

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 @ 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. Invocation read by Wekkin. Answering the call were Trustees Leaf, Matz, Nelson, 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 Attorney, Paul Mahler; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Public Works Director, Patrick Moos; Village Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Luedke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Lehman.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2018.

Motion (Nelson/Leaf) to approve the Regular Board minutes of December 4, 2018. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Tom Coulter, District 4 County Board Supervisor, was present to update the Village Board regarding activities of the County Board. The County Board revised and cut the proposed tax levy increase presented by the County Administrator. The increase was cut from 4.2% to 2.8%. No additional money will be borrowed in 2019.

The county nursing home has 108 beds with 58 of these being new beds. According to the last census, 17 of the 58 new beds were occupied. The Board is hopeful that the nursing home will receive approval from the Federal Government in May to begin admitting Medicare and Medicaid reimbursed patients to aid in filling residence. Currently, these 58 beds are allotted for privately funded patients.

The new highway building should come in under budget by \$2 million (borrowed money). The sale of the previous highway facility should net the county \$2 million. The County Board is hopeful that this cash asset can be used to help aid in a jail remodel. The remodel would allow the jail to accommodate mental health inmates and to eliminate the 5-hour transfer for these inmates. The jail would serve several counties in the region.

Wekkin thanked Coulter for the updates.

Proclamation declaring January 20-26, 2019 as North Hudson School Choice Week

Wekkin read the Proclamation declaring January 20-26, 2019 as North Hudson School Choice Week. **The Board approved the proclamation unanimously.**

New Business from the Board or Staff

President's Remarks: Wekkin stated that the St. Croix EMS Commission met on January 8, 2019 and were presented with RFP's for EMS services from four (4) groups. Two of the four groups were eliminated from consideration. The remaining groups for consideration are St.

Croix EMS and Lakview EMS. St. Croix EMS presented three options: 1) raise the run rates by 80%, which eliminates the subsidy from the city; 2) raise the run rates by 45% & continue with the subsidies; or 3) join the New Richmond EMS Association; which would need approval from the NREMS Board. Under the Lakeview EMS proposal, the user pays solely for services. No decisions were made and the next meeting for further discussion will be on February 4, 2019. Wekkin ended by stating that email has been inaccessible due to server upgrades and anyone needing immediate assistance should call the Village Hall. Otherwise, emails will be responded to once the server is up and running.

Administrator/Clerk's Remarks: Luedke stated there will not be a Spring Primary in February. The next election will be the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. A total of three individuals, two of them being Incumbents, filed paperwork for the three open Village Trustee positions. Two individuals, one being an Incumbent, filed paperwork for Village President.

Plan Commission

Chair update: Plan Commission did not meet.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Nelson/Pike) to approve the December 2018 non-recurring claims of \$55,579.87 and January 2019 non-recurring claims of \$2,782.80. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Zais-yes, Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, Matz-yes, Leaf-yes.**

2019 Staff & Equipment Service Rates: **Motion (Nelson/Leaf) to approve the 2019 Staff & Equipment Service rates. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes, Zais-yes.**

WPPA Union Contract: This item will be discussed at a future date.

Public Works Committee

Chair update: Pike stated that Public Works did meet and there are two (2) items to bring forward. Pike also stated that the salt shed is complete and cost came in under budget. Repairs to the Riverside lift station are complete and it is running efficiently.

Tree and Stump Removal Contract-St. Croix SavATree: **Motion (Pike/Zais) to approve the tree and stump removal contract with St. Croix SavATree with an increase of \$10.00/tree. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Zais-yes, Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, Matz-yes, Leaf-yes.**

Water main Replacement under Lake Mallalieu: **Motion (Pike/Matz) to approve the replacement of the watermain under Lake Mallalieu by the end of 2021 in coordination with the City of Hudson, with funding to be determined by the Village Administrator and not to exceed \$200,000.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes, Zais-yes.**

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.

Convene into closed session

The board did not convene into closed session.

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jessica Lehman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer