

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Minutes

Call to order: roll call

President Wekkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees Head, O'Brien-Berglund and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting of January 5, 2016

Motion (Zappa/Head) to approve the January 5, 2016 Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Wekkin noted that the February Finance Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather. **Motion carried.**

Claims: review and recommendation

Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to recommend approval of the December 2015 non-recurring claims of \$4,333.32 and March 2016 non-recurring claims of \$68,440.04. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Head-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes.

Request for Funding of USGS Willow River Stream Gauge

Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to recommend allocation of \$2,000 for 2016 to help fund the USGS Willow River stream gauge with funds coming from the Other Conservation & Development Contract-Professional Services budget. Wekkin stated that Jim Thomas, Vice-President of the Lake Mallalieu Association, asked the surrounding municipalities for help to fund the stream gauge. Per Thomas, the DNR has decided not to fund the gauge any longer. The City of Hudson and the Town of Hudson have already agreed to contribute \$2,000 each. The Lake Mallalieu Association is also helping to fund the gauge. Jim Thomas will be attending the Village Board meeting to answer questions. Head questioned why the Village would help to pay for this testing. Troester stated that the gauge helps monitor what is flowing into Lake Mallalieu. Head stated that there are other gauges that are being monitored in other areas of the river and doesn't see the need to help fund the gauge in question. **Motion passed with 3 yeas and 1 nay, with Trustee Head voting against the motion.**

Bank Selection Options

Troester stated that Central Bank is in the process of merging with MidwestOne Bank. Since the changes, there have been a few issues with the Village accounts and there has been some communication problems regarding the changes. Troester stated that a representative with the bank has met with her and has addressed some of the concerns and the issues have been corrected. Troester is asking if the Finance Committee and Village Board would like to go out for an RFP. The Village has not gone out for bid for banking services and this may be a good option to be sure the Village is getting the best services. Zappa made the suggestion of waiting 6 months to see what the merger brings. Wekkin stated that it would not hurt to go out for an RFP. **Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to go out for an RFP for Banking Services. Motion carried.**

Drainage Issue at 709 Riverside Drive N

Head stated that when the Lakeview Drive N project was completed, there has been drainage concerns from the property owner at 709 Riverside Drive N. **Motion (Head/Zappa) to add extra storage to the existing drainage swale and install a concrete manhole with a perforated pipe at the bottom to promote infiltration into the underlying subsoils at a cost of not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried.**

Purchase of Trees for Village Hall and Chief Jansen Memorial Park

O'Brien stated that she and Mark Ekblad met with Buck Malick to look at the possibility of purchasing trees through the agreement with the City of Hudson and the gravel bed system. Trees were chosen for Chief Jansen Memorial Park and the Village Hall. **Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Zappa) to recommend approval to purchase 10 trees, and gator bags, tree stakes, wire and grommets at a cost of \$1,100 to be paid for with the funds available for Chief Jansen Memorial Park for 9 trees and the one at the Village Hall to be paid for from the Park Maintenance Fund. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Head-yes.**

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk