

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Minutes

Call to order: roll call

President Wekkin called the meeting to order at 6:31 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; Public Works Director, Patrick Moos; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

Approval of minutes: Regular Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of February 7, 2017 Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Zappa) to approve the February 7, 2017 Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Claims: review and recommendation

Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Zappa) to recommend approval of the March 2017 non-recurring claims of \$9,221.25. 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 if the Village Board approved the Fire Contract, the Board may want to exclude the purchase of the Ladder Truck until it is determined if the Village's portion of the purchase can be added to the levy. The ladder truck is discussed under item #6-Purchase of Capital Assets, in the contract. Troester discussed the possibility of forming a fire district in the future. The fire district would be its own entity and make its own decisions. Under the current contract, capital equipment is owned by the City of Hudson, although all municipalities pay towards the equipment. Ultimately, the Hudson City Council makes all the final decisions. Troester stated that over the past 4 years there has also been an increase in administrative wages of over \$250,000. This may be due to some position changes within the Fire Department. Troester suggested approaching the City of Hudson about setting up a fire district. It would give the district, versus the municipality, the final say in decisions. O'Brien-Berglund questioned the January 1, 2017 start date on the contract. Wekkin stated that this is a rolling 5 year contact, unless a municipality states that they do not wish to continue under the contract by September 30th of each year. Wekkin stated that this item will be addressed at a later date when more information is received.

Request from Hudson Fire Department to Purchase Ladder Truck

This item will be discussed at a future date.

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk