

**Village of North Hudson  
Public Safety Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Hudson, WI 54016**

**Call to Order: roll call**

Chair Tim Zais called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Answering the call were Trustee Amy Noonan and Trustee Philip Matz. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Police Chief Mark Richert.

**Comments from the floor**

None.

**Approval of minutes from March 31, 2022 Special Public Safety Meeting**

**Motion (Noonan/Matz) to approve the minutes of March 31, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried.**

**Chief's Report**

Richert reported that there has been no improvements to the e-referral for the CS Pro Software but minor fixes to the TraCS interfaces have been accomplished.

Richert had requested the Sergeant and the Village Treasurer work together to prepare a fuel study. The Village Treasurer compiled a spreadsheet with data associated with fuel use by non-hybrid versus hybrid vehicles in the NHPD fleet from May 2021 through January 2022 (9 months). The spreadsheet showed that when all NHPD fleet vehicles are hybrid, the estimated annual cost savings would be \$3,165.07. This cost savings was based on the dollar amount for gas from May 2021 through January 2022 and since then those costs per gallon have risen considerably and would reflect in a higher savings going forward. He will review this again in May so that a true full year could be analyzed. Zais indicated he would like to see this presented to the Board.

Richert reported on a couple incidents/investigations/cases of note that involved the North Hudson Police Department. There was a water rescue on Saturday, April 9, 2022 of a 75-year old male and a 17-year old male in a boat that had been pulled into the Lake Mallalieu Dam on the St. Croix River side. They were safely pulled from the dam after the mechanism was shut down and the water calmed. Resources for this rescue were the Hudson Police Department, North Hudson Police Department, Hudson Fire Department, and the Wisconsin DNR. This dam is run by the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the south end of Hudson so they were contacted to control the operation of the dam to help in the recovery.

There was also a vehicle fire near the north end of the dam in the area of 206 Wisconsin St N on Monday, April 11, 2022. A Press Release was provided to the committee with further details. A post incident debriefing was scheduled for April 13, 2022 but had to be cancelled due to illness of the facilitator. It will be rescheduled with an invitation to anyone who may have any connection related to this case.

He also noted that an investigation into the September 10, 2021 Village Inn burglary has resulted in two suspects that were developed by blood evidence at the scene through the Wisconsin Crime Lab. They have identified and interviewed one of the suspects and the other one they do not have a location for yet. Both suspects will be sent up for charges through the St. Croix County District Attorney's Office.

Richert shared the incident breakdown numbers for the past month. There has been a few more welfare checks and a couple of death investigations.

Richert reported on the overtime for his officers and all looks good on the quarterly report. Being one officer short opens overtime opportunities for his staff.

The Written/Verbal Warning/Citation Tallies was reported.

#### **Code violations at 235 Monroe Street N**

Zais reported that at the last meeting the Village's lawyer was in attendance and the discussion resulted in steps necessary to move forward. All the data has been collected from Fire Marshal Mike Perucca and Building Inspector Brian Wert. Zais turned this data over to Village Administrator Melissa Luedke to forward to Village Attorney Paul Mahler. Richert indicated that the Village Attorney, Paul Mahler, would be putting together a notice to be sent to the owner of this property.

#### **Wisconsin St. N. Construction Project – Public Safety Preparation/Traffic Controls**

Richert presented an issue statement regarding parking restrictions on Sommers St N and Galahad Rd N. With the Wisconsin St N construction project, there will be a detour heading to the north end and will be heading down Sommers St N to Galahad Rd N and then back down to Wisconsin St N for anyone who wants access to residential or businesses west of 3<sup>rd</sup> St N. The intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> St N to 6<sup>th</sup> St N will be shut down. He indicated that because Galahad Rd N between Sommers St N and Wisconsin St N is narrow and has no curb and gutter and Sommers St N between 4<sup>th</sup> St N and Galahad Rd N is narrow and will have increased traffic, he is requesting that the committee move to prohibit parking in these locations. This will allow for good traffic flow and also allow for emergency vehicles to have easy access. This project goes through the third week in July.

Zais had been questioned on whether people can park in front of the businesses on Wisconsin St N during this project. Richert's understanding is that there will be no access to this area during the project. This project involves sewer/water and the street will be totally torn up. There is a public meeting scheduled prior to the North Hudson Public Works Committee meeting on April 19, 2022 where these types of questions can be addressed.

**Motion (Noonan/Matz) to prohibit parking on both sides of Sommers St N between 4<sup>th</sup> St N and Galahad Rd N and both sides of Galahad Rd N between Sommers St N and Wisconsin St N for the duration of the detour caused by the Wisconsin St N construction project in 2022. Motion carried.**

#### **Police Department Staffing and Coverage**

Richert noted that there were three people on the eligibility list and all three have taken other positions. This leaves the North Hudson Police Department with a current police officer vacancy. The Police Commission meets on April 21, 2022 to discuss reopening the hiring process.

**Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning**

Richert had nothing new to report at this time. He is doing some research on a couple of items. He has a call into the company that the squad cameras were purchased from. Current ones are around seven years old and this company has a trade-in option. Richert has a virtual meeting with this contact in two weeks so he will have more meeting to provide at the next Public Safety meeting. His department is still waiting on delivery of ammunition ordered in June 2021.

**Future Agenda Items**

Code violations at 235 Monroe Street N.

Zais recognized Matz for his four years as a Village of North Hudson Trustee and his contribution to the North Hudson Public Safety Committee.

**Adjournment**

Chair Zais declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois Zezza  
Recording Secretary