

TOWN OF HUDSON-TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM
at the Hudson Town Hall, 980 County Road A

1. Call to order at 6:00 pm by Town Chairman & Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chairman Robert Fowler; Supervisors Dan Fosterling, Susan Blank, David Bartizal; Staff John Kromer and Nick Handlos. Supervisor Rachel Lang absent.

2. Action on Agenda – NOT necessarily in this order

Motion by Fosterling to approve the agenda although not necessarily in order presented. Second by Blank.

Fowler requested to remove item 11 from the agenda in order to consult with the Town lawyer about the matter as it will require legal guidance. Accepted by Fosterling.

Fowler stated he had a family emergency to tend to and would take agenda items out of order to serve the people present for those matters. Motion passed 4-0. 1 Absent.

Item 5 was addressed next.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes 11/5/25 11/18/25

Fosterling wanted to review 11/18/25 minutes to reword his comments under second public hearing, item 2, paragraph 5 and 7. Fosterling said the minutes would be approved with the changes he mentioned.

b. Building Inspector Report

c. Treasurer's Report and payment of bills

d. Fire calls

e. Animal control report

Motion by Blank to approve the consent agenda with corrections, second by Bartizal. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

4. Committee Reports/Chairman's Report

Skipped due to Fowler's absence.

5. Public Comment – can only speak on items NOT on the agenda

No comments.

6. Discussion/Action on Animal Control bill for Ernest Gravseth.

Motion by Blank to not eliminate the Animal Control bill for Gravseth, second by Fowler.

Blank said Gravseth has 1 dog that is compliant with the Town of Hudson, and the other dogs are not licensed. Blank said when Gravseth was present at the last meeting, he said he had 4 or 5 other dogs, small Pomeranians. Blank said those Pomeranians are not licensed. Blank did not feel the animal control bill should be taken away.

Fosterling said he was concerned about anonymous reports and that someone should be able to know who their accuser is. Fosterling said the Animal Control officer should be told not to accept anonymous complaints. Motion Passed 4-0. 1 absent.

Item 9 was addressed next.

7. Discussion/Action on allowing/authorizing GFL waste collection services in addition to Waste Management for Town residents.

Handlos said there have been multiple complaints about the Waste Management service in the Town. A resident called GFL to learn more about them, and Mark Vinall called the Town to learn more about the Town's needs. Vinall was present for the meeting and approached the podium. Handlos said the Town is under contract with Waste Management until 2029.

Vinall presented on GFL and explained they are expanding into St Croix County and looking to work for the Village of Roberts. Vinall said they tend to be slightly more than Waste Management but remain competitive. Vinall said they could operate collection vehicles out of the Roberts transfer station to serve the Town.

Blank asked about recycling, and Vinall said they can collect recycling the same day. Blank asked about sizing of cans and rates for seniors. Vinall said it was something that can be discussed and negotiated. Vinall said a senior discount may be possible with proof. Same as handicapped individuals. Blank asked how complaints are managed, and Vinall said local representatives manage complaints out of Hager City, Menomonie, and Chippewa Falls. Kromer asked about the size of the GFL fleet and availability of employees. Vinall said their trucks are new within the last 9 years and have a fleet that can serve residential customers. Vinall said their staffing is older, but they have raised their pay and are attracting new employees to serve the fleet. Bartizal asked about the scale up time to serve the Town. Vinall said 90 days would be the minimum.

Fosterling said to create a reminder for July 2029. No actions or motions.

8. Discussion/Action on Hartman Homes and Hartman Development CSM.

Doug Zahler was present for this item, approached the podium. Zahler explained 3 lots that are owned by Hartman Homes and the plan was to make one lot smaller and one lot larger. The approval of the board was needed because of the lots placement on the plat map. Motion by Blank to accept the certified survey map as presented, second by Bartizal. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

9. Discussion/Action on opening part of the Town of Hudson for ATV/Snowmobile/etc. use.

Fowler said he met with the president of the club who presented a map of the town for trails. They proposed a limited opening on a trial basis. Fowler said it was a limited proposal, not full acceptance of use on all Town roads. Fowler suggested a public hearing may be useful to hear public opinion of ATV/Snowmobile trails. Blank agreed with a public hearing. Motion by Blank for a public hearing on the matter in February 2026 so those affected by the trails have a chance to speak about it, second by Fosterling.

Fosterling recommended highlighting the hours of operations and seasonal use of the trails. Motion Passed 4-0. 1 absent.

Fowler had to leave for family emergency. Fosterling is acting chairman for remaining meeting.

Item 3 was addressed next.

10. Discussion/Action on the Town of Huson lawn care services (fertilizer and mowing) in 2026.

Handlos said Blank requested information on the services provided by Tru Green. Other providers were requested for estimates, but the majority said they could not compete with Tru Green prices. Blank asked to remove one application of fertilizer for the coming year. Fosterling said have Handlos work with Tru Green to reduce the number of applications. No actions.

11. Discussion/Action on Resolution as presented by Fosterling on the siting of transmission lines and substation as part of the Xcel Energy River Falls to Hudson Reliability Project.

Removed from meeting.

12. Discussion, possible Action on amending ordinances Chapter 23, Open Burning to align with Hudson Fire Department requests and requirements.

Bartizal said the changes would be in wording to align with position such as changing fire inspector with fire marshal and listing restrictions within the ordinance. Fosterling said these changes would require a public hearing. Blank requested more information on certain definitions such as combustible materials. Fosterling suggested further research and a public hearing. No motions made.

13. Discussion, possible Action on amending ordinances Chapter 47, Fire Protection Charges, and Chapter A113, Fees to align with Hudson Fire Department requests and requirements.

Bartizal said the changes would include increases to fire re-inspection fees which would increase by \$100 until the 5th reinspection which would be \$500 and \$500 for any additional further inspection. Fosterling asked if these changes would be included in the same public hearing as the other changes. Bartizal agreed that it would make sense to do so.

14. Discussion, possible Action on amending ordinances Chapter 14, Building Construction, §14-2, Adoption of Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, Plumbing, Electrical and Flammable Materials to align with Hudson Fire Department recommendation.

Bartizal said the fire department felt the Town was short in its listed of fire codes and these changes would bring the Town ordinance up to date. These changes help maintain compliance with State fire codes.

15. Discussion, possible Action on adding ordinances to Chapter 14, Building Construction, §14-3, Commercial and Industrial Building Permit to align with Hudson Fire Department recommendation.

Bartizal explained these changes were about fire department key boxes and disclosures of hazardous materials at commercial buildings. Bartizal felt the changes were more comprehensive and wanted to know the public input if the changes go to far or are too restrictive. Fosterling agreed and said the public hearing for all of these mentioned fire ordinance changes would be best served at a public hearing. Fosterling suggested bundling items 12 and 13, and 14 and 15 together for the public hearing. Bartizal was requested to make edits as noted in

his research on the ordinances and submit to the public can view before the public hearing. Motion by Blank to have a public hearing on the 2 items relative to the commercial code changes, second by Bartizal. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

16. Discussion, possible action to direct the Town Building Inspector to document code violations reported by concerned citizen for Soobie Surgeons, 632 Brakke Dr.

Handlos said the Town receive complaints about Soobie Surgeons about multiple cars on the lot and the lack of upkeep on the business grounds. Bartizal said there had historically been restrictions on mechanic business to have fencing, screening of dumpsters, paved parking lots, etc. Bartizal suggested directing the building inspector to document the issues and report back to the board. Motion by Bartizal to direct the building inspector to make contact with the business and document any non-compliance to be reported back to the board. Blank asked if Bartizal would include specifics to be looked at by the building inspector. Bartizal agreed and said the complaints could be forwarded to the building inspector or specifically have the parking lot inspected to have pavement, screening of stored vehicles and dumpsters, and general upkeep of the property. Bartizal accepted the amendments, second by Blank. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

17. Discussion/Action on appointing Election Inspectors for 2026 elections.

Handlos presented a list of election inspectors as nominated by their corresponding party in addition to 3 unaffiliated candidates to be used if party nominations are exhausted.

Erica Perry

Margaret Hall

Diane Roskos

Tami Halcomb

Becky Milbrandt

Brenda Chipman

Donna Slominski

Joan Schoenoff

Bruce Dickerson

Susan Hastreiter

Sarah Wang

Steve Hermesen

Mary Martell

Tricia Ziebarth

Motion by Bartizal to approve the election inspectors as presented, second by Blank. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

18. Communications and Items for Future Agendas

A. Town Board members

B. Town Attorney and/or Town Staff

Motion by Blank to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm, second by Bartizal. Motion passed 3-0. 2 absent.

Submitted by:
Nicholas Handlos
Town Clerk