and cause a ruckus and do not generate as many views. However, these posts outnumber the problematic posts by an incalculable margin.

While we cannot prevent people from abusing Facebook features, having an administrative group that is concerned about the welfare of the public helps ensure the community that the police will continue to be informed of the miscreant's names. There is no legal authority to otherwise motivate Facebook admins to give up that kind of information, and usually, law enforcement would be required to go through Facebook itself to get the names of anon posters. That is a very long and drawn-out process, as you can imagine. Other admins might not be moved to delete problematic posts if their group is less about community usefulness and more about garnering clicks and follows to promote their Internet Identity. This is what makes our group stand out, and this is why our group became so successful. This group does not generate a revenue or charge to promote local businesses; it's simply a pet project of ours. We have curated, in my opinion, the least volatile and problematic group in Oapland County of

any comparable size. I personally am grateful to the moderators for getting on the phone with the Chief and myself and ensuring public education and safety as a community collective.

I have had 3 attorneys from the village, township, and library look at the legalities of me as an individual working on this side project of mine, and none of them saw a problem with it. I believe that I have looked at the ethical and legal ramifications with due diligence, and I resent your implications, to be quite frank. Before you pursue legal recourse, I do hope you consider the bigger picture here. I know that can be difficult when we are worked up over something personal, but I assure you, if we take away anon posting, the outcome from the public is going to be more difficult to manage. Keeping a level head is important when under fire, as I am sure you know. People will continue to make misinformation posts, but they will make believable fake Facebook accounts, and they will be able to answer the questions to enter the group as they will be locals, and then they will be truly anonymous.

Finally, I do not answer to the Village Manager or the Police Chief; in any capacity, I am a little surprised you were unaware of the hierarchy here. You can feel free to contact me, or, if you want to go over my head, the group creator is Lloyd Bigham. The principals have always used my contact info when there were issues with Facebook group posts about teachers or misinformation, and I immediately tended to them. I hope you consider cultivating a similar relationship with me.

As a courtesy, I am looping Tiim in since you mentioned the charter but were currently unable to site the section. If you think of what ordinance applies here, let me know, and I will have the appropriate attorney reconsider the legalities.

April Brandon MA, LPC
Gold Star Counseling LLC

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 11:47 AM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:
Scott,

Based on our conversation, I spoke with April about this issue.

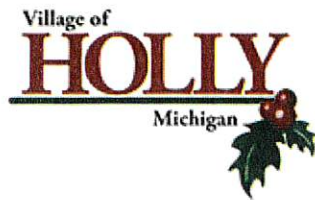
As it is a function that is being performed outside of her official duties as Village President, I feel at this point it is inappropriate for me to be involved in the discussions, unless asked by both parties for my participation.

Having said that, April is more than willing to discuss this issue with you. I know that everyone involved in this wants what's best for the community, and I am confident that we will all be able to come up with a solution that is agreeable by all parties. I have included her on this email, and intentionally used her personal email.

Feel free to call me anytime on my cell phone [REDACTED]

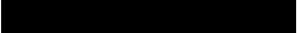
Respectfully,
Timothy W. Price
Village Manager

504 ½ [E. Maple St.](#)
[Holly, MI 48442](#)



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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Lisa Bone; Jerry Narsh; Jeremy Watson; Brian Klaassen; Holly DDA Executive Director
Subject: Next Weeks Agenda

I am working on next weeks agenda, and wanted to check if there is anything to add.

The TAs for the three unions will probably not be ready until the August Agenda.

We have a presentation for the DDA and the executive director position in new business.

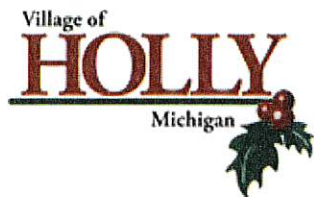
We have the Moose Lodge picnic special event.

I have a couple items that stem from our ethics meeting that will probably be added.

What else am I missing?

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 1:25 PM
To: Village Council
Cc: Lisa Bone; Michael Gildner; Jeremy Watson; Jerry Narsh; Holly DDA Executive Director
Subject: November Village Council Agenda
Attachments: Complete November Agenda Packet.pdf

Village Council,

The November Council agenda is online (and attached). A lighter agenda this month in terms of actual items.

Please remember that the council meeting next week is on **Wednesday** due to the holiday on Tuesday.

Also, the depot will be in the process of moving over the next two weeks (fingers-crossed), so keep a look out.

If you have any questions until then please let me know.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:40 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: nuts and bolts of holly
Attachments: Nuts and Bolts of Holly NBH (2).pdf

Hi Tim,

This is something I made for the people years ago. I just updated it. Do you think we could keep a copy at the Village? I have a copy at the library, as well. There used to be a copy at the township, too.

April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

Timothy Price

From: Thomas Ryan
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 10:24 PM
To: Timothy Price; April Brandon
Subject: Parks Commission Member Ethics Violation

Tim and April,

As you are both probably aware, I contacted both of you about the recent Village Parks meeting that occurred a few days ago. I believe that both J. [REDACTED] and J. [REDACTED] engaging in negotiations on behalf of the Village and Township in the transaction that was discussed during the meeting is not just an Incompatible Office situation but also an Ethics Violation.

Village Ordinance NO. 472 section 31.70 Disclosure

"Whenever a Village official or appointee is required to recuse himself or herself under this chapter, he or she:

1. Shall immediately refrain from participating further in the matter"

The portion I believe they should have recuse themselves from is the Conflict of interest stated in this ordinance, Under this Ordinance section 31.67 Definitions:

Conflict of Interest is defined as "either a personal interest or a duty or loyalty to a third party that competes with or is adverse to a Village Council/Board/Commission members duty to the public interest in the exercise of official duties or official actions.'

Being on the Township Parks board while negotiating the costs of this purchase makes them both loyal to the Township Park as a third party.

While I did not seek this out as an Ethics Violation and thought of it only as a incompatible office violation, I came across this understanding while looking into a different separate matter for a constituent and of such it is my responsibility to report it.

Thomas Ryan

Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:19 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: process

Hi Tim,

I would like to add these items to an agenda for the council to consider discipline for the DDA Chair. Please advise on the process. I would consider a special meeting, as I wonder if this would be a long one. Do we need to have Mike review these things? I don't think these are ethics issues, but rather process.

- **Misuse of DDA Resources**

DDA funds and resources appear to have been used to funnel money into the Dickens Festival. This represents a potential misuse of public funds and a violation of the DDA's stated purpose and scope.

- **TIF Plan Non-Compliance**

The DDA is currently operating outside compliance with its approved Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. This raises significant legal and financial risks for both the DDA and the Village.

- **Non-Compliance with Repayment Submissions**

Required repayment submissions are not being completed as mandated. This ongoing failure is causing administrative delays and may result in additional reporting or compliance violations.

- **Neglect of the North End District**

The North End area—within the DDA boundary and from which tax captures are collected—is being neglected. Continued non-compliance and lack of investment in this portion of the district could jeopardize the DDA's ability to capture taxes from that area.

- **Attorney Budget and Unauthorized Expenses**

The DDA has already exceeded its attorney budget by approximately 500%. In addition, an attorney expense was approved at the last meeting without a formal board vote, under the mistaken assumption that it fell under the existing engagement. This constitutes a violation of budgetary and procedural governance requirements.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

Timothy Price

From: James Koskela
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:59 AM
To: DDA Board of Directors
Cc: Timothy Price; Holly DDA Executive Director
Subject: Public Statement Re: State of Holly DDA

Good morning,

I inquired with Manager Price this morning regarding any updates for our scheduled DDA / Village Council meeting this evening. Mr. Price informed me that DDA board members have now come together and decided to join the joint workshop. This is great to hear!

Last week I made a public post on social media channels regarding our village DDA. I understand that not everyone has social media, so I am including the note here:

- There have been growing concerns about how our DDA is operating, and the most recent situation involves the upcoming joint DDA and Village Council work session scheduled for this coming Monday. This meeting has already been properly noticed to the public. Village Council fully intends to attend. However, Village staff was informed by Interim DDA Director Finney that the DDA board has decided not to attend. Instead, the DDA plans to hold a different meeting during the same time slot. From the outside, this appears to be an attempt to isolate Village personnel from an already agreed upon meeting.
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- For those who may not know the background, the Village DDA was created through a Village ordinance many years ago. Every DDA board member is appointed by Village Council, and it is the Village Council that holds the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the legal, ethical, and procedural requirements that govern the DDA. The authority of the DDA, its boundaries, its spending powers, and its obligations all originate from the Village itself. This means accountability and proper oversight must be present for the DDA to function in the way Michigan law intends.
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- I am still gathering information about how and why this recent decision to abstain from the meeting was made, but given the totality of the circumstances, it raises serious concerns. Village Council has continually tried to work with the DDA, communicate clearly, and provide guidance. Council has supported the reappointment of multiple DDA members. Despite those efforts, it is becoming clear that DDA board members are not following required processes, regulations, and reporting duties. When these processes and regulations are not followed, it may also hamper governmental operations and create unnecessary strain between boards that should be working together.
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- Chairwoman Stouffer has criticized me in the past for communicating with board members directly and has insisted that all communication be public. For that reason I am addressing this matter here rather than emailing board members privately. I do not believe this is the best way to resolve problems and do not agree that my voice should be silent, and given the current situation, something needs to be said.

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- At the most recent DDA meeting it became clear that several board members do not understand the purpose of the DDA, how a TIF district functions, or how spending must follow the Village approved TIF spending plan. Hearing members express surprise that there was a document that was supposed to guide how taxpayer money is spent was extremely troubling.
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- Several months ago I asked the previous DDA Director for prior year TIF spending reports that are to be submitted to Council. The purpose of the request was to make sure past spending was compliant with the approved TIF plan, since Council is responsible for reviewing these reports every year to ensure compliance and the proper use of tax increment funds. Council has a responsibility to ensure compliance through all Village instruments, and the DDA is no exception.
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- There is a growing disconnect between the DDA and the Village of Holly. President Brandon, who serves on the DDA, has been consistent in advocating for improvements across the entire district, not just one block downtown. She has also been advocating for improvements on the North end in accordance with the TIF plan, which clearly outlines obligations and priorities for the entire district. The DDA district is large in comparison to the village and includes properties from Waterworks Park to the Holly Foods area, along with parts of Grange Hall. Residents and businesses throughout the district deserve improvements that increase property values and support the broader community, which is the purpose of PA 57.
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- When these concerns first started, I believed many of the issues were simple mistakes that could be corrected with better education and clearer guidance. I was wrong. It has become clear that this is no longer a matter of simple mistakes. Some of these actions appear to be deliberate, and when you look at the totality of the situation, it is clear that this pattern cannot continue. For that reason I believe Village Council must begin discussions on replacing DDA board members, which the law allows.
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- The ongoing repeated concerns and "mistakes" are becoming a giant distraction, and our residents deserve better. In neighboring communities the DDA actively supports the local government and works in partnership to improve the community as a whole. That is how it should be here in Holly. Our community deserves transparency, accountability, and a DDA that uses taxpayer money responsibly and follows the law. That must be our priority moving forward.

Looking forward to improving our DDA district for our residents and businesses alike.

Best regards,

Jim Koskela

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Timothy Price

From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 4:27 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Village of Holly Public Comment Rules

Hi Mr. Price,

Thank you so much! I will get this into my article. I think that is a good description regarding public comment.

Best,

Hannah [REDACTED]

On Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 4:03 PM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:

Hannah,

No, typically public officials don't respond during Public Comment. It's meant to be a one-way chance for people to be heard, not a back-and-forth discussion. If something raised in Public Comment prompts Council or staff to respond, they'll do so during their reports, but it still isn't intended to turn into a dialogue at that moment.

That structure exists for a few reasons. Councils must avoid unannounced deliberation outside a properly noticed agenda item, if a comment led to deliberation, it could raise open meetings act issues. Allowing extended back-and-forth with one speaker would also lengthen meetings and give unequal access compared with other members of the public. The Council shouldn't be put in the position of choosing who to engage with, which can feel unfair and create ethics concerns.

Adding an item to a future agenda gives Council and staff time to research and provide a more thoughtful, accurate answer. If someone wants a one-on-one conversation, the best approach is to schedule time with a Council member or staff outside the meeting. Many residents are actively engaged and work with us every day to improve the Village. Others use Public Comment mainly to draw attention without participating in the process. Outrage without participation is just performance.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Timothy Price <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Village of Holly Public Comment Rules

Hello Mr. Price,

That pretty much covers what I want to include but for the village, are board members/public officials allowed to respond to public comments?

Thanks!

Hannah [REDACTED]

On Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 3:14 PM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:
Hannah,

What are your specific questions? As always, we are happy to help.

Under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, public bodies must provide time during the public meeting to permit the members of the public in attendance an opportunity to address the public body. Section 3 (MCL 15.263(5)) of the act enables the public body to implement rules for how the public comment portion of the public meeting will proceed.

Ours are outlined in our Council Rules of procedure:

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public at the meeting shall not speak unless recognized by the chair. Members of the public shall be limited to speaking for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any public hearing or public comment. The Village Council may extend by up to three (3) minutes the three (3) minute limit by a majority vote of the Village Council members present. After each agenda item there will be an additional public comment of (2) minutes to speak on that item. Prior to addressing the Village Council, members of the public shall state their name and address for the record."

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Village of Holly Public Comment Rules

Tim,

Do we have something for Hannah?

Thanks. 😊

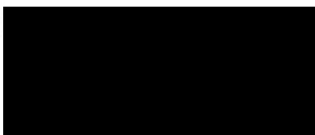
Lisa Bone

Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Holly

504 1/2 E. Maple

Holly, MI 48442



From: Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Village of Holly Public Comment Rules

Hi Ms. Bone,

This is Hannah [REDACTED] from the Tri-County Times. I am reaching out today to ask about Village of Holly's public comment rules/regulations. I am writing a story about local government body rules and laws so residents are aware of what to expect. I also want to include if public officials are allowed to respond to public comment! Please let me know or send over the township's rules when it comes to public comment.

Thanks!

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Hannah [REDACTED]

Tri County Times Staff Writer

[REDACTED]

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Hannah [REDACTED]

Tri County Times Staff Writer

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Hannah [REDACTED]

Tri County Times Staff Writer

[REDACTED]

Timothy Price

From: Tessa Clardy
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Anna Matson
Cc: Timothy Price; Lisa Bone
Subject: RE: #4 - Ethics FOIA
Attachments: A. MATson-4 Ethics FOIA-Appeal Response.pdf

Ms. Matson,
Attached is the response to your appeal related to your #4- Ethics FOIA request.

Regards,

Tessa Clardy
Deputy Finance Officer
Village of Holly, MI
504 ½ East Maple Street
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Anna Matson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: #4 - Ethics FOIA

Dear Ms.Bone,

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting copies of all public records related to ethics issues from January 1, 2020, to the present. Specifically, I am seeking:

1. **Ethics Complaints and Investigations:** Any and all complaints lodged against elected or appointed board members that pertain to ethics concerns, regardless of whether they were formally classified as ethics violations. I would also like any follow up public records for each of these complaints such as communication, investigations, and determinations.

2. **Ethics Committee Records:** Copies of all minutes, agendas, and official communications from the ethics committee during this period.

3. **Related Correspondence:** Any correspondence and communication (including but not limited to emails, memos, or letters) that discuss or reference ethics, ethics complaints, the ethics committee, ethics reviews, or investigations involving board members.

By phrasing the request in this manner, I aim to ensure that it encompasses all records that might relate to ethics matters, including those that may have been considered informal or not officially labeled as violations. This would include complaints lodged against any appointed or elected board members, even if you do not believe it crossed the line of an official ethics complaint.

Fee Waiver Request

I request a waiver or reduction of all fees associated with this request as disclosure of these records is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations, oversight, and accountability of government. The requested information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Format of Production

I request that all responsive records be provided in electronic format and delivered via email to:

Thank you,

Anna Matson

Timothy Price

From: Scott Roper [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 6:34 PM
To: april brandon
Cc: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: [External Message:] Re: [External Message:] Re: Facebook anonymys posts

Hello April,

Thursday, April 10th at 4 pm will work for me. Thank you for sharing your recent post and your commitment to take a proactive approach against those individuals who have negative intentions. I appreciate the warning you are giving to those individuals who may negatively harm our community.

I look forward to talking to you on April 10th. Would you be available to meet at the high school or would you prefer somewhere downtown?

Thank you,
Scott

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 2:12 PM april brandon [REDACTED] wrote:
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April Brandon MA, LPC
Gold Star Counseling LLC
[REDACTED]

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Thank you for reaching out to me. There seems to be some misinformation here. I would like to confirm that I am only seeking to work with you to find a possible solution to reduce the negative impact that anonymous posts are having on the school community. Our concerns pertain to student safety and student well-being. There have been several incidents over the past years when misinformation creates unfortunate fear for our families and school community. We work very hard to earn and maintain that trust through our communication and transparency. Unfortunately, anonymous posts have also

specifically named school leaders or staff and falsely criticized them; disrespecting them; and tarnishing their reputation.

I do not disagree that anonymous posts have also served as a valuable tool with the examples you shared in your email. And, I agree that the forum has provided a valuable tool to our community when used by members with integrity and positive intent.

The issue that impacts the school community is the misinformation, particularly when disseminated through social media platforms, poses significant challenges to Holly Area Schools, affecting leadership effectiveness, operational functions, public trust, and diverting attention and many hours from critical educational and safety objectives.

There is some confusion here. I never questioned your ability or the legality of you working as a moderator for a Forum outside of your official capacity on the Village Council. I never stated pursuing legal recourse against you or the Village and I am very disappointed if that was communicated to you. I only mentioned that an anonymous poster could be subject to defamation claims and that is something that the school could look into with legal counsel as a remedy to the damage that some of these false incidents have on the schools. That is very specific to the anonymous poster upon uncovering his/her identity.

Our intent is and continues to be to discuss and share the impact on the school community. I am familiar with hierarchy and in fact I shared that with Mr. Price. My words were that I know that the Village Council does not answer to you. I went to him to share the impact on the school as we partner with the Village in our efforts to support the community, and to seek some suggestions on next steps since he has a professional rapport with you and I do not. My hope was that this effort could result in an opportunity for a meeting with you to discuss. If that is possible, I would appreciate a time to meet and discuss during the month of April.

Thank you for your communication and additional insight into how the forum serves the Holly community. I appreciate your time and also want to foster a partnership with you so that we may find a way to reduce the negative impact that anonymous posts have on our school community. Please let me know if you are interested and willing to meet next month.

Sincerely,

Scott Roper

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 12:46 PM april brandon [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello Scott,

Having spoken with Tim, it is my understanding that you wish for us to reconsider permitting anonymous posts. This is a Facebook feature that has allowed many people to post requesting help, aid, and resources with dignity and privacy. This feature also enables survivors of domestic abuse to seek resources while remaining safe from being outed. These are posts you may not be privy to and may not have considered before, as they aren't the ones that blow up and cause a ruckus and do not

generate as many views. However, these posts outnumber the problematic posts by an incalculable margin.

While we cannot prevent people from abusing Facebook features, having an administrative group that is concerned about the welfare of the public helps ensure the community that the police will continue to be informed of the miscreant's names. There is no legal authority to otherwise motivate Facebook admins to give up that kind of information, and usually, law enforcement would be required to go through Facebook itself to get the names of anon posters. That is a very long and drawn-out process, as you can imagine. Other admins might not be moved to delete problematic posts if their group is less about community usefulness and more about garnering clicks and follows to promote their Internet Identity. This is what makes our group stand out, and this is why our group became so successful. This group does not generate a revenue or charge to promote local businesses; it's simply a pet project of ours. We have curated, in my opinion, the least volatile and problematic group in Oapland County of any comparable size. I personally am grateful to the moderators for getting on the phone with the Chief and myself and ensuring public education and safety as a community collective.

I have had 3 attorneys from the village, township, and library look at the legalities of me as an individual working on this side project of mine, and none of them saw a problem with it. I believe that I have looked at the ethical and legal ramifications with due diligence, and I resent your implications, to be quite frank. Before you pursue legal recourse, I do hope you consider the bigger picture here. I know that can be difficult when we are worked up over something personal, but I assure you, if we take away anon posting, the outcome from the public is going to be more difficult to manage. Keeping a level head is important when under fire, as I am sure you know. People will continue to make misinformation posts, but they will make believable fake Facebook accounts, and they will be able to answer the questions to enter the group as they will be locals, and then they will be truly anonymous.

Finally, I do not answer to the Village Manager or the Police Chief; in any capacity, I am a little surprised you were unaware of the hierarchy here. You can feel free to contact me, or, if you want to go over my head, the group creator is Lloyd Bigham. The principals have always used my contact info when there were issues with Facebook group posts about teachers or misinformation, and I immediately tended to them. I hope you consider cultivating a similar relationship with me.

As a courtesy, I am looping Tiim in since you mentioned the charter but were currently unable to site the section. If you think of what ordinance applies here, let me know, and I will have the appropriate attorney reconsider the legalities.

April Brandon MA, LPC
Gold Star Counseling LLC

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 11:47 AM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:
Scott,

Based on our conversation, I spoke with April about this issue.

As it is a function that is being performed outside of her official duties as Village President, I feel at this point it is inappropriate for me to be involved in the discussions, unless asked by both parties for my participation.

Having said that, April is more than willing to discuss this issue with you. I know that everyone involved in this wants what's best for the community, and I am confident that we will all be able to come up with a solution that is agreeable by all parties. I have included her on this email, and intentionally used her personal email.

Feel free to call me anytime on my cell phone [REDACTED]

Respectfully,
Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ [E. Maple St.](#)
[Holly, MI 48442](#)



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Timothy Price

From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 12:48 PM
To: Timothy Price; Lisa Bone
Cc: linda [REDACTED]; jerome [REDACTED]; hjallge [REDACTED]; dave [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DDA Executive Director Position for Council Agenda June 24, 2025
Attachments: DDA Executive Director Position_06242025_Council Request Packet.pdf; At-Will Employment Agreement_Main Street Holly DDA_AHillman.pdf

Hello Tim and Lisa. I updated the cover letter and included Ms. Hillman's reference letters with this. Please utilize this instead of what was submitted last week. Thank you!

Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CMSM
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director

[REDACTED]

From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: linda [REDACTED]; jerome [REDACTED]; hjallge [REDACTED]; dave [REDACTED]
Subject: DDA Executive Director Position for Council Agenda June 24, 2025

Hello Tim and Lisa. Please find attached a memo requesting the approval of the Executive Director position for the Council meeting on June 24. Let me know if this is the typical format you need and if you need any other attachments or modifications. I have attached the contract, but wasn't sure if you wanted the resume and reference letters or not. Happy to send those along. We do hope that this can go on consent. If not, I believe Dave will be presenting this to the Council if it is on the regular agenda.

Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CMSM
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director

[REDACTED]

Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Kurt [REDACTED]
Cc: Tessa Clardy; Timothy Price
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for the Village of Holly Michigan
Attachments: Garwood-Documents re FOIA 10.26.25.zip

Greetings Mr. [REDACTED]

Here is the information that you requested with regards to your FOIA Request.

Have a great day. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



From: Kurt [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 7:07 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: FOIA Request for the Village of Holly Michigan

Dear Ms. Lisa Bone, FOIA Coordinator,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting copies of all records related to ethics complaints submitted to, received by, investigated, or acted upon by the Village of Holly from November 1, 2024, through the date this request is processed.

Specifically, I am requesting the following records:

1. All ethics complaints filed or received by the Village of Holly during this period, regardless of whether they were accepted, dismissed, or acted upon.
2. All correspondence, reports, memoranda, and communications related to the review, investigation, or disposition of these ethics complaints.

3. Any findings, recommendations, or determinations made by the Ethics Committee, Village Manager, or Village Council regarding these complaints.
4. All records or communications forwarded (or intended to be forwarded) to the Village Council related to these ethics complaints.
5. Any meeting minutes, notes, or summaries where ethics complaints were discussed or decisions were made, including but not limited to Ethics Committee meetings and staff meetings.
6. All communications between the Village Manager, Ethics Committee, the Village council, and any other Village officials regarding ethics complaints, ethics policy, or the ethics complaint process.

I am requesting that all responsive records be provided electronically via email to:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for reading this and hope you had a lovely weekend,

Kurt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Timothy Price

From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Timothy Price; Lisa Bone
Cc: linda [REDACTED] jerome [REDACTED] hjallge [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised Council Item Request for JULY 8 (corrected) Council Meeting: Main Street Holly DDA Executive Director
Attachments: DDA Executive Director Position_06302025_combined.pdf

Apologies for the date typo on both of these items today. I've corrected the memo here as well.

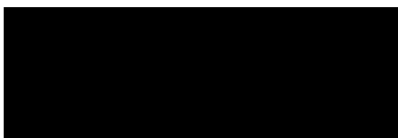
Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CMSM
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director



From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: linda [REDACTED] Jerome Raska [REDACTED] Hilary Allgeyer [REDACTED]
Subject: Revised Council Item Request for July 7 Council Meeting: Main Street Holly DDA Executive Director

Hello. Here is the revised packet for our request to approve the contract for the Main Street Holly DDA Executive Director position to be placed on the July 7 council agenda. I've updated the dates and some of the information in the cover letter. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CMSM
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director



Timothy Price

From: Holly DDA Executive Director
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 5:50 PM
To: Timothy Price; Lisa Bone
Cc: Michael Gildner; Agrusa, Courtney
Subject: Re: URGENT: DDA Special Meeting Notice - 11/17

Tim,

Sorry for the miscommunication. The DDA Chair requested a special meeting in compliance with Article VII of our Bylaws. Due to a few DDA matters that need to be addressed, it seemed time prohibitive to move forward with the joint work session in lieu of a special meeting. There was no OMA violation.

That said, as the Village has already noticed the joint session, the DDA Chair is comfortable with the DDA special meeting being held on 11/20. All members of the DDA Board who are available to attend the joint session on 11/17 will be there as initially agreed to.

Thanks,
Jennifer

Jennifer
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director
[REDACTED]

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 4:19 PM
To: Holly DDA Executive Director [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: Village Council [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: URGENT: DDA Special Meeting Notice - 11/17

Jennifer,

You cannot cancel a Village Council meeting, the DDA can decide not to attend. But you cannot effectively uninvite them to their own meeting.

Until Village Council decides to Cancel their side of the work session the council chambers are reserved for Village Council at 6:45PM on Monday.

If a DDA member contacted all of the other members or requested others to do so and inform them not to attend, then this could be considered an OMA Violation. Additionally, there are ethical considerations as far as impeding government efficiency, making official decisions outside of proper channels, and affecting adversely the confidence of the Village. If this did occur any appointed personnel or employees are enjoined to report this.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price

Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Holly DDA Executive Director [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 3:53 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Cc: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT: DDA Special Meeting Notice - 11/17

Lisa and Tim,

Per my email from earlier today, the DDA Board is canceling our working group with Council.

The DDA Board will be holding a special meeting on **11/17/25 at 6:45 PM at Village Council Chambers**. Please see attached agenda and notice.

This is on the DDA website.

Lisa/Tim - can you please notice this meeting appropriately through the Village. Please send me a photo of the physical posting of this at the Village along with a screenshot of it on the Village website.

Please confirm in writing that you received this.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer
Main Street Holly DDA Interim Executive Director
[REDACTED]

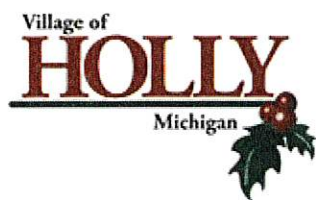
Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:43 PM
To: April Brandon
Subject: Re:

I just sat down with Cristina and talked over this a little and told her my concerns. I also let her know what the perception might be based on how this was handled.

I am interested to see how tonight goes.

Respectfully,
Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: April Brandon
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject:

Just keeping you in the loop in case ethics or legal needs to get involved at some point.

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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 12:47 PM
To: April Brandon; linda [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: RE: Education
Attachments: Ord-472-Code-of-Ethics.pdf

Attached is the Code of Ethics.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 9:57 AM
To: linda [REDACTED]
Cc: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Education

I'm not sure what this means. You were provided with a binder. What was in it?

When you return, please provide us with the ordinance you're referring to. Tim has reviewed our ethics ordinances and has not found anything like what you referenced.

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From: [linda](#) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 9:48:57 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Cc: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Education

We were all provided with a binder alls I provide a binder to the new members after.
Owner, Battle Alley Coffee

[REDACTED]

On Jul 10, 2025, at 6:46 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

Tim it still looking through the ordinance. Do you happen to have that piece of the ordinance on hand?

And just to clarify, did Walker give you any onboarding at all? What about the other dda members that were put on two years ago? I believe that would be Jerome, you and Holly?

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:40:42 PM
To: [linda](#) [REDACTED] Timothy Price
[REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Education

I will have Tim look into the ordinance regarding onboarding.

As far as Christina educating the board, is her contract renewal on the next agenda then?

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From: [linda](#) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:32:29 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Education

Thank you. We have Cristina scheduled to provide onboard training. The other training that I was referring to was on the Village's ethics ordinance. It states that we should be provided a copy and training. We ought to even sign it if we are to be held accountable to it.

Owner, Battle Alley Coffee
[REDACTED]

On Jul 10, 2025, at 11:56 AM, April Brandon [REDACTED]
wrote:

Hello Linda,

It is in the DDA bilaws to pursue onboarding education for new members.
That is your duty as chair to provide.

Michael Gildner is willing to provide some education to the DDA about their
roles and their responsibilities. That's up to you to follow your process, and
schedule.

You can also look for educational classes for newly appointed officials and
provide those to your new members.

How would you like to proceed?

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Timothy Price

From: Amber Kier
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Timothy Price; April Brandon
Cc: Shannon Cole; Lisa Bone
Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

I can do 5pm on the 6th

Sincerely,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:24 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Cc: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Parks commission would be at 6PM on the same day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2025, at 10:56 AM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

How about August 6, 5pm?

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From: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:54:59 AM
To: Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Also pretty open after 5 in August except the 5th and 7th.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:50:38 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]

Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

I'm available any day except August 4th after 5pm

Sincerely,
Amber Kier

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:21 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED] Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics and Personnel Committee's

Council Members,

I was hoping to schedule some time to meet to discuss some of the items that were discussed at previous meetings for the personnel and ethics committees. Please let me know some dates over the next couple weeks that may work for the group.

For the personnel committee, I wanted to discuss onboarding procedures. This will mostly be an administrative lift. I thought this would be an appropriate committee to review the RFPs for both the auditing services and legal services before they get sent out for bids.

For ethics, it was discussed that we wanted to look at changing the ordinance from stating "public hearing" to "public meeting", and also to determine notification procedures for those that are suspects of a complaint.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]

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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:26 PM
To: April Brandon; Amber Kier; Shannon Cole
Cc: Lisa Bone
Subject: Re: Ethics Committee Resolutions
Attachments: Resolution of Censure Against S [REDACTED] - Final.doc

Sorry only one attached.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Timothy Price
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:05 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole
[REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: Ethics Committee Resolutions

Ethic's Committee,

Attached you will find the two resolutions drafted by the Village Attorney based on your discussions. These will be discussed during tonight's meeting.

Mr. W [REDACTED] has elected to have his discussed in closed session before voting, while Ms. S [REDACTED] would like hers to be discussed in open session. Regardless any council votes will occur in open session.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: Shannon Cole
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 2:31 PM
To: April Brandon; Amber Kier; Timothy Price
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

Sounds good. See you then.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 2:23:25 PM
To: Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

Tim wants to join so let's meet at the village office at 5.

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:30:40 AM
To: Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

Sweet, we dont need to keep the office open for this. Lets meet at my house?

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

From: Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:29 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

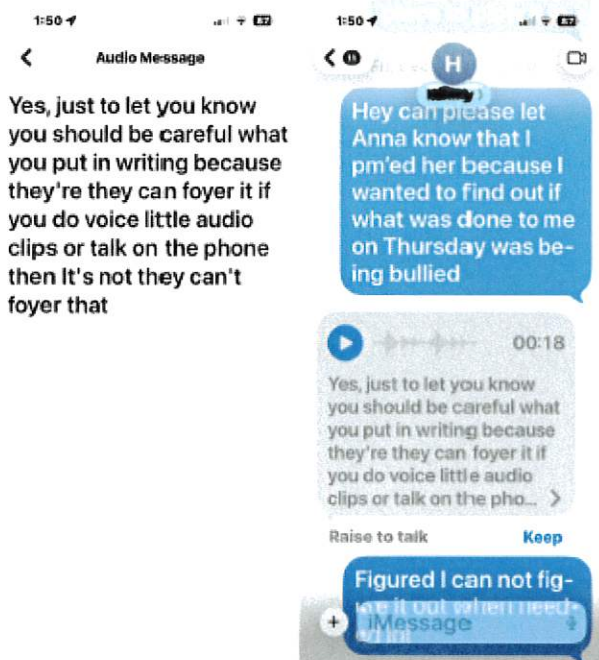
I am available after 5pm

Sincerely,
Amber Kier

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:29:13 AM
To: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

[REDACTED]



Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

From: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:13 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ethics meeting

I can be available after 4:15.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:11:55 AM
To: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]
Subject: ethics meeting

Are you ladies available for a meeting tonight or any other night this week? It should not take long. We have 1 screenshot to review.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

Timothy Price

From: Daniel Wendel
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 1:09 PM
To: April Brandon; Timothy Price
Cc: Michael Gildner
Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

Just so I can make myself clear I wasn't referring to any fire trucks but it was about a street sweeper truck when in the 2022 election meet the candidates Richard [REDACTED] (I know I spelled it wrong) told me the ask for an amount and we just sign it
it is not or job to research on what it's being spent on. I feel that that is partly what God is in the deficit that we're in right now and I felt that the public should know and I appreciate Tim you saying that I have a right to my opinion and I appreciate the fact that you said I might, the fire department looks at it or something that I might be judging them or something but no, I'm not And if you have screenshots of what post they were, I will be more than happy to take them down, but I don't think I can go at Richard [REDACTED] for saying what he said to me that time because of the time I didn't know about ethics and everything else and violations and stuff like that that he could've got hit For But I was very stressed. Frustrated when he said that to me to in 2022 and I only brought the fire coming up to you in an email to try to figure things out. I never put nothing about that on Facebook at all so that was for Tim and I'm glad to know that Michael GILDNER is also including this because he can keep track of everything with us. I am now in the UP so I may get signal. I may not I will do my best to respond if you guys need me too if not, I'll see you guys next week bye thank you.

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

From: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 12:57:31 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

I was not asking you to remove the post because of criticism just because Of my comment might be miss understood by I understand how it would look thank you anyway

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 12:54:51 PM
To: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED] Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

I do not moderate anything regarding council, especially criticisms of council.
if i deleted negative comments about council, Id be abusing my authority in the group, if i intend to maintain higher ethical standards.

You can delete your own comments or posts.

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From: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 12:49:02 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

I deleted the one post I made and checked the other post and did not see anything do you possibly know what post it was in

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

From: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 12:41:31 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Facebook Comments

I am sorry it was what I was told by an ex council member that it is not their job to look in to what anybody wants the money for I do believe I stated that in the post and or comments. But April can you please just delete the post for me I am getting signal here and there it was not to de-face anybody on council now.
thank you

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 12:32:18 PM
To: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Michael Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Facebook Comments

Daniel,

I was provided some comments that were apparently made on facebook by you over the weekend in regard to pass council actions and administrative decisions. Specifically in council writing "blank checks" without conducting research, and the purchase of street sweepers and fire trucks.

Although you are of course entitled to your own opinion, I would urge caution in publicly degrading the public's trust in the Village of Holly. As you are well aware both legislative and administrative decisions are more nuanced than presented on social media.

If a council member were to read that then they could think that you were throwing them under the bus.

If a Firefighter or DPW member were to see these comments, then may think that you do not have trust in their leadership... therefore potentially degrading their trust.

As you have the platform of a Village Councilperson, if you have legitimate concerns with these items then the place to address them would be before council, and not on social media.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:40 PM
To: James Koskela
Subject: Re: Feb. 11, 2025 Agenda

Hey Jim,

Here are some responses, we can obviously talk more later if needed.

1. 1&2&3. If any council member wants a staff member present, I personally will always comply if it is to talk an individual item based on their expertise that they can prepare for. What I would like to move away from is the requirement or expectation that they attend every meeting in case they are needed. The Department heads are all putting in lots of hours, and I am trying to assist where I can with work life balance.
1. I did make two changes to the Council Rules and Procedures document that I will bring up tonight based on our conversations , and will ask that it be amended (if approved).

Those are 1. I added the language directly from the charter:

Per the Village Charter, § 6.11 Restrictions on the Council:

(A) Except for the purpose of inquiry or in case of an emergency during the temporary absence or disability of the Village Manager, the Council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the Village Manager and neither the Council nor any Council Member shall give orders to any subordinate of the Village Manager, either publicly or privately.

(B) No Council Member shall direct or request:

(1) Except for the election of those administrative officers required to be elected by the council, the appointment of any person to, or the removal of any person from, any employment position or office for which the Village Manager is responsible;

(2) Except at public meetings and in cases of letting of contracts, the purchase of any specific materials, supplies or equipment.

And the Second was that I realized after our conversation a portion of the last section was cut off from the original document so it was added back on. I am proposing the amendment as follows:

1. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Outside of public meetings, individual Council members shall ask questions of the Village Attorney through

the Village Manager. The Village Attorney will be given their direction by a majority vote of the Village

Council or the Village Manager.

In cases where there is convincing evidence that an ethical breach has occurred involving the Village Manager, Council members may contact the Village Attorney directly if five (5) or

more Council members concur that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that an ethical breach may have occurred. One of the five members must be the Village President. In the event that an interim Village Manager is in place, Council members may contact the Village Attorney directly in the event that five (5) or more Council members concur that the advice/recommendation of the Village Attorney is necessary. One of the five members must be the Village President.

4. I will talk to Chief Narsh more about this item.

5. As discussed this is something that I inherited as a public hearing before the last administration left, and has been conducted in this manner (through special assessment) for over a decade. I am not sure of the public's benefit at this time, however I will research it a little further. I will say that during the Agenda approval I will ask that it be removed from new business, and tabled for the March meeting for council discussion and vote. Although not specified in the charter in the rules and procedures it states :

1. "RESULTANT ACTION OF A PUBLIC HEARING: No matter heard by council will be placed on the same meeting's agenda for action unless the Village Council, by majority vote, adds it to the meeting's agenda."
1. This will be the basis to table the vote until March.
- 2.
3. During my introduction, I will mention that you and I have talked about this issue, and that before the next meeting I am going to look into public benefit of the weed treatment, and will provide an update to council.

Respectfully,
Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: James Koskela
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:00 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Feb. 11, 2025 Agenda

Morning Tim,

Note: just switched to Outlook on mobile and I didn't send this when I thought I did. Sorry!

Wanted to shoot a quick email and mention possible items I may bring up at council, or that were at least interesting so you had a heads up.

1) Council members being able to request department heads attend council meetings. For instance: if 3 or more council members feel it is important for an individual to attend, their attendance would be requested via Village Manager. Would need to be given notice ahead of time, X number of days.

2) Keeping in line with our charter, council members are not restricted on making inquiries of Staff.

3) Our village attorney directly reports to council and is one of three individuals like that. Being that is the case... council is authorized to pose questions to village attorney during meetings.

4) Looking over the police end of year report there are some significant numbers of decreases and increases. For instance: DUI and traffic stops are way down year over year while MSP assists are steadily increasing. I don't believe in quotas or making officers write tickets. However, the total decrease in simple traffic stops seems to be significant.

5) Village frontage on Mill pond. Village is the number one landowner on Mill Pond. Is this frontage and weed treatment used significantly by our public?

Thank you and see you Tuesday!

Jim Koskela

Village of Holly Council Member

Committees: Planning Commission, Public Safety, Finance, Community Development

Please note: This is a public email address and is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

From: Timothy Price

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:07:51 PM

To: April Brandon

Cc: Brian Klaassen ; Jerry Narsh ; Jeremy Watson ; Amber Kier ; Shannon Cole ; Daniel Wendel ; Thomas Ryan ; Buster Winebrenner ; Lisa Bone ; James Koskela

Subject: Feb. 11, 2025 Agenda

Council,

The Council Agenda for February is online, and will be delivered to you per the usual method.

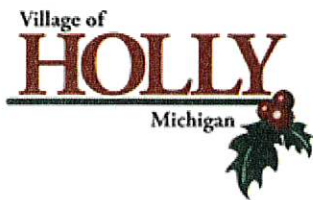
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Council Member Koskela asked that the PDF be easier navigable, this version should be better to CTRL+F on. I also bookmarked the document for easier search.

If you have any questions in regard to the Agenda, please let me know [REDACTED]

Respectfully,
Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



Timothy Price

From: Tessa Clardy
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 8:02 AM
To: Lisa Bone
Cc: Timothy Price
Subject: RE: FOIA Request
Attachments: Garwood Response Letter.pdf

Importance: High

Attached is the response letter to Kurt Garwood. Let me know if you want any updates.

Since he is requesting his response via email, I haven't sent anything so that Lisa can respond to his original request.

Regards,

Tessa Clardy
Deputy Finance Officer
Village of Holly, MI
504 ½ East Maple Street
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 1, 2025 4:01 PM
To: Tessa Clardy [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOIA Request

Tessa,

Let's discuss this. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]

Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:39 AM
To: Lisa Bone
Subject: Re: FOIA

Lisa,

There was obviously some misunderstanding of what was stated by the council during the meeting. This item was brought forward to the ethics board by an ethics board member. Joe Mishler was not the complainant, but the individual that confronted the department head with the confidential information.

The ethics board discussed the item and asked the Village Attorney to prepare the resolution that was presented. I was not present for much of the discussion on this item.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:24 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOIA

Tim,

Do you have this information?

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Stouffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:22 AM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED]
Subject: FOIA

Lisa,

I came in yesterday to pay for the FOIA. I know that a report was forwarded to Council for their review per the Ethics Ordinance. I would like the original complaint supposedly filed by Joe Michler and the report provided to Council.

Thanks,

Linda

Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 8:52 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Holly days

I just spoke with the council member. He already informed Jerome of the ethics violation and apparently Jerome said no one is doing that anymore and won't do it again.

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From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 8:45:09 AM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Holly days

Thank you. I'll let him know.

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 8:27:13 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Holly days

I believe the correct thing to do, as it is speculation and hearsay without the council member stepping up, would be for that council member to confront Jerome about it and informing them that their actions are a violation of the ethics ordinance. They are intentionally sabotaging an event to degrade the trust of Holly and also impacting government efficiency. I would remind the Council member that they have a duty to protect Holly and confront acts of subversion head on.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2025, at 8:42 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

If the accusation is true, I'm not certain that's a good thing. The councilman said Jerome said it was to retaliate by making the council look bad for not supporting their decision for a dda director.

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 8:31:20 PM

To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Holly days

Ironically Jerome is on the HollyDays committee.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2025, at 2:33 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

A council member that wants to remain unknown, told me that Jerome admitted to him that there had been people on the DDA who were trying to sabotage holly days by telling people not to volunteer and that it was going to be a shit show. Do you think it's an appropriate step for you to directly question Jerrome at this point?

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Timothy Price

From: Daniel Wendel
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: July 8 minutes

I am sorry I was just forwarding it to him so he could of been aware I didn't know about the village attorney I will not do it again and thank you for your prompt response

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 3:56:27 PM
To: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Mike Gildner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: July 8 minutes

Daniel,

The motion that is in the minutes is what was voted on by council:

[8 July 2025 Council Meeting - Part Two](#)

To be clear, you were censured by the council for seeking preferential treatment from individuals by virtue of your position as a council person. You can choose not to agree with this, but Council did vote to censure you on this unanimously.

Additionally, Council Members are not supposed to go direct to the Village Attorney:

11.8 COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Individual Council members shall ask questions of the Village Attorney through the Village Manager. The Village Attorney will be given their direction by a majority vote of the Village Council or the Village Manager.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]; April Brandon [REDACTED]; Mike Gildner
[REDACTED]
Subject: July 8 minutes

On my ethics volition I was under the understanding the wording would not be put in the I was telling members of the public but that I was implying that I am a member of council, or I will of fought harder on it I am not trying to be a hard nose but I never said because I am on council I deserve special treatment or that rules don't ably to me. I just stated and not even to anybody in person it was over the phone to another parent about if after going to the chief, village manager, and then village president, I would then take it to council.

To Mrs Street in person before she walk out when I ask for the SRO., and was told she was not in and it would be up to her (Mrs. Street) if a SRO would or even could be called into a meeting. That is when I said "I HAVE MORE POWER OVER YOU ON WHEATER OR NOT I CAN TALK TO THE SRO BECAUSE I HAVE A CHILD IN THIS SCHOOL AND AS A PARENT THAT IS MY RIGHT FOR THE PROTECTION OF MY CHILD".

[REDACTED] That was to be as open and honest also transparent. I would really like to have that correction made because it looks like I abused my position of council member thank you for your and reading this if you could please let me know I would appreciate it

Daniel Wendel
Holly Village Council Member
Liaison for Holly Historic Commission
DDA Co-Lead Volunteer

Timothy Price

From: Shannon Cole
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 8:36 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: Maruca's Kitchen

You have definitely done your due diligence. Thank you going the extra mile.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 8:31:05 AM
To: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Maruca's Kitchen

I have read them all, talked to other building inspectors, talked to the health department.

Holding everyone to the standard isn't anti small business. We have bent over backwards in order to ensure we are being fair in this. We are being pro business by explaining a clear path to get what she wants. She doesn't want a clear path, she wants a shortcut.

We can't ethically provide that, exactly because we are pro-small business (but across the board).

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2025, at 2:05 AM, Shannon Cole [REDACTED] wrote:

Whew, I have read more plumbing code than I have ever cared too. I haven't seen any exceptions that could legally even be suggested. I don't think you're wrong, but I'm pro small business so I had to ask the questions especially since she emailed all of us.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 3:20:27 PM
To: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Maruca's Kitchen

If it is 98% take out wouldnt the addition of tables change the use? This isn't an ordinance issue, it is the Michigan Plumbing code.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442

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From: Shannon Cole [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Maruca's Kitchen

So will the ordinance committee add this to their discussions? From my basic research, if 98% of her business is take out then the bathroom isn't an issue. I wonder if it needs to define what a take out restaurant is. Something like 97% of orders dine in verse carry out? Just thinking out loud.

Shannon Cole
Holly Village Council

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 7:34:59 AM
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Amber Kier [REDACTED]; Shannon Cole [REDACTED]; James Koskela [REDACTED]; Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]; Daniel Wendel [REDACTED]; Buster Winebrenner [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Maruca's Kitchen

Council,

For additional context, I have already spoken to other building inspectors as well as the Oakland County Health Department, and this was what they said:

"During the plan review site visits the owners were informed that having tables with dining was a Village of Holly decision.

The owners were informed that not having a public restroom could be an issue with indoor dining. In the facility the employee restroom is by the back door and can not be used by customers because they would have to walk through the kitchen. I talked to Bailey a fellow sanitarian and she has not ever been at the new location of Maruca's nor has Maria contacted her regarding tables or indoor dining."

This isn't a violation of our code of ordinance, it is a violation of Michigan Plumbing Code (I believe 403).

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2025, at 6:14 PM, Maria Solis [REDACTED] wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Hi, thank you for taking the time to read this, and I appreciate any assistance or guidance you may have. As you know, I am the owner of Maruca's Kitchen in Holly. I recently moved to a new location and I have been struggling to serve the community of Holly with the current ordinances that are in place. After doing some research, I have found that the Village Of Holly does not adhere to the same rules as Oakland county health department. There is currently an ordinance on the books in Holly that I am not able to have seating. However, Oakland county states I am allowed four tables for my - primarily take out restaurant located on Grange Hall Rd. I understand the last meeting you were looking at cleaning up some of the ordinances and making some changes, I would like some assistance getting this ordinance reviewed and changed to match the current rules of Oakland county health department. I know that as elected officials, you want your local businesses to thrive and succeed, I believe the change in this ordinance will streamline the process for not only myself - but other businesses as well. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Solis [REDACTED]

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Timothy Price

From: Lisa Bone
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Timothy Price; Jerry Narsh; Jeremy Watson; Brian Klaassen; Holly DDA Executive Director
Subject: RE: Next Weeks Agenda

Tim,

I have the meeting minutes in the shared drive (June 17th and 24th) and will run the warrant and put it out there momentarily.

Thanks. 😊

Lisa Bone
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
504 1/2 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442



From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Lisa Bone [REDACTED] Jerry Narsh [REDACTED] Jeremy Watson
[REDACTED] Brian Klaassen [REDACTED] Holly DDA Executive Director
[REDACTED]
Subject: Next Weeks Agenda

I am working on next weeks agenda, and wanted to check if there is anything to add.

The TAs for the three unions will probably not be ready until the August Agenda.

We have a presentation for the DDA and the executive director position in new business.

We have the Moose Lodge picnic special event.

I have a couple items that stem from our ethics meeting that will probably be added.

What else am I missing?

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:52 PM
To: April Brandon
Subject: Re: Onboarding

This is in the DDA Bylaws:

"Section 11. All new members of the DDA Board shall participate in an orientation program familiarizing them with the goals and objectives of the Holly DDA and their responsibilities, within the first twelve (12) months of their term."

"Section 1. The DDA Executive Director shall manage the daily operations of the DDA. The Executive Director shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the DDA's policies and projects and such other duties as the DDA Board may require".

Since it is in their bylaws my assumption is that they are responsible for providing the training, and ensuring compliance. I would think this would be on the Chairperson and director to maintain that all board members meet this standard.

If they need assistance in developing this training/orientation the Village can assist.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:32 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Onboarding

I havent found anything specific in the charter (it may be in there it is a dense document) however this is in the ethics portion...

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:09 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Onboarding

I hear you but I also agree. I was informed that all elected and appointed officials are adults that are responsible for their own education.
However, if that's incorrect and we are responsible for their education, I want to go by the book.

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:07:45 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Onboarding

Let me look at how the charter reads on this, regardless it is the right thing to do. However, I think it should also be assumed when you take on a new responsibility you research that role and duties (however, I am not trying to diminish our role in this).
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2025, at 6:39 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks, Tim. I'm not questioning your efforts. I'm simply trying to verify if Linda #1, is owed anything, and #2, has already received it or not. There may be no way to verify #2, if I'm hearing you correctly.
You said you wanted to develop a process, but does the village owe her an onboarding packet? Are we delinquent in her education, as she is suggesting?

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From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 6:27:37 PM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Onboarding

I do not know what Jerry had given her. I know that is something that I have wanted to develop a process for in order to have more capable commissioners. Unfortunately, it is only me and we have been putting out fires since I got here.
It is on the to do list, however without additional personnel, time, and resources that to do list is impossibly long while I am correcting issues that have been ignored for decades.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2025, at 5:26 PM, April Brandon [REDACTED] wrote:

Linda claims our ordinance states we owe her an onboarding packet. She has been on dda over 2 years, as Ryan appointed her. Did Jerry Walker give her one?

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Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 8:05 AM
To: April Brandon; Thomas Ryan
Subject: Re: Ordinances

I forwarded your issues to Attorney Gildner last week for his opinion.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
[REDACTED]



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 6:30 AM
To: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED] Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

The ethics committee does not make decisions. If the attorney or manager do not recognize a viable ethics complaint, the grievance is dismissed. Per my understanding, that follows the ethics ordinance as writ, and all applicable laws.

Privacy laws matter. You and every council member have a right to a closed session should an ethics violation by viable, which means preliminary investigations are not for public consumption.

That ordinance was approved both by council and legal.

Gildner was not at our last council meeting, so when he is caught up, we will have his input and go from there.

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From: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2025 8:17:20 PM

To: April Brandon [REDACTED]; Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

April and Tim,

I will first address the follow-up and then after I will clarify my stance on this. Tim I hope my response on here clarifies more than my previous response. As previously mentioned due to the nature of who the violation complaints are made against, this should be referred to the Village Attorney so please forward this for his Attention.

I disagree with calling an ethics complaint filed by someone a grievance. If that path is followed then there is no official way to submit an ethics complaint. Any ethics complaint made by the public or a member of the Village Government in any capacity needs to be treated as a public complaint. Any ordinance for the City of Rochester is not applicable to the Village of Holly and its ordinances. The problem with the OMA complaints on this subject is that it is reasonable to suspect that a decision has occurred by choosing not to pass the ethics complaint on to council whether it was by vote or consensus. This is the primary reason why committees are not to make decisions per our charter and our rules and procedures. To me this is black and white with no grey area as it directly affects the confidence the public has with our local government.

For the simplified specific complaint, it is my understanding that the entire ethics board, by admission of Councilmember Kier during the October 2025 Council Meeting, has commonly been deciding to dismiss ethics complaints without forwarding them to the entire Village Council for review and final determination. As far as an ethics complaint specifically against the Village Manager for allegedly not forwarding all ethic violation complaints to the ethics committee, that would need further review with the employee handbook as I am not familiar with that document.

The following are the applicable citations from the Village of Holly's Charter, Ethics Ordinance, and Council Policy and Procedures (violations identified at end):

Charter

§ 6.13 COMMITTEES.

(A) The Village Council by resolution shall have the power to create committees comprised of three (3) Councilmembers for the purpose of serving as a recommending and advisory body to the Council. The President with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the members to serve on each committee.

(B) The Committees created by the Village Council shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Council.

(C) Committees may be established for Departments within the Village governmental structure.

(D) Committees will have the power to make recommendations to the Village Council at either regular or special meetings of the Council.

(E) Committees will only have the power to study, investigate and report back on matters referred to them by Council.

(F) Committees will not have the power to interfere in the day-to day [to-day] operation of the Village administration.

(G) A Department Head or other Village Officer may request, in writing to the Council, a meeting with a particular committee. The written request shall set forth the specific reason for said meeting.

(H) Committees must present their reports to the Village Council at the next regular or special Council Meetings

Council Policy and Procedures

10.2 Rules of Procedure

Each committee shall, to the extent applicable, follow the rules set forth in these Rules of Procedure with respect to the conduct of its meetings.

10.3 Committee Authority

Each committee shall only consider those matters referred to it by a majority of the Village Council. Each committee shall report back to the Village Council on every matter referred to it. No committee shall have any authority to take any action on behalf of the Village Council. Each committee may only make reports and recommendations to the Village Council on matters referred to it.

10.4 Time for Report

Each committee shall report to the Village Council on the status of every matter referred to it at the next regular or special meeting of the Village Council subsequent to the meeting at which the matter was referred to the committee. Any items referred to committees resulting in recommendations for Council action shall be placed on the meeting agenda under New Business.

Ethics Ordinance NO. 472

31.65 Scope and Applicability

The following apply to the elected positions of Village Council and all other boards, commissions and committee members appointed by Village Council. All full-time and part-time employees, including the Village Manager and Village Clerk/Treasurer, are subject to the Personnel Ethics Policy and other procedures as dictated by the Village of Holly Personnel Manual, department rules & regulations and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

31.66 Intent and Purpose

In an effort to maintain the public trust, the Village of Holly hereby declares that all Council/Board/Committee members of the Village of Holly shall avoid any conflict between their private interests and those of the general public they serve. All Village officials shall safeguard public confidence by being honest, fair and respectful of all persons and property with whom they have contact. Furthermore, to enhance the faith of the citizens in the integrity and impartiality of the

Council/Board/Commission members of the Village of Holly, it is necessary to provide specific guidelines for dealing with conflicts of interest and proper conduct of officials and appointees. The Village of Holly intends that its Council/Board/Commission members will avoid any action which might result in or create the appearance of:

1. Using public office for private gain
2. Giving or accepting preferential treatment or monetary gain to or from a person or organization
3. Impeding government efficiency or economy
4. A lack of independence or impartiality of action
5. Making an official decision outside of proper channels
6. Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the Village of Holly.

31.67 Definitions.

Decision means a determination, action, vote or other disposition upon a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution or ordinance by members of the governing body; or a determination, action or other disposition taken by an elected official with the authority to do so.

Official action means a decision, recommendation, approval, disapproval or other action or failure to act which involves the use of discretionary authority.

31.72 Compliance and enforcement

1. This Code of Ethics for the Village of Holly expresses standards of ethical conduct expected for the officials and appointees of the Village of Holly. Village Council Member and appointees themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that they understand and meet the ethical standards expressed in this code of ethics and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of government.
2. Complaints alleging a violation of this section shall be filed with Village Manager. The Village Manager, or his/her designee, shall investigate the complaint to establish whether a violation of this section occurred. After investigation, then he or she shall report the complaint and the initial investigation findings to the Ethics Committee. After review, the Ethics Committee will forward the investigation, along with a recommendation of validity, to the Village Council. In the case that a member of Council is the focus of the complaint, the Manager may refer the matter to the Village Attorney or appropriate entity for investigation.
3. Upon acquiring reasonable suspicion of a violation of the code of ethics, by referral of the Ethics Committee, the Village Council president shall set, or any three Council members may require the setting of, a public hearing at a regular or special meeting of the Village Council to determine whether a violation of the code of ethics occurred and, if so, what sanctions shall be imposed for the violation. In complaints alleging a violation of this section by a member of the Village Council, that member shall not take part in any proceedings related to the complaint as a Village Council member.
4. The Village Council may impose sanctions on Village officers whose conduct does not comply with Village's ethical standards. A violation of this section by any Village officer shall be deemed misconduct in office. Sanctions may include reprimand, formal censure, loss of committee assignment, restrictions on budget or travel. If Council believes removal from office is

appropriate, the Village Attorney shall work in conjunction with the State of Michigan for proper review. Upon removal of a member of Council from office, Council shall appoint a successor in the manner described in the Village Charter for appointments.

5. As an expression of the standards of conduct for Village officials and appointees expected by the public, this code of ethics is intended to be both responsive to complaints and self-enforcing. It therefore becomes most effective when Village officials and appointees are thoroughly familiar with it and embrace its provisions. Therefore, ethical standards shall be included in the regular orientations for newly elected or appointed Village officers. In addition, the Ethics Committee shall annually review the code of ethics for the Village of Holly.

The scope of these citations show that Committee members shall not make decisions even those through the use of discretionary authority. The ethics committee violated these partitions when they,

1. Decided to not forward their recommendations to the rest of Council

Violates OMA (making a decision outside an official meeting)

Violates Charter (6.13)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.66) (Supported by 31.72)

Violates Council Rules and Procedure (10.2, 10.3)

2. Did not report on any meetings of the Ethics Committee at the next Council Meeting

Violates Charter (6.13)

Violates Council Rules and Procedure (10.4)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.66)

3. Did not set public hearing (or agenda item) for reasonable suspicion of violation of the code of ethics (President only)

Violates Ethics Ordinance (31.72)

Thank you,
Thomas Ryan

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2025 4:20 PM

To: Timothy Price [REDACTED] Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ordinances

Hi Thomas,

Following up:

- The website of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board states:
“Complaints and investigations ... are privileged and confidential ... unless and until a public complaint is issued.”
This shows that in the attorney-discipline context, investigations before formal charges are confidential.
- (It isn't formal until manager/attorney/board approval depending on who the complaint is lodged against)
- An article on grievance confidentiality in Michigan also states:
“Confidentiality attaches to a grievance from the moment it is filed ... and it is supposed to remain in place forever unless ... a formal complaint is filed.”
- (See above parenthetical)
- A local ordinance for the City of Rochester provides:
“During which period the identity of the complainant and the person complained of shall remain confidential to the Board and not subject to public disclosure, except as required by law.”
- The OMA only governs “meetings” of a public body where deliberation toward decision occurs; some investigatory activity does not qualify as a “meeting”.

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:38:09 PM
To: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Cc: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinances

Council Member Ryan,

I will pass on to legal. What is your specific ethics complaint?

Tim
 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2025, at 6:39 PM, Thomas Ryan [REDACTED] wrote:

Hey April and Tim,

I included Tim on this as well. I'm just in disagreement with the interpretation on Ethics Ordinance/Charter requirements and what constitutes a decision being made by the committee. I do understand the general take on it to not disparage people on frivolous claims. I believe that needs to be reviewed further (I am currently looking into how to do this) and be mentioned in our ordinance. I do not believe there was any intentional breaking of ethics by the committee members to not pass on to the rest of Council but I do still believe that it is a requirement.

I think in this situation since there is a disagreement on the interpretation of how we handle ethics complaints, and since the complaint in itself involves both management and the committee, we need to have legal review it. If he agrees with my interpretation of the ordinances than I am obligated by our ordinance to file an ethics complaint, let this serve as the complaint if that is the case.

If my interpretation of our ethics ordinance/charter is incorrect, I believe we would still need to address the single point of failure problem. Having complaints fall on one person to be the decision maker on if it qualifies or not is not a good thing. This was a problem in our Audit findings on the financial side, it should not be any different in this case. Two person integrity doesn't just benefit the person making the complaint but it also protects the person who receives the complaint from allegations of not taking it serious.

Thomas

From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 6:27 PM
To: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Subject: Ordinances

I don't see anything to contradict our ethics ordinance as written.

I see committees are to report, but if there's no recommendation to make because no investigation was launched, no report is necessary. Tim agrees.

If you see anything that stands out to you, will you send it to me for review?

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Timothy Price

From: Jarrett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:18 PM
To: Jarrett Hopper
Cc: Carol Hammond; Blake Hereau; Gary Okonski; gchristi@umflint.edu; JIM KOSKELA; KIRK CROSS; [REDACTED] Richard Kinnamon; SHERLYNN EVERLY; Jeremy Watson; Amy Bontempo; Timothy Price; Lisa Bone; April Brandon
Subject: Re: Planning Commission-Revised Agenda and Submittal for November Meeting

Hey All,

I confirmed after reading this more (as well as called my Aunt and Uncle) that I should have no conflicts here since the Wolverton/Stanker Trust owns no properties being discussed or connected to the properties owned by Mr. Mills.

Just trying to do my diligence! See you all tomorrow.

-Jarrett
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 15, 2025, at 11:29 AM, Jarrett [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning All,

I just realized after reviewing these documents that I may have a conflict of interest situation to bring to the attention of the commission. The Wolverton Land Trust is owned by my Aunt and Uncle Marilyn and Gary Wolverton. I realize that it looks like Mr. Mills is requesting the split, but wanted to make sure the commission is aware of that bit of information before I take part in any vote/discussion to be ethical.

Please let me know on Wednesday how you would like me to proceed or happy to recuse myself from the vote/discussion.

Thanks,

-Jarrett
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 13, 2025, at 12:29 PM, Carol Hammond
[REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a Revised Agenda and New Submittal for our Planning
Commission Meeting
On November 19th. See you there.

Thank you,
Carol Hammond
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
504 ½ E. Maple
Holly MI 48442


<Planning Meeting Revised agenda and submittal for 11_19_25.pdf>

Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Re: process

When you are back to work... I would like to remind you of the following from last night's meeting.

On 11/11/2025 at the DDA meeting, L [REDACTED] accepted full responsibility for the email attached. She said she did not use the director's time (One DDA resource), but she did compose the email herself and tell the interim director to send it to local businesses with her village email (Another DDA resource), and intended to use Mailchimp (another DDA resource) to benefit the Dickens Festival. I am not certain if the clears the Interim Director of any misuse of DDA resources. I believe the following items would fall only to the chair and the interim director.

Misuse of DDA Resources

DDA funds and resources appear to have been used to funnel money into the Dickens Festival. This represents a potential misuse of public funds and a violation of the DDA's stated purpose and scope. On 11/11/2025 at the DDA meeting, L [REDACTED] accepted full responsibility for the email attached. She said she did not use the director's time (One DDA resource), but she did compose the email herself and tell the interim director to send it to local businesses with her village email (Another DDA resource), and intended to use Mailchimp (another DDA resource) to benefit the Dickens Festival. I am not certain if the clears the Interim Director of any misuse of DDA resources.

Non-Compliance with Repayment Submissions and Paperwork

Required repayment submissions are not being completed as mandated. This ongoing failure is causing administrative delays and may result in additional reporting or compliance violations. (Holly Post, attorney minutes approval, ask Lisa for more)

This next one, I am uncertain if this falls under engagement or not, and would ask Gildner for his input.

Attorney Budget and Unauthorized Expenses

The DDA has already exceeded its attorney budget by approximately 500%. In addition, an attorney expense was approved at the last meeting without a formal board vote, under the assumption that it fell under the existing engagement. This constitutes a violation of budgetary and procedural governance requirements. The board approved engaging with the attorney, but continues to spend money over budget. No one but the chair took responsibility for asking the attorney to be at the meeting on 11/11/2025.

This one, I would need to see the directive, if one exists. If one doesn't actually exist and it was just common practice, then it is not enforceable.

Non-compliance of PA 57

Delinquency of the annual TIF Plan Report (no reports given)

Now, these next ones, I am uncertain of their level of non-compliance and may retract them after a conversation with Gildner, as I am unsure if the timeline is really enforceable.

TIF Plan Non-Compliance

The DDA is currently operating outside compliance with its approved Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. This raises significant legal and financial risks for both the DDA and the Village.

Neglect of the North End District

The North End area—within the DDA boundary and from which tax captures are collected—is being neglected. Continued non-compliance and lack of investment in this portion of the district could jeopardize the DDA's ability to capture taxes from that area.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

~May The Voyage Be Your Endgame

From: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:24 AM
To: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: process

I think that if you are looking to remove a DDA Board Member then this should be discussed with the Village Attorney before.

Of course this will continue the divide between the two organizations. I think that her argument will be that all these items were voted on by the entirety of the DDA Board making them all culpable, and that they were operating without direction of a director.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



From: April Brandon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:19 AM

To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]

Subject: process

Hi Tim,

I would like to add these items to an agenda for the council to consider discipline for the DDA Chair. Please advise on the process. I would consider a special meeting, as I wonder if this would be a long one. Do we need to have Mike review these things? I don't think these are ethics issues, but rather process.

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The DDA has already exceeded its attorney budget by approximately 500%. In addition, an attorney expense was approved at the last meeting without a formal board vote, under the mistaken assumption that it fell under the existing engagement. This constitutes a violation of budgetary and procedural governance requirements.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

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Timothy Price

From: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Timothy Price
Cc: Thomas Ryan
Subject: Re: Update

Thank you for the update

On Mon, Oct 6, 2025, 8:30 AM Timothy Price [REDACTED] wrote:
Councilmember Ryan,

We did not receive definitive guidance from the village attorney on this, besides for obviously when they are negotiating "deals" between the two entities.

[REDACTED] was not reappointed, and has since been replaced. [REDACTED] is up for reappointment in December, and I am not sure what the Village President will decide as far as recommendation for reappointment or not.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ [E. Maple St.](#)
[Holly, MI 48442](#)



From: Thomas Ryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 8:59 PM
To: Timothy Price [REDACTED]
Subject: Update

Mr. Price,

Is there an update on the ethics/incompatible office report made against the 2 parks members?

Thomas

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-018**

RESOLUTION CENSURING LINDA STOUFFER

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted a Code of Ethics that is applicable to persons appointed by Council;

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics is designed to prevent, among other things, a lack of independence or impartiality of action and the making of official decisions outside of proper channels; (*Section 31.66(4) and (5) of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances*);

WHEREAS, Linda Stouffer serves as the chairperson of the Village Downtown Development Authority;

WHEREAS, the Village Council approved Ms. Stouffer's appointment to the DDA Board, thereby making her subject to the Code of Ethics;

WHEREAS, a referral was made to the Ethics Committee about Ms. Stouffer's conduct relating to the process for selecting a person to serve as DDA Director. Specifically, the referral alleged that Ms. Stouffer:

- (a) was selective in the information she gave the DDA Board about a prospect for DDA Director, ostensibly to influence the Board's decision; and
- (b) disclosed confidential information to third parties.

WHEREAS, the Ethics Committee referred the matter to Village Council for consideration.

NOW THEREFORE, FOR THE REASONS STATED BY COUNCIL AT THE JULY 8, 2025 MEETING, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT:

1. The complaint against Linda Stouffer is valid in that she violated the Code of Ethics by:
 - (a) taking input from Village department heads about Amy Hillman, a candidate for DDA Director, that was largely negative, but not sharing it with DDA Boardmembers; and
 - (b) disclosing information from a department head about Ms. Hillman to third parties in violation of a request from that person that the information not be attributed to them.

2. As a result, Linda Stouffer is censured for violating the Code of Ethics.

At a regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Holly held on July 8, 2025,
_____ moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution and
_____ supported the motion.

Voting for:

Voting against:

The President declared the resolution adopted.

April Brandon
President

Lisa Bone
Clerk

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19**

RESOLUTION CENSURING DANIEL WENDEL

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted a Code of Ethics with a stated purpose of having Councilmembers "avoid any action which might result in or create the appearance of . . . accepting preferential treatment . . . from any person or organization;" (*Section 31.66(2) of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances*);

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics includes among its Standards of Conduct the following provision:

Conflict of Interest. No Village official or appointee shall use, or attempt to use, his or her official position to secure, request or unreasonably grant any special consideration, privilege, exemption, advantage, contract, or preferential treatment for himself, herself, or others, beyond that which is available to every other citizen. (*Section 31.68(1) of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances*);

WHEREAS, complaints of violations of the Code of Ethics are forwarded to the Village Manager who may investigate them or refer them to the Village Attorney for investigation;

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a complaint that Councilman Daniel Wendel violated the Code of Ethics, the Village Manager referred the complaint to the Village Attorney for investigation;

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney's investigative summary was given the Ethics Committee for review;

WHEREAS, the Ethics Committee found the complaint against Daniel Wendel to be valid and referred the investigative summary to Village Council for its consideration;

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2025, the Village Council held a public hearing on the complaint and resulting investigation.

NOW THEREFORE, FOR THE REASONS STATED BY COUNCIL AT THE JULY 8, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT:

1. The complaint against Daniel Wendel is valid in that he violated the Code of Ethics by telling members of the public that he was a sitting councilperson to imply he expected preferential treatment from them by virtue of that position;
2. Daniel Wendel is censured for violating the Code of Ethics.

At a regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Holly held on July 8, 2025,
_____ moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution and
_____ supported the motion.

Voting for:

Voting against:

The President declared the resolution adopted.

April Brandon
President

Lisa Bone
Clerk

Timothy Price

From: Timothy Price
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 2:47 PM
To: Village Council
Cc: Lisa Bone; Jeremy Watson; Jerry Narsh; Brian Klaassen; Michael Gildner
Subject: Updated Council Rules and Procedures
Attachments: COUNCIL RULES & PROC 12AUG25 Version 2.pdf

Village Council,

Attached, please find the updated Rules and Procedures from yesterdays meeting for your records.

As a reminded please do not "Reply all" to this email.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Price
Village Manager
504 ½ E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442



Timothy Price

From: April Brandon
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:42 PM
To: Timothy Price
Subject: Wendl
Attachments: Image.jpeg

Amber and Shannon sent me this. The post being mentioned was about the quilt shop being blocked from opening by the village. Does this need to be added to D [REDACTED] ethics review?

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From: [April Brandon](#)
To: [Timothy Price](#); [Amber Kier](#)
Subject: workshop
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 9:32:51 AM

Hey guys,

Should ethics convene to discuss changes to propose to the council? Maybe we can set a date in January, just so everyone can be informed? I have 2 things so far that I would like to look at, and you may have more ideas on things that are becoming apparent problems.

Respectfully,
April Brandon
Holly Village President

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