

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 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, and Zais. 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 and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Lehman.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2019

Motion (Leaf/Matz) to approve the Regular Board minutes of March 5, 2019. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

No comments.

Annual Library Report by Tina Norris

Tina Norris, Library Director of the Hudson Area Public Library, spoke. Norris stated that the Library's mission is to strengthen the community by providing information, inspiration, innovative ideas and a world of possibilities.

In 2018, total circulation (physical and digital material) was up 4.3%. Physical material (books, audio books, lawn games) saw a 1.6% increase while digital material saw a 21.2% increase. There were 126,955 visitors to the library in 2018. The library offered 578 specials programs in 2018 that saw 14,891 attendees.

The Friends of the Hudson Area Library organization provides funding that is used for various items. This year, funds were used to add the genealogy & history room. Funds were also used to add to the large print, audio, DVD & digital resources.

The strategic plan for 2019 includes: 1) Promote education, literacy & lifelong learning; 2) Support workforce & economic development; 3) Create innovative library spaces & develop dynamic collections, resources & enhance technology; 4) Foster community connections & engagement; 5) Strengthen & improve organizational help; and 6) Define & delineate roles of the library board and support organizations.

In 2019, the library added Sunday hours, two Wi-Fi hotspots and upgraded the self-checkout machines. Computers will be upgraded at the end of this year.

Pike asked how many north Hudson residents used the library and if any remodeling is planned. Norris answered that approximately 75% of North Hudson households have active memberships. Norris added that no remodeling is planned for the library but reorganization will take place.

Amended Class “B”/”Class B” Liquor License for extended premises: Mallalieu Inn Spring Motorcycle Run-April 13, 2018

Motion (Zais/Leaf) to approve the Class “B”/”Class B” Retail License for the sale of Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Mallalieu Inn be temporarily amended for an event taking place April 13, 2019 with the following conditions:

- 1) Possession of open containers of alcohol outside of the establishment shall remain within Mallalieu Inn parking lot and blocked off street area for event (Wisconsin St N from 3rd St N to 6th St N).**
- 2) Use of outside area only with specific permission of Village Board for each particular date and event. The April 13, 2019 event to be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**
- 3) Three (3) North Hudson police officers and three (3) St. Croix County Deputies to be on duty during the hours of the event at the owner’s expense, to be billed to the owner by the Village.**
- 4) Owner to provide adequate, satellite restroom facilities.**
- 5) Wisconsin Street North, from 6th St. N. to 3rd St. N., to be closed to thru traffic from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with an open corridor for emergency vehicles maintained (surrounding neighbors to be notified in advance by the Village). Actual times of detour route are at the discretion of the commanding NHPD officer on scene.**
- 6) Payment for Village services must be paid within thirty (30) days after the event.**

Motion carried.

Set date for Re-Org meeting-Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Motion (Pike/Leaf) to schedule the Re-Org meeting for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Motion carried.

New Business from the Board or Staff

President’s Remarks: Wekkin stated that the EMS Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet regarding emergency medical service providers. St. Croix EMS and Lakeview EMS have submitted proposals. The Hudson Common Council consists of six elected members who are the deciding factor and will vote for which proposal moves forward. If there is a tie, the Mayor will cast a vote. The Town of Troy and North Hudson each have one advisory vote.

If the Common Council votes for service to continue by St. Croix EMS, Hudson may or may not release the Village from the current EMS contract. If the contract remains in place, the Village will continue to pay approximately \$64,000 per year until 2022. Rates are anticipated to increase 8-15% per year. If the Village were released from the remainder of the contract, a resident/user would pay an additional \$400.

Current run times from St. Croix EMS and Lakeview EMS are similar. There is concern that response time for North Hudson residents would increase if St. Croix EMS moves to a facility on Ward Ave. St. Croix EMS coverage consists of one (1) ambulance on duty for 24 hrs/day and one (1) ambulance on duty for 12 hrs/day, 7 days a week.

If the Common Council votes for service provided by Lakeview EMS, St. Croix EMS would likely be sold or dissolved. Response from Lakeview EMS comes from Hudson Hospital, Stillwater Hospital, St. Joe Hall or anywhere in between.

There is an EMS Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for March 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Wekkin invited the public to attend and welcomes their input.

Administrator/Clerk's Remarks: The Spring Election is on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and the polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. In-person absentee voting ends at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 29, 2019. Wekkin read Luedke's remarks.

Plan Commission

Chair update: Plan Commission did not meet.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Pike/Nelson) to approve the December 2018 non-recurring claims of \$1,255.25 and March 2019 non-recurring claims of \$43,061.77. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes, Zais-yes.**

Purchase of Crime Insurance Policy and Reduction of Public Officials Bond Amounts:

Motion (Pike/Nelson) to purchase a three-year blanket bond from Travelers Insurance providing \$100,000 coverage with a \$1,000 deductible in an amount not to exceed \$1369 for three years of coverage, and reduce the public officials bonds to \$5,000 for the Village Treasurer, Municipal Judge, and Village Clerk. In addition, cancel the existing blanket bond with Ohio Casualty that is up for renewal on 4/14/19. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Zais-yes, Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Matz-yes, Leaf-yes.

2019 Fire Contract: **Motion (Pike/Leaf) to approve the 2019 Fire Contract. Motion carried.**

Public Works Committee

Chair update: Public Works did meet and there is one (1) item to bring forward. Pike updated the board of three future projects. First, soil boring will need to be completed in specific areas along STH 35. This project is required by the State and will cost approximately \$5,100. Secondly, a traffic study on Wisconsin St N will need to be completed by 2022 and will cost approximately \$200. Lastly, a drainage issue presented itself along Galahad Rd during this year's spring thaw and water was running across the street. Corrective actions will be completed this summer. Pike ended the update by asking North Hudson residents to attend the 4/4/2019 meeting that is taking place at Hudson City Hall from 7-9 pm. He encouraged residents to voice their concern about the closure of the Mallalieu Bridge during the STH 35 project. The bridge would be closed to through traffic, with the exception of emergency vehicles, and would likely impact business in North Hudson.

Lake Mallalieu Water Main Crossing Project-Consideration of Bids to Provide Engineering Services: **Motion (Pike/Matz) to approve the proposal from Cedar Corp to provide engineering services for the Lake Mallalieu water main crossing project in the amount of \$24,900, to be split 50/50 between the Village of North Hudson and the City of Hudson. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes, Zais-yes.**

Public Safety Committee

Chair update: Public Safety did meet but there are no items to bring forward.

Public Welfare

Chair update: Public Welfare did not meet.

Park Board

Chair update: Park Board did meet and but there are no items to bring forward.

Convene into Closed Session

Motion (Nelson/Leaf) to convene 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 water and sewer ad hoc committee updates and possibly combining all water and sewer system components with the City of Hudson. Motion carried. The Board convened into closed session at 7:37pm.

Reconvene into Open Session

Motion (Pike/Nelson) to reconvene into open session. Motion carried. The Board reconvened into open session at 7:54 pm.

Discussion and possible action based on closed session with respect to water and sewer ad hoc committee updates and possibly combining all water and sewer system components with the City of Hudson: No action or further discussion.

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jessica Lehman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer