

**Village of North Hudson  
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Hudson, WI 54016**

**Minutes**

**Call to order; Invocation; roll call**

President Stan Wekin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Invocation read by Wekin. Answering the call were Trustees Head, Nelson, O'Brien-Berglund, Pike, Standafer, and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were the Village Attorney, Terry Dunst; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

**Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2016 and Emergency Board meeting of February 2, 2016**

**Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the Regular Board minutes of January 5, 2016 and Emergency Board meeting of February 2, 2016. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the floor**

Greg Yuschak, 1004 Riverside Drive N., and Alice Oldfield, 922 Sally's Alley N., were present regarding retaining walls on Riverside Drive N. and on the property at 922 Sally's Alley N. Yuschak had sent a letter to the Village requesting the retaining walls be replaced. Wekin stated that it cannot be discussed by the Village Board tonight because it is not on the agenda. It will be put on the March Public Works agenda for further discussion.

**Presentation by Xcel Energy-Brian Elwood-Regarding Solar Energy Options**

Brian Elwood, Community Service Manager with Xcel Energy, was present to provide information regarding solar energy options. Elwood stated that the community solar project was just rolled out about a week ago in this area of Wisconsin. Customers can subscribe to the solar garden and share in the costs and receive credits for that energy that is produced. Community solar gardens have been appearing in neighboring communities. Elwood stated that there is a one-time enrollment fee and customers can subscribe up to 100% of average annual use. The customer will then receive credits on their monthly electric bill based on the solar energy production of the garden. Once the subscription fee is paid, there are no operating or maintenance costs going forward. The credit amount will not go down, but it could possibly increase. Credits would be received for up to 25 years. The two locations of the solar gardens will be in Eau Claire County and La Crosse County, however, customers in St. Croix County are eligible to subscribe. Xcel is hoping to have the solar gardens built by the end of 2016. There will be solar town hall meetings held and individuals can go to [www.xcelenergy.com/SolarConnectCommunity](http://www.xcelenergy.com/SolarConnectCommunity) for more information.

**Adoption of Final Special Assessment Report for Street Improvements for Lemon Street N**  
**Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to adopt the final special assessment report for Lemon Street N.** Oium stated that the Lemon Street N project ended up coming in about \$4,300 under

budget. Assessed property owners will have the option to pay back the amount over a 4 or 5 year period. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution 2016-01, Levying Special Assessments for Street Improvements for Lemon Street N**

**Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Standafer) to approve Resolution 2016-01, Levying Special Assessments for Street Improvements for Lemon Street N. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

**Application for Conveyance of Land filed by Joseph Granberg-G & S Land Solutions, LLC and Philip Taylor-Taylor Investment Company, LLC**

**Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the application for conveyance of land between the adjoining properties of Philip Taylor-Taylor Investment Company, LLC at 609 Galahad Road N. Motion carried.**

**Reschedule April Village Board Meeting Date Due to Spring Election**

Wekkin stated it was proposed to reschedule the April Finance and Village Board meetings to Tuesday, March 29, 2016 due to the Spring Election. **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to reschedule the meetings to March 29, 2016. Motion carried.**

**New Business from the Board or staff**

*President's Remarks:* Wekkin stated that the School Board asked him to remind everyone that there are informational sessions scheduled regarding the school referendum questions which will be on the April 5, 2016 ballot. There was a flyer sent out by the Hudson School District which list the meeting dates. This information is available on the school website and the flyer is also on the Village website. Wekkin also asked everyone to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Wekkin also wished everyone a Happy Easter.

*Administrator's Remarks:* Troester congratulated Luedke on her 3 year anniversary with the Village.

*Village Clerk's Remarks:* Luedke remind residents that the Presidential Preference and Spring Election will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Photo ID is required to vote so please be prepared. Acceptable forms of photo ID can be found on the Village website. Luedke congratulated Troester on her 12 year anniversary with the Village.

**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 2015 non-recurring claims of \$4,333.32 and March 2016 non-recurring claims of \$68,440.04. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-yes.**

*Request for funding of USGS Willow River Stream Gauge:* Jim Thomas, Vice-President of the Lake Mallalieu Association was present. The USGS stream gauge/testing facility, which is south of the Little Falls Dam on the Willow River, was shut down in September of 2015 due to a

funding issue with the DNR. This gauge tested what was flowing into Lake Mallalieu from the Willow River that may affect water quality. This gauge will automatically take samples when there is a change in water level amounts. Thomas is asking the neighboring municipalities to help fund the gauge to keep it open. The Town of Hudson and the City of Hudson have both approved funding \$2,000 towards the stream gauge for 2016. The Lake Mallalieu Association will be picking up the rest of the cost. This will keep the gauge open for one year. Thomas stated that this is a one-time request for 2016. There will be other funding options researched for future years. A show of commitment from the municipalities will help support the dam repair/replacement. **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve allocation of \$2,000 for 2016 to help fund the USGS Willow River stream gauge with funds coming from the Other Conservation & Development Contract-Professional Services budget. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

*Bank Selection Options:* **Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for banking services.** Standafer stated that it is important to get RFP's for all Village services on a regular basis to review level of service and costs. If the Village will be looking at the proposals seriously, he would support putting out an RFP. **Motion carried.**

### **Public Works Committee**

*Chair update:* Public Works did meet. There was one actionable item recommended for Board approval.

*Drainage Issue at 709 Riverside Drive N:* Head stated that Mr. Sweeney, the resident at 709 Riverside Drive N, has voiced concerns regarding drainage issues onto his property due to the project on Lakeview Drive N. Oium explained the possible improvement which was approved by Public Works. Total Excavating has been approached to do the project and the cost will be around \$4,000. This amount will be included in the overall project costs. The Lakeview Drive N/Pine Street N project is estimated to come in about \$16,000 below budget. Pike stated that per the engineer, the road pitch has not been changed from what was there previously. Zappa stated that making a reasonable attempt to improve the situation would be in the best interest of the project. Dunst stated that it is important to note that the Engineer is stating this is an improvement to a situation. **Motion (Head/O'Brien-Berglund) to proceed with making the drainage improvement in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-1. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-no.**

### **Public Safety Committee**

*Chair update:* Zappa stated that Public Safety did meet however, there were no actionable items.

### **Public Welfare**

*Chair update:* Public Welfare did not meet.

### **Park Board**

*Chair update:* O'Brien-Berglund stated that Park Board did meet. There was a presentation by Buck Malick regarding the purchase of trees as part of the gravel bed agreement.

*Purchase of Trees for Village Hall and Chief Jansen Memorial Park:* **Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Zappa) to purchase 10 trees, gator bags, tree stakes, wire and grommets, at a cost of \$1,100 to be paid for with the funds available for Chief Jansen Memorial Park for 9 trees and the one at the Village Hall to be paid for from the Park Maintenance Fund. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

**Convene into closed Session**

**Motion (Standafer/Pike) to go into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session with respect to the possible purchase or lease of the Municipal Garage from Zappa Development LLP. Zappa recused himself. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes. The Board convened into closed session at 8:04 p.m.**

**Reconvene into open Session, Possible Actions Based on Closed Session**

**Motion (Wekkin/Pike) to reconvene into open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.**

**Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Head) to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to pursue the possibility of; purchasing the currently leased building from Zappa Development LLP, stipulate the purchase price in the next lease agreement to purchase at some point in the future, or start looking for a different location to purchase in the future. Wekkin will appoint the Ad Hoc Committee which will likely consist of the Village President, Public Works Director, someone from the Public Works Committee, and the Village Administrator. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk