

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Call to Order: roll call

Chairman Zappa called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees Nelson and Pike. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance was Chief Richert and Recording Secretary, Traci Miller.

Questions/comments from the floor

Chris Barker from 202 Lakeview Drive was in attendance. He was in attendance at the meeting to bring to the committee's attention the rip-rap installed near his residence. His son recently fell on the rocks and received six stitches. The committee informed Mr. Barker that because this was not an agenda item it could not be discussed, but would forward the issue for the Public Works agenda.

Minutes approval from September 10, 2015 meeting

Motion (Nelson/Pike) to approve the September 10, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Chief's report

Table Top Exercise: Richert stated there were 27 people in attendance a table top exercise that was held Thursday, November 5, 2015. He stated the exercise covered response to a train derailment with rail cars off the track and in the river. The hazardous material was Ethanol and first responders were tasked with describing their response initially to a contained material and eventually to a leak and fire involving the material. The response included discussion of evacuations and rerouting of traffic within the Village of North Hudson and the City of Hudson. The exercise was well received by those involved and a few issues were discussed that need attention by different agencies. Village Clerk- Melissa Luedke, Public Works Supervisor-Mark Ekblad and Village Treasurer- Nathan Troester participated in the exercise.

Tri-Tech Records Management System: The Police Department Administrative Assistant and Richert are currently working to better utilize the software program for records management within the police department. During a recent training on a new tool, it was determined by several agencies that several fields within the system were not being populated consistently by all agencies in St. Croix County. The NHPD Administrative Assistant, as well as other area administrative assistants, will participate in ongoing support and training to deal with issues discovered.

The committee reviewed recent cases and traffic and municipal citation tallies for September and October. There have been six car break-ins in the Helen Street area in the past month. This issue is still under investigation.

Installation of Street Light in the 500 block of Helen Street N.

Richert provided background information about the request for a street light at the 500 block of Helen Street N. Richert contacted Xcel Energy regarding the process for a light installation. He stated that because there is an existing pole in the area, the only cost would be an \$11.79/month lease charge to the

Village. Richert requested Sgt. Volz review this area at night and he did recommend a light for this area for safety reasons. **Motion (Nelson/Pike) to recommend installing a 39 watt LED Street light on an existing pole in the 500 block of Helen Street N. Motion carried.**

Installation of Street Light in the 400 block of Helen Street N.

Richert stated that Sgt. Volz also reviewed this area and found similar safety issues. The lease charge would be the same. **Motion (Pike/Nelson) to recommend installing a 39 watt LED Street light on an existing pole in the 400 block of Helen Street N. Motion carried.**

Installation of Street Light near 202 Lakeview Drive N.

Richert stated that because there is no existing pole in this area, there would be an installation fee, which is approximately \$1,500.00. Richert stated he spoke to the Village Administrator and she felt this could possibly be added to the current construction costs in the Lakeview area. The committee agreed to forward this item to the Public Works committee.

Designation of Vehicle with Trailer Pay to Park Spots at Ferry Landing Park

Richert stated that he met with the Bayport Police Chief. He reviewed their discussion regarding additional revenue they receive from parking fees at their landing. Richert stated he could conduct further research for the committee's review. Discussion followed. The committee agreed to have Richert research further how much revenue Bayport receives and how payment is made and bring this information to the committee for review.

Police Department Minimum Staffing and Coverage

Richert requested to table this item in order to review further numbers for the committee's review. The committee agreed.

Purchase 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor to Replace Oldest Squad

Motion (Pike/Nelson) to authorize the sale of the 2008 Ford Police Interceptor, the purchase of the 2016 Ford Explorer from Hudson Ford and the purchase, installation, and removal of equipment to outfit the squads in an amount not to exceed \$37,000 from the undesignated fund. Motion carried.

Police Department Capital Equipment Planning

Richert stated that Taser International has changed the way that they do business with the purchase of Tasers. They have stopped manufacturing the current model that NHPD has for the officers and are not maintaining those models. The current replacement cost is \$1,400.00 per unit. Discussion followed.

Committee Goals

Future Agenda

Staffing and Coverage

Adjourn

Zappa adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Traci Miller
Recording Secretary