

**Village of North Hudson  
Regular Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 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 6:00 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees Nelson, Pike and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were; Police Chief, Mark Richert; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

**Approval of minutes: Regular Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of May 2, 2017**

**Motion (Zappa/Pike) to approve the May 2, 2017 Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes.**

**Claims: review and recommendation**

**Motion (Zappa/Pike) to recommend approval of the June 2017 non-recurring claims of \$64,976.12.** Zappa asked about the item due to the City of Hudson for \$33,000. Troester stated that this is delinquent utilities that are placed on the tax roll. The County sends it to the Village, and the Village pays the City. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes.**

**Fire Contract and Funding Options**

**Motion (Zappa/Nelson) to approve the 2017 Fire Contract.** Pike asked if there were any changes to the Fire Contract from last time. Wekkin stated that the changes that have been discussed previously regarding if the City were to give notice to the Village and payment of capital equipment, are finalized in this contract. Zappa asked if the financial questions that the committee has discussed in the past have been answered. Troester stated that it was discussed to possibly go out for a loan for the Village's portion of the ladder truck, but after research, it was not beneficial to do this. There are other loans that will be already added to the levy if needed. Luedke stated that if the Village did take out a loan for our portion, it may be difficult to track on the City and Village sides to make sure it is being taken out of the contracted price for those years. Troester stated that the idea of forming a Fire District should be looked at prior to the City of Hudson purchasing a new fire hall building, that way the municipalities have some ownership of the assets. Nelson stated that another issue is the concern that if the Village was to give notice to the City, the Village would still be responsible for any equipment that was purchased in that 5 year period. Zappa asked about going forward with the idea of forming a Fire District, and what should happen to keep the idea going. Pike suggested having staff look into finding a Fire District expert to speak with. There needs to be support from the other municipalities to explore the possibility of forming a Fire District. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes.**

**Sale of 1998 International Plow Truck**

**Motion (Pike/Zappa) to recommend approval of the sale of the 1998 DT466E 4700 International Truck with plow and sander, and the Village Administrator to put an ad in the paper accepting bids, with a minimum bid of \$8,500. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0. Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes.**

**Radio Software and Hardware Purchase for Digital Channel Upgrade**

**Motion (Zappa/Nelson) to authorize the purchase and installation of one (1) digital ready radio for installation in the police department and installation of the digital software into the current mobile and portable Motorola radios by Ancom Communications, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$13,500 to be allocated from the undesignated fund.** Pike asked the cost of the main radio. Richert stated that the radio with three (3) control heads is \$5,607. Wekkin asked when the new digital frequency is going into effect. Richert stated that it is mandated that the Police Department must be up and running with the radio software and hardware by April 15, 2018 or they will not be able to hear the law enforcement channel. Pike asked why the committee is voting on this item so early. Richert stated that there is already a transition of putting in new frequencies in place that include the digital channel. It is not mandated until 2018, but can be used for those agencies that have it. Also, instead of doing two (2) separate programming's, there are cost savings to doing everything at once and having Ancom Communications, Inc. doing it. Luedke stated that there may be other needs for unassigned funds, which will be discussed later in the Village Board meeting. Zappa wants to vote in favor of this item and the actual purchase will be dictated by what funds are available. Wekkin asked if this item needs to be voted on tonight. Zappa rephrased his motion. **Motion (Zappa/) to approve based on the availability of undesignated funds.** This way, the item is already approved and staff can determine the timing of the purchase. Richert stated that his recommendation is to defer the item a month versus putting it back on the staff to determine if and when there is enough money to purchase. Pike and Wekkin prefer to defer a decision on this item until the next meeting. Zappa withdrew his motion. Item will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke  
Village Clerk