

**Village of North Hudson  
Special Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 27, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Hudson, WI 54016**

**Minutes**

**Call to order: roll call**

President Wekkin called the meeting to order at 4:31 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 Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; Police Chief, Mark Richert; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke; and Village Treasurer, Nathan Troester.

**2016 Village Budget Workshop**

Luedke reviewed the levy limit worksheet for 2016 which includes four (4) different options. Option #1 includes net new construction increase of .63% and total allowable Principal and Interest (P&I) loan payments. There is still a lot of information outstanding that is needed for the budget. Also, it shows the available maximum allowable levy. Troester discussed the health insurance options which may include increasing the employee's contribution from 15% to 20%. A 3% increase in wages was allocated for budgeting purposes only. Troester stated that when \$53,000 was pulled from the unassigned fund last year for seal coating, it affected the budget for 2016 when \$60,000 was put in again. The Village does not have the revenue to off-set this. Money should not be pulled from the unassigned fund for ongoing operating expenses.

The committee reviewed the expenditure detail sheet for Public Works. Head questioned the seal coating budget at \$60,000. Ekblad stated that the streets seal coated this year were done at 2014 prices. There are still a number of streets that need to be seal coated and it is running a year behind. Troester stated there is no capital equipment or projects in the budget. It was decided the seal coating budget would be decreased to \$55,000, contracted snow/ice removal would be decreased to \$25,000, snow/ice removal-operating supplies (salt, sand, etc...) would be decreased to \$15,000, training/continuing education would be decreased to \$2,000, and curb/gutter/sidewalk repair would be decreased to \$7,000 for a total cut of \$19,000.

The committee reviewed the expenditure detail sheet for Public Safety. The contract copier budget was decreased to \$500.00, and equipment-office/computer was decreased to \$5,200 for a total cut of \$5,300.

The fire protection contract has not been received as of yet and numbers are unknown. As far as EMS, Wekkin stated that there has been talk of an increase of .50/per capita increase. Troester stated this number has been put in the budget. Troester stated the main areas to cut in General Government are building maintenance and supplies.

Troester asked for some direction to the budget as to other items they would like to be amended prior to the next budget meeting. The committee agreed to take out the 3% increase in wages and to increase the employee portion to insurance from 15% to 20%.

Zappa requested that Troester run the numbers if the Village Hall was open only 4 days a week for Administrative Staff.

Troester will make the changes to the numbers in the budget as discussed. No future budget meeting date was set at this time.

**May convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(c)**

The Finance Committee did not convene into closed session.

**Adjournment**

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk