

**Village of North Hudson  
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Hudson, WI 54016**

**Minutes**

**Call to order; Invocation; roll call**

President Stan Wekkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation read by Wekkin. Answering the call were Trustees Head, Nelson, O'Brien-Berglund, Pike, Standafer and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were the Village Attorney, Terry Dunst; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Police Chief, Mark Richert; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

**Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of October 6, 2015**

**Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the Regular Board minutes of October 6, 2015. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the floor**

Teresa Richie, at 306 Lakeview Drive N, stated she has a concern regarding the vision triangle at the corner of Lakeview Drive N. and Pine St N. There is some brush that needs to possibly be cut back. Public works will take a look at the corner. Head stated it will be on the next Public Works agenda.

**Closure of 400 Block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street N. for Steve Aza Benefit Run**

Chief Richert stated as a friend of Steve Aza, he is requesting approval to close the 400 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street N to traffic for a benefit run on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Richert is helping to organize the benefit and highlighted some of the activities. Information regarding the event is available on the Village website. **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to close the 400 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street N for a benefit run on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Motion carried.**

**New Business from the Board or staff**

*President's Remarks:* Wekkin asked everyone to remember and thank the Veterans. Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11, 2015. There will be a ceremony at the St. Croix County Courthouse at 11:00 am. Wekkin also asked everyone to complete the survey sent out by the School District. Wekkin wished everyone a safe deer hunting season and a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Administrator's Remarks:* Troester stated there is an opening in the Public Works Department due to a resignation. Applications are now being accepted until November 20, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

*Village Clerk's Remarks:* Luedke stated that during the November 4, 2014 Election, the Government Accountability Board did an onsite accessibility compliance audit of the polling place. The final report has been received and there were no accessibility concerns or issues which meant the Village received 100% compliance. This is achieved in only about 3% of the polling places visited.

## Plan Commission

*Chair update:* Plan Commission did not meet.

## Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

*Claims - Review and recommendation:* **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the November 2015 non-recurring claims of \$448,890.06. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-yes.**

*2016 Contracts:* **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the 2016 Animal Warden Services Contract with Kathi Pelnar. Motion carried.**

**Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the 2016 Animal Impounding Services Contract with Woodbury Animal Humane Society. Motion carried.**

*Review of Proposed 2016 Annual Budget and request for publication:* **Motion (Zappa/Standafer) to approve publication of the proposed 2016 annual budget.** Troester highlighted some areas of the proposed budget. The proposed levy is \$1,556,061, with a Village mill rate of 4.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The final County and State numbers have not been received as of yet. From the 2015 year end surplus, \$37,000 has been included in the 2016 budget for the purchase of a new squad. Troester also discussed the possibility of reserving additional surplus for 2016 purchases. Troester stated there may be discussions in the future regarding a \$250,000 catch basin repair and replacement project, however, it is not recommended at this time as it would cause an additional increase in property taxes. Pike questioned how the proposed catch basin repair project would raise property taxes. Troester explained that principal and interest payments for the project loan would need to be added to the levy which would in turn increase taxes. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

## Public Works Committee

*Chair update:* Head stated that Public Works did meet and there were two items recommended for approval to the Board.

*Purchase of a Pre-Salt System:* **Motion (Head/Standafer) to approve the purchase of the pre-salt/anti-icing system from the City of Hudson at a cost not to exceed \$3,400.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-yes.**

*Mailbox Replacement Policy:* **Motion (Head/Zappa) to approve changing the policy of replacing mailboxes/posts with like kind (no upgrading) at a maximum of \$100.00 for those damaged directly by Village or Village contractor's snow removal equipment. Motion carried.**

## Public Safety Committee

*Chair update:* Public Safety did not meet.

## Public Welfare

*Chair update:* Public Welfare did meet. There were two items forwarded to the Board for approval which were already addressed, the Animal Warden and Animal Impound Contracts.

**Park Board**

*Chair update:* Park Board did meet. There will be a gate put in on the path between Cherry Circle N and Galahad Road N to prevent vehicles from driving on it.

**Adjournment**

**Motion (Zappa/Wekkin) to adjourn.** Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk