

May 6, 2025

Fowler called the May Town Board meeting to order at 5:37PM following the Special Exception hearing. Present were Supervisors Thill, Blank, Fosterling, Lang, Attorney Paul Mahler, Treasurer Kris Garber, Deputy Clerk Theresa Johnson, and Clerk, Vickie Shaw.

Fowler noted that the agenda may not be in order as the Attorney needs to leave.

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Building Inspector's report.

April Building Inspector's report			
34 Permits	Total Value	\$	1,792,760.00
	Total Fees	\$	12,327.00
Forfeitures		\$	0.00
Driveway Permits		\$	50.00
Culvert deposits		\$	0.00
House #'s		\$	0.00
Seals		\$	120.00
Admin		\$	2,433.00
TOTAL		\$	14,930.00
Building Inspector Fees		\$	12,497.00
Town of Hudson Fees		\$	2,433.00

3. Treasurer's Report and payment of bills \$ 134,635.79
4. Fire Calls: 10 calls
5. Plan Commission minutes
6. Animal Control Reports
7. Operator Licenses – Branum, Mogsaller, Valentine and Morrow

Motion by Fosterling, 2nd by Blank to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of the Branum operator's license. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lang, 2nd by Thill to move #18 on the agenda up. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the Special Exception permit for Robert Fowler and Fowler Wine, LLC. Questions raised concerning incomplete application and waiving of fees. Attorney Mahler noted that this was all part of the legal settlement.

Motion by Lang, 2nd by Blank to approve the special exception application for Robert Fowler that was hashed out for 3.5 hours with attorneys for a home-based business. Motion carried 3-0. Thill abstained as he was not part of the previous negotiations.

Committee Reports:

Fire: no report

WTA: no report

EMS: no report

Chairman's Report: Lots of calls on potholes and bikes in ditches. Clerk was on vacation so the transition was not smooth.

Motion by Fowler to table #6,7, and 8 to next board meeting. No Second.

Motion by Fowler to table #6 and 7 to the next meeting for discussion and for meeting in private regarding contract and litigation. No second.

Motion by Fowler to table #6 to closed session meeting with counsel and ask counsel to draft the notice to discuss potential litigation and discipline of Town Clerk. No second.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Fosterling to table #6 until June. Motion carried. Thill opposed.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Blank to table hours of operation of Town Hall until June meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Fosterling to table #8 until July. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Tim Foster noted that things cannot be tabled to a future meeting as they must first be pulled from the table.

Motion by Lang, 2nd by Blank to approve the special event permit for Festival Foods Turkey Trot on November 27, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on changing the date for the August meeting. Lang noted she works for Tom Tiffany and has a mandatory meeting the first week.

Motion by Blank, 2nd by Fowler to move the date of the August meeting from August 5, 2025 to August 12 to accommodate. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee/Commission appointments.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Fosterling to appoint Susan Blank (term does not expire until 2026), Rachel Lang (2027), Ken Thill (2028) and Dan Fosterling as an alternate (2028) to the Extra-Territorial committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Lang to reappoint John Boots and Ann Rhyner (alternate) to the Board of Adjustment (terms expire 2028). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fowler to appoint Dave Meyer to the Plan Commission to replace Tony Dabruzzi. Motion dies for lack of a 2nd.

Motion by Thill, 2nd by Lang to reappoint Tony Dabruzzi (term expires 2028) to the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Lang to appoint Dave Meyer to the Plan Commission to replace Clint Hetchler (term expires 2028). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thill, 2nd by Lang to approve Resolution 2025-2 Line of Succession. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fosterling, 2nd by Blank to accept the updated construction estimate for Scott Road in the amount of \$374,675. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lang, 2nd by Thill to approve the 2025 SLFRF report. Motion carried 5-0.

No action on 2024 Audit. Will be on June agenda.

Discussion/action on filming Town Board meetings and proposal to pay Steve Hermsen a stipend of \$40 per meeting day to record and provide link to Town and be placed on Town's website.

Motion by Fowler to approve paying Steve Hermsen a stipend of \$40 per meeting day to record and provide link to Town and be placed on the website. After much discussion with no second, Fowler withdrew his motion.

Motion by Thill, 2nd by Fowler to place on the June agenda to discuss recording town meetings and placing on the website. Motion carried.

Discussion/action on First Responders and change of Medical Direction

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Fosterling to change medical direction of 1st Responders to Northwestern EMS through Dr. Ace until contract with Lakeview is resolved. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fowler, 2nd by Blank that the 1st Responders submit name, driver's license and approved state documents along with yearly reporting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thill, 2nd by Lang to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shaw
Town Clerk