

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Minutes

Call to order; Invocation; roll call

President Stan Wekkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Wekkin asked for a moment of silence for Randy St. Ores, a lifelong resident of the Village of North Hudson who passed away late last week. He was a member of the Hudson Fire Department for 18 years. Answering the call were Trustees Head, Nelson, O'Brien-Berglund, Pike, Zais, and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were the Police Chief, Mark Richert; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Interim Public Works Director, Patrick Moos; Village Attorney, Gary Bakke for Terry Dunst; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of November 29, 2016 and Special Village Board Meeting of December 20, 2016

Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Head) to approve the Regular Board minutes of November 29, 2016 and Special Village Board Meeting of December 20, 2016. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Tom Coulter was present to update the Village Board regarding activities of the County Board. Coulter stated that so far there has been a small number of the Board that has blocked further borrowing from reserves for Capital Improvement Projects. The County Board met this morning and there were not enough members present to vote on the matter. There will not be enough members present in February either, so it is proposed that the members who will be absent, to be able to phone in their votes. Coulter is not in favor of this, or the borrowing of more money. The Chairman of the Administration Committee is also proposing a living wage requirement for all vendors that do business with the County. There will be a number of challenging issues to be addressed in the next couple of months. Coulter stated that the County is still not licensed at the new healthcare center for the medical bed requirement and is not currently eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for the 10 dementia beds, as well as the 40 beds in the part that is being remodeled. This means that all those applying to reside in one of those beds, will need to show that they can pay for the care for the next 2-3 years in order to be admitted. Wekkin thanked Coulter for the updates.

Amended Class "B"/"Class B" Liquor License for extended premises: Kozy Korner-January 28, 2017

Motion (Pike/Zappa) 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, January 28, 2017 from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm with the following conditions:

- 1) Area outside of building to be completely enclosed with a continuous fence and 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.**

Nelson abstained. **Motion carried.**

New Business from the Board or staff

President's Remarks: Wekin wished everyone a happy, safe and prosperous new year. Wekin stated that there have been problems with the lift stations. It was originally thought that someone(s) was flushing what appeared to be mop heads down the sewer system. It now appears to be flushable wipes. These bound up and cause the lift station pumps to stop working and result in costly repairs for the Village. He asked residents to throw them in the garbage instead of flushing them. Wekin also asked residents to remember to shovel out next to fire hydrants and mailboxes. Wekin thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work.

Administrator's Remarks: None.

Village Clerk's Remarks: Christmas tree pick-up started yesterday and will continue for the following two Mondays: January 9th and January 16th, 2017. Residents must have trees curbside by 6:30 am. Additional information can be found on the Village website.

The deadline for filing paperwork to be on the ballot for the Spring Election was January 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm. A total of 4 individuals, 2 of them being Incumbents-Marc Zappa & Kirk Nelson, filed paperwork for the 3 open Village Trustee positions. Incumbent Stan Wekin filed paperwork for Village President, and Incumbent Ben Wopat filed for Municipal Judge. There were no additional filings for Village President or Municipal Judge.

Plan Commission

Chair update: Plan Commission did not meet.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the December non-recurring claims of \$30,921.14 and January 2017 non-recurring claims of \$2,200.67. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Zais-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekin-yes, Pike-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Village Engineering Services Contract-Cedar Corp.: **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the Village Engineering Services Contract with Cedar Corp. through December 31, 2018.** Bakke stated that this contract doesn't assume or deny liability by Cedar Corp. and that is normal for this type of contract. If the company was negligent, they will be liable. However, Bakke did suggest that the original contract be re-written at some point due to the age and numerous addendums that have been done over the years. Oium stated that the original contract was drafted by the Village back in 1999. Troester stated that Cedar Corp. mentioned that most other municipalities that they do Engineering Services for do not have contracts with them, and asked if there is a need or advantage to have a contract. Bakke stated that it is not necessary to have a contract with an Engineer to do business with them. Oium stated that they do provide additional services for the Village without billing. Oium stated they would continue

to provide the same services if there was not a contract. Most of their fees are project driven. Oium stated that Cedar Corp carries their own professional liability insurance for up to \$3 million dollars. The fee schedule is revised in January of each year and is based on construction costs. Bakke stated that most municipalities do not have contracts with the professional services they do business with. After further discussion, **Zappa withdrew his motion.** This matter will be discussed again after the new service rates are adopted by Cedar Corp. Wekkin stated that this will be re-addressed at a future meeting.

Revised Public Works Director Job Description: **Motion (Pike/Head) to approve the revised Public Works Director Job Description. Motion carried.**

2017 North Hudson Staff & Equipment Service Rates: **Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Nelson) to approve the 2017 North Hudson Staff & Equipment Service Rates. Motion carried.**

Public Works Committee

Chair update: Pike stated that the Public Works Committee did meet and they approved the purchase of a new Public Works Snow Plowing Truck. Research was done by the Interim Public Works Director, Moos, as to the different options.

Purchase of Public Works Snow Plowing Truck: **Motion (Pike/Head) to approve the purchase of the 2017 Mack Plow Truck from Nuss Truck and Equipment with the purchase amount not to exceed \$200,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zais-yes.**

Authorization for Village Administrator to Solicit Loans-Public Works Snow Plowing Truck: **Motion (Pike/Nelson) that the Village Administrator is authorized to solicit bids from local and State lending institutions for a loan to fund the purchase of a Public Works snow plow truck in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be repaid between 5 and 10 years. Loan will incorporate provisions for two loan payments per year, with the first payment due in March and second in September, and no pre-payment penalties. Motion carried.**

Public Safety Committee

Chair update: Public Safety did not meet.

Public Welfare

Chair update: Public Welfare did not meet.

Park Board

Chair update: Park Board did not meet.

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk