

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at Town of Hudson, Town Hall

Meeting called to order by Randy Morrisette at 6:30 PM. Roll call: Randy Morrisette, City of Hudson, Stan Wekin – Village of North Hudson, Suzanne Van Mele – Town of Troy, Jamie Johnson, Hudson School District, Theresa Johnson, Town of St Joseph, Tim Foster, Town of Hudson, Bob Long, St Croix County and Ray Knapp, Town of Troy.

Motion to approve the January 26, 2022, minutes, T. Johnson/ Wekin - passed

Motion to nominate Ray Knapp as the chair of the Intergovernmental Advisory Council, Wekin/ J. Johnson, motion passed.

Ray Knapp chaired the rest of the meeting.

1. **Hudson School District report:** Covid is substantially diminished. Looking to do a better job communicating the needs of the school district through community engagement starting with listening sessions. Want a stronger public engagement that will help with the challenges the district is facing. They are down \$75M in state aid which has to be made up in property taxes. Waiting for the demographic projections to come back. Enrollment is down 4-5% in 7 years. There is capacity for 2900 students in the existing elementary schools and enrollment is dropping down to 1800. After the election, Jamie is in his 4th term and they have a very experienced board. On track on the budget. Issues with staffing both in hiring and retaining.
2. **Municipalities reporting:**
 - a. **City of Hudson** – Randy Morrisette—lot of construction projects including Carmichael which should be completed by June and then the bridge will be started. 3rd St Hill will be under construction this summer. Fire chief is needed. U-Line is doing a 280,000sf expansion. Boat launch is under construction as part of the Lakefront park project. Coulee and 2nd will be getting the signals upgraded. 2 new council members after the election. No annexations at this time.
 - b. **North Hudson** – Stan Wekin—1 new trustee and 2 incumbents were elected. The Wisconsin Street project is under way with new sewer, water and pavement. St Croix Street will be repaved. Have an opening in the police department.
 - c. **St Croix County** – Bob Long -- 8 new supervisors. Started the budget process. Challenges with pay scales and economic pressure. Building expansion planning is underway. Not slated to start the major part for another year. Meanwhile the Sheriff expansion will go forward. Library funding will be coming back to the partners. Department of Revenue has agreed to the plan and the county will be moving forward with it.
 - d. **Town of Troy** – Ray Knapp -- 1st commercial development under their zoning ordinance is coming in at Glover and Hwy 35. 2 new developments with 2/3rds of the homes in the Hudson School District. ARPA funds will be used for road projects. They are looking into hiring a Town Administrator.
 - e. **Town of Hudson** – Tim Foster – Hunt Electric bough Duro Bag and has doubled the size. Will make electrical substations to ship all over the world. Stricker Brands, near the truck stop is building. New construction on LaBarge Rd and Kinney Rd. ARPA funds are being used for the expansion of the Town hall both to the north and east.

- f. **Town of St. Joseph** – Theresa Johnson – 2nd year of the playground project, delayed the Houlton project regarding the flooding on Church St to next year. Looking for additional funding, have 3 conditional use permits to accomplish this project that will include bluff work on the St. Croix. Purchased a new hybrid fire truck which has the Town replacing a large piece of equipment every 8 years instead of every 6. Election produced one new board member.
- 3. **Next meeting is Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:30PM at the Town of Troy.**
- 4. **Everyone needs to send their information to Ray Knapp at troychairperson@baldwin-telecom.net**
- 5. Motion to adjourn Weekin/Foster, passed.

Minutes submitted by

Theresa Johnson

Chair – Town of St. Joseph