

**Village of North Hudson  
Special Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 22, 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 4:32 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees O'Brien-Berglund and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Trustee Head appeared at 4:46 p.m. 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 #3 is in the draft budget in front of the committee. Troester's recommendation is option #4. It uses some of the unused loan principal and interest capacity but is not as big of an impact on the residents. Option #4 leaves an unused levy capacity of \$8,301.00. The County and the school's levy are expected to go up as well.

Zappa stated that Public Safety was looking at purchasing a new vehicle and the Chief is working on a plan for this. Ekblad stated the Public Works committee approved recommending a 2016 Capital Improvement project for a storm sewer project to repair/replace catch basins. These numbers are not in the draft budget. Troester stated that she is concerned about adding a large loan payment next year. Principal and interest would be added to the levy and increase taxes. Zappa stated at this point, it may be too much at this time to go for the full amount of \$250,000 for the capital project. Troester stated that if the 2015 year end surplus comes in around the \$75,000 projected, some of this money may be reserved towards the purchase of a new squad, seal coating, and/or a new Public Works truck. Zappa requested that a plan be written for undesignated funds to be reserved towards some of the items that need to be purchased.

Zappa questioned financing a new police squad and public works vehicle with a loan so they can be taken care of. Ekblad stated that the International truck also needs to be replaced. Troester stated that loans affect the tax levy. It is best policy to try to pay for these one-time purchases out of undesignated funds and money can be reserved each year towards them.

Zappa questioned where the 2016 Capital Project discussion is at. Troester stated that there will be another large project in 2020 on 6th Street N which will result in a large loan. Ekblad stated that the 2016 Capital Project would be bid out like any other project. There are a large amount of catch basins that are in need of repair soon. Ekblad asked Troester how much of a loan for the project may be acceptable and not cause too much of an impact. Troester stated for around a \$125,000 loan, principal and interest payments may be roughly \$15,000 year, depending on the interest rate. This amount, plus the unused levy capacity from this year of about \$8,300, would add around \$23,000 to the levy in 2017.

The committee agreed that option #4 is the recommendation to the full Board. Troester stated she will meet with the Chief and the Public Works Director to keep the budget tight for the rest of this year so extra funds that may be left over can be used towards the purchase of vehicles and equipment. The 2016 Capital Project for the catch basin repair/replacement will not be put in the budget for next year at this time. It can be addressed in 2016 and the budget amended if necessary. Any loans for this would be on the 2017 levy.

**Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to recommend approval to the full Board of option #4 for 2016. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Head-yes, Wekkin-yes.**

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

The Finance Committee did not convene into closed session.

**Adjournment**

**Motion (Zappa/Wekkin) to adjourn.** Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk