

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Minutes

Call to order; Invocation; roll call

President Stan Wekin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation read by Wekin. Answering the call were Trustees Nelson, O'Brien-Berglund, Pike, and Zais. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. It was noted that Trustee Zappa was absent. Trustee Head appeared at 7:05 pm. Also in attendance were the Police Chief, Mark Richert; Village Attorney, Terry Dunst; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of June 7, 2016

Motion (Pike/Nelson) to approve the Regular Board minutes of June 7, 2016. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Donna Burger was present. She introduced herself to the Village Board and stated that she is running for St. Croix County District Attorney. She gave some background on her career and her views.

Tom Coulter was present. He is the County Supervisor that represents the Village of North Hudson and part of the Town of Hudson. Coulter provided some updates to the Village Board regarding recently voted on items at the County. He stated that the nursing home did not get the waiver from Obama's administration they were hoping for, for putting up patients for Medicaid reimbursement. They will need to populate part of the nursing home with private pay patients and be operational in order to get certified so they can accept Medicaid reimbursed patients. The jail remodel cost twice the amount it was supposed to, so the County Board voted to borrow more money to cover this. Coulter stated that he voted no to this item. The County Board also voted to recommend to the Governor and the Assembly to raise taxes through a variety of ways to fix highways. Coulter voted no to this item as well. He stated that if anyone has questions, they may contact him.

Frank Halverson at 504 Sommers Landing Rd N was present. He asked that the Village review their ordinances regarding the prohibition against the use of 4-wheelers on Village streets. He wants to be able to use his 4-wheeler to access the river for ice fishing. Wekin stated that this will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee.

Amended Class "B"/"Class B" Liquor License for Extended Premises: Kozy Korner

Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) that the Class "B"/"Class B" Retail License for the sale of Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Kozy Korner be temporarily amended for an event taking place on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 8:00 am to Sunday, July 17, 2016 at 2:30 am with the following conditions:

- 1) **Area outside of building to be completely enclosed with fence and the extended premises accessed only from within the building.**

- 2) Use of alcohol shall remain within building or fenced-in area per the establishment's liquor license.
- 3) Use of outside area only with specific permission of the Village Board for requested date and times.
- 4) Owner to provide an equal amount of adjacent substitute off-street parking while parking lot area is fenced during time of event.
- 5) Owner to be responsible for band/music volume.
- 6) All outside music to end no later than 10:00 pm.

Motion carried. Nelson abstained.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Alcohol License-North Hudson Pepper Festival, Inc. Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and "Class B" Wine License for North Hudson Pepper Festival Inc. with an effective date of August 19th through August 21st, 2016, as recommended by the Village Clerk. Motion carried. Zais abstained.

Possible Appointment of New Park Board Chair and/or Meeting Schedule Change

O'Brien-Berglund stated that starting in September she will be unable to attend Park Board meetings on Monday nights due to classes she will be attending. Wekkin asked if Park Board would be willing to move the night that they meet. O'Brien-Berglund will check with the Park Board to see if this is possible.

Adoption of Final Special Assessment Report for Street & Utility Improvements for Pine Street N and Lakeview Drive N

Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve adoption of Final Special Assessment Report for Street & Utility Improvements for Pine Street N and Lakeview Drive N. Oium stated that everything has been finalized and the numbers are complete. The project came in about \$53,000 less than originally estimated. Assessed property owners will have the option to make payments according to the schedule in the report. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 2016-05, Levying Special Assessments for Street & Utility Improvements for Pine Street N and Lakeview Drive N

Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Pike) to approve Resolution 2016-05, Levying Special Assessments for Street & Utility Improvements for Pine Street N and Lakeview Drive N. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zais-yes.

New Business from the Board or staff

President's Remarks: Wekkin thanked Chief Richert for all of his hard work over the Independence Day weekend. The Chief was busy with some firework complaints from residents in the Village. Wekkin reminded residents to be more considerate of neighbors and safety concerns.

Administrator's Remarks: Nothing at this time.

Village Clerk's Remarks: Luedke stated the Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 am-8:00 pm. If you have moved within or to the

Village of North Hudson, you must register to vote. Information can be found on the Village website.

Plan Commission

Chair update: The Plan Commission Chair was not present. Dunst provided an update to the Village Board. Dunst stated that Plan Commission did meet to review a proposed concept plan from Gerrard Companies for the property at 850 6th Street N. It is mixed-use and includes townhomes, apartments, and some commercial. The current code does not allow for this type of development. The Plan commission asked Attorney Dunst to prepare a couple of potential zoning amendments that may allow a mixed-use development on that lot.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the July 2016 non-recurring claims of \$30,531.51. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Zais-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Contract with St. Croix County Sheriff Department for Additional Staffing During Pepper Fest: **Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to authorize Chief Richert to enter into a contract with the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office for additional police protection during the 2016 Pepper Festival weekend due to NHPD staffing levels.** Wekkin stated that due to short staffing, Chief Richert has spoken with the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department to request additional staffing during Pepper Fest weekend. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes. Zais abstained.**

Purchase of New Accounting Software: **Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with USTI for the purchase of new accounting software and annual maintenance.** Troester stated that the Village will be able to purchase the new program and the support for about the same price as the annual maintenance fee of the current program, MSI. There will be a savings of roughly \$5,400 a year after the first year. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Zais-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Public Works Committee

Chair update: Pike stated that Public Works was unable to meet in June due to lack of a quorum. However, there are two items for approval.

Michaelson St N/Tenth St N-Storm Sewer Catch Basin Repair: **Motion (Pike/Head) to have Zappa Bros. Inc. replace the existing storm sewer catch basins at Michaelson St N and Tenth St N with a new 2 ft x 3 ft catch and casting at a cost not to exceed \$4,164.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zais-yes.**

Watermain Connection at 719 Sixth St N: **Motion (Pike/Head) to have Zappa Brothers make the watermain connections at 719 Sixth St N at a cost not to exceed \$6,950.00 with the cost coming out of the 220 Water Maintenance Fund.** Wekkin stated that this connection is being required by the DNR to correct a dead-end line. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Zais-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Public Safety Committee

Chair update: Public Safety did not meet.

Public Welfare

Chair update: Public Welfare did not meet.

Park Board

Chair update: O'Brien-Berglund stated that Park Board did meet. There was a request from the residents at 1145 Partridge lane N to acquire adjacent property that has been dedicated to the public. The Park Board was unsure of how to proceed and requested some direction.

Request from 1145 Partridge Lane N to acquire adjacent property dedicated to the public: Dunst stated that the Village owns this land, but cannot sell land or abandon land dedicated to the public. To vacate this land would require court action. The question before the Board is if the Village Board wishes to pursue this. The residents are looking for the section to the north of their property. The maps indicate that the land was set up as a possible future walking path which is part of a coordinated system. Dunst stated that as a general rule, the process to vacate land dedicated to the public is difficult on purpose. Wekkin stated that he is not in favor of giving back park land. The Board discussed how many other residents will then have the same request if this precedent is set. **Motion (Head/O'Brien-Berglund) to deny the request of the residents at 1145 Partridge Lane N to acquire the property to the north of their property. Motion carried.**

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to §19.85 (1)(g)

Dunst stated that the Village is currently involved in a lawsuit with Guy Hawkinson. Dunst stated that the Attorney who handled the Hawkinson case was unable to appear tonight, however, he can attend a future meeting. Dunst requested a special Village Board meeting to discuss this case. In respect to 712 Pine Street N, Dunst suggested convening into closed session for further discussion.

Motion (Wekkin/Zais) to convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village of North Hudson who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, regarding ordinance violations at 712 Pine Street N. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zais-yes. The Board went into closed session at 7:40 pm.

Reconvene into Open Session

Motion (Pike/Nelson) to reconvene into open session. Motion carried. The Board reconvened into open session at 8:19 pm.

No action or further discussion.

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk