

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 @ 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, Zais and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were the Police Chief, Mark Richert; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Village Attorney, Paul Mahler; Public Works Director, Patrick Moos; Village Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Luedke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Lehman.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board Meeting of July 3, 2018.

Motion (Pike/Leaf) to approve the Regular Board minutes of July 3, 2018. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Tom Jensen, 1834 River Ridge Rd, Hudson, spoke. Jensen asked what the processes to re-zone and to split lots are. Luedke stated that he should contact her directly and will assist him with his questions.

EMS Services

Discussion of EMS Services and Options: Wekkin stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to get input whether to stay in the present contract or look elsewhere for EMS services. Wekkin stated that the Village wants affordable and dependable service, emphasis on affordability. Last year, the Village proposed going to a 50/50 per capita and 5-year average run volume payment model which was voted down by the Hudson City Council.

Open Public Hearing: Wekkin declared the Public Hearing open at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comments: Joe Elkin, 640 Lemon Street N., a paramedic for St. Croix EMS spoke. Elkin said he knows there are other options, such as Lakeview and acknowledged that there may be a financial gain but questioned what kind of service residents would receive. Elkin stressed that quite a few of the St. Croix EMS staff are residents of North Hudson who can respond quickly and have even responded on their days off. Elkin added that Lakeview wouldn't necessarily utilize staff from North Hudson.

Wekkin stated that the Village is not required to be in a contract with anyone and emergency calls would get responded to. Wekkin cited that the Villages cost for EMS contract services is \$17 per capita, in 2018. By 2022, cost per capita would go up to \$27.25. This would be a \$40,000.00+ increase which would need to be cut from other departments. Wekkin brought up that Mayo is coming to Hudson and it's his understanding that they will have an ambulance.

Elkin replied that the total expense falls on the caller when there is no contract in place. Elkin added that Mayo Medical Transport is its own separate entity for inter-facility transports and typically would not respond to 911 calls.

Nelson reiterated that this discussion is not a matter of service but that the Village is looking for a solution that is equitable and affordable.

Close Public Hearing: **Wekkin declared the public hearing closed at 7:24 p.m.**

Resolution 2018-04 Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax

Motion (Zappa/Leaf) to approve Resolution 2018-04, Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax. Motion carried.

New Business from the Board or Staff

President's Remarks: Wekkin stated that Pepper Fest is about ten (10) days away and hopes that everyone comes out and enjoys the fun in a respectful way.

Administrator/Clerk's Remarks: Luedke stated the Partisan Primary Election is next Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 am and closing at 8:00 pm. In-person absentee voting ends this Friday, August 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Plan Commission

Chair update: Plan Commission did not meet.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Zappa/Leaf) to approve the August 2018 non-recurring claims of \$198,261.40. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Zais-yes, Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, Matz-yes, Leaf-yes.**

Assignment of Unassigned Funds for the Future Purchase of a Public Works Vehicle and Police Department Squad: **Motion (Zappa/Leaf) to authorize the Village Administrator to transfer \$15,000.00 to the Public Works Truck Assigned Fund and \$15,000.00 to the Police Department Vehicle Assigned Fund from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Pike-yes, Nelson-yes, Zais-yes.**

WPPA Union Contract: Wekkin announced that union negotiations are open. **Motion (Zappa/Pike) to authorize Village officials to negotiate WPPA Union Contract. Motion carried.**

Social Media Policy: **Motion (Zappa/Leaf) to approve the Social Media Use Policy for the Village of North Hudson.** Zappa stated that for legal reasons, any social media use on behalf of the Village, needs to be archived. This policy is presented as a guideline for staff to follow. **Motion carried.**

Contract with City of Hudson for Additional Staffing During Pepper Fest: **Motion (Leaf/Matz) to authorize Chief Richert to enter into a contract with the City of Hudson Police Department for additional police protection during the 2018 Pepper Festival weekend due to NHPD staffing levels.** Richert stated this contract would be for one (1) additional officer to assist with calls from the Village during the weekend of Pepper Fest. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Zais-yes, Nelson-yes, Pike-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, Matz-yes, Leaf-yes.**

Public Works Committee

Chair update: The Public Works Committee did meet and there are two (2) items to bring forward. Pike stated that the right-turn lane for the Kwik-Trip Development has been turned down and that ATV discussions have moved forward to Public Safety. Oium stated that the work on Artisan North is progressing and asphalt will be put down Friday, August 17, 2018 or Monday, August 20, 2018 with the final asphalt layer being laid in September. Moos stated that the replacement pump for the Cedar Lift station has been installed and work was completed in one day. One final jetting/flushing will be performed to eliminate all obstructions that are in the sewer line. Moos added that seal coating on Helen St. and Sommers St. is complete and sweeping will be done before Pepper Fest.

Extension of 2017/2018 Street Sweeping Contract: **Motion (Pike/Zais) to extend the current street sweeping contract with McPhillips, Inc. through 2018. Motion carried.**

Construction of Salt Shed and base: **Motion (Pike/Zais) to approve the purchase of a 32' wide X 50' long trussed Span-Tech fabric building from Structures Unlimited and base work to be done by St Croix Highway Department with a total price, including state approval and building permits, not to exceed \$66,000.00, with funds coming from the Unassigned Fund. In addition, approve amending the 2018 budget to reflect this purchase. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Leaf-yes, Matz-yes, Zappa-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 there is one (1) item to bring forward.

"Movie in the Park" and request for extended park hours: **Motion (Nelson/Pike) to extend the hours from 8:00 am – 11:30 pm in Pepper Fest Park on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 for a "Movie in the Park". Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jessica Lehman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer