

**Village of North Hudson  
Regular Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 6:00 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 6:02 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees O'Brien-Berglund, Pike and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

**Approval of minutes: Regular Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of March 7, 2017**

**Motion (Zappa/Pike) to approve the March 7, 2017 Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**Claims: review and recommendation**

**Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to recommend approval of the December 2016 non-recurring claims of \$241.54 and March 2017 non-recurring claims of \$9,285.13 for a total of \$9,526.67. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes.**

**Request for Funding of USGS Willow River Stream Gage**

**Motion (Zappa/Pike) to approve the spending of \$600 per year for 4 years to total \$2400 to help fund the USGS Willow River Stream Gage. Jim Thomas, Vice-President of the Lake Mallalieu Association, was present. The City of Hudson has approved the spending and Thomas is going to the Town of Hudson's meeting next with the request. Thomas stated that all participating municipalities will need to agree to participate for the price to be \$600 per year. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes.**

**Fire Contract**

Troester stated that Attorney Dunst reviewed the contract and came back with some recommended changes to the proposed 2017 Fire Contract. One of the amendments is to item #11-Termination of Services by the City. Currently, if the City of Hudson Fire Department were to terminate services with the Village, the Village would need to keep paying for the balance owed on equipment for the length of the loan, even once services are no longer provided. The amendment states that if the City of Hudson were to give the Village of North Hudson a five year notice that they were terminating services, the Village would be responsible for capital costs only during the remaining five years. **Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to waive the rules so discussion can be held before a decision is made. Motion carried.** Pike questioned why the Village is paying for equipment for the City when the Village does not have any ownership of the equipment. Wekkin stated that he will be discussing the possibility of forming a fire district or joint EMS/Fire District where the equipment is owned by the participating municipalities. Troester stated that the participating municipalities and the City of Hudson would need to agree to this as well. Wekkin stated there is also discussion about the possibility of a new building. Zappa stated that the City of Hudson is growing very fast and their needs are much greater than ours. Finding a way to pay increasing costs is going to be a continuous

battle. Troester stated that there have been a few changes to the contract. It now includes attachments which commit to the purchase of capital equipment. It is unknown if committing to the contract includes committing to the purchase of the equipment as well. There was discussion as to the items in the contract. The amendments made to the contract by Attorney Dunst still need to be approved by the City of Hudson. Zappa asked what the options are. Troester stated the Finance Committee could approve the contract with amendments excluding the purchase of the fire truck at this point. **Motion (Zappa) to approve the 2017 Fire Contract with proposed amendments.** Pike stated that he does not agree with the purchase of equipment in the contract, and the Village should only be paying for their share of the service. Zappa stated that the committee should have a meeting with only this item on the agenda and more information available to make an informed decision. It was discussed to possibly talk with the Town of St. Joseph for fire services. Troester stated that she doesn't want to imply that forming a fire district will solve everything. However, it is an option worth researching. Zappa stated that the fire contract and purchase of fire equipment needs to be addressed first before the question of a fire district. Zappa withdraws his motion. Wekkin stated that this item will be tabled for further investigation.

**Request from Hudson Fire Department to Purchase Ladder Truck**

This item will be discussed at a later date.

**Sale of 2001 F-250 Public Works Pickup/Plow**

**Motion (Pike/O'Brien-Berglund) to approve the sale of Public Works Unit #5 2001 Ford F-250 with plow to Hudson Ford for the amount of \$5,500. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes.**

**Adjournment**

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk