

TOWN OF HUDSON-TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM
at the Hudson Town Hall, 980 County Road A

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

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

2. Action on Agenda – NOT necessarily in this order

Motion by Fowler, second by Bartizal, to remove discussion on animal control anonymous reports and the changes to the proposed fire codes within closed session under Item 11. Motion Passed 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Blank, second by Lang to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion Passed 5-0.

- a. Minutes 12/3/25 and 12/8/25
- b. Building Inspector Report
- c. Treasurer's Report and payment of bills
- d. Fire calls
- e. Animal control report
- f. Operator's Licenses – see attached

4. Committee Reports/Chairman's Report

Fosterling: Reported on the sewer service committee that identifies environmentally sensitive areas. A study must be done in conjunction with the DNR to determine which areas would be serviced by the sewage district, which is the waste treatment plant in downtown Hudson. The Town of Hudson does not have sewage facilities; however, it is good to understand the consulting that is happening because the Town may be pulled into those services at some point.

Bartizal: Reported on fire department meetings from the beginning of December. The fire department is still planning on full-time staff and will survey city residents to obtain feedback about that change and will determine how to move forward after that input is received. More meetings to come in 2 months.

Handlos: The Town was not chosen for the LRIP grant based on the past approval of other projects and a higher percentage the Town has received of the LRIP money compared to other municipalities over the years. The Town of Warren wished to discuss possibilities of a Badlands Road project to improve and then cede to the county for their maintenance and control.

Fowler: Reported he has been in contact with the county for plowing and salting, making sure the roads cared for. There were a few storms over weekends which come with a higher cost to clear and salt. With warmer weather, Fowler told the county to hold off and let the snow melt, to be mindful with the budget.

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

Bob Moser 986 Priester Lane: Expressed frustration with Waste Management missed trash pickups and poor customer service. Moser said previously there was no issue until last summer. Other services can reach his address, but Waste Management says they cannot. Moser experienced poor customer service, no follow-up, and consistent excuses. On January 6, 2026, his Christmas garbage was finally collected, but Waste Management did not return on the regularly scheduled collection day (January 7, 2026). Moser hoped things can be worked out.

Greg White 831 Kelly Road: Expressed sympathy with neighbors that have issues with Waste Management, but he personally has not had an issue with Waste Management for 30 years. White wished for the Town to keep all residents in mind when dealing with Waste Management.

6. Discussion/Action on Willow River Tree/Brushing estimate

Blank said the Town is looking for brushing work to be done on Trout Brook Road and Casperson Drive and Willow River wanted to offer their services and present a bid.

Eric Shimon of Willow River Company: Stated his company partners with other surrounding towns and can offer a fixed rate for service that is easier to budget for compared to the county which has variable rates depending on who is at the job. Shimon explained Willow River has dedicated arborists, the machinery, and year-round expertise on trimming, maintaining, and cleaning up, for brushing projects. Shimon said they are prepared for emergency work and are equipped to work at night as well.

Mahler suggested a notice of accepting bids may be needed to offer other companies the opportunity to bid for Town work.

Fosterling wanted to be sure to triage trees before clear cutting to maintain appearance but also care for road safety.

Motion by Lang, second by Fosterling, to put together a RFP for tree removal and maintenance in the Town. Motion Passed 5-0.

7. Discussion/Action on TA Hudson liquor license

Handlos said TA Hudson is now owned by an LLC in Nevada and applied for both a tobacco and liquor license. The tobacco license was approved, now the board needs to review the liquor license request. The former liquor license was surrendered, and all of the fees were paid. Motion by Lang, second by Blank, to approve as presented. Motion Passed 5-0.

8. Discussion/Action on 838 Yellowstone Trail building permit, missing permit/construction without a permit.

Blank noticed a driveway put in at 838 Yellowstone Trail without a permit. Blank talked to the building inspector who confirmed one was requested but approved. The driveway was already put in, and the fee would be double the cost as a penalty (\$100). Blank said the building inspector requested the board to discuss penalties on second driveway additions without permits. If a second driveway was put in without permit, it would need to be removed, restored to original condition, seek town board approval for second driveway and then it could be put. A second driveway may be possible with town board approval. There was discussion about penalty fees for installing a driveway without a permit and if the doubled cost (\$50x2) was enough of a deterrent. Additionally, it was discussed that a letter will be sent to the building inspector that the town board requires removal if a second driveway is put in without following the process of permit and special exception. No motion was made.

9. Discussion/Action on amending the maintenance agreement with the City of Hudson pertaining to Stageline Road.

Multi-family housing development is planned for a section of land north of Stageline Road, which is owned by the city of Hudson, but on the stretch of road that is maintained by the Town. Mahler said the city could not annex the road

because it would create an island of town property, but they could take over more responsibility for road maintenance. Mahler would be able to draft a maintenance agreement for this area.

Fowler authorized Mahler to speak with the city of Hudson about the maintenance of Stageline Road.

10. Discussion/Action on AV Capture All video services estimate for meeting audio visual equipment.

Handlos presented meeting management software information to the board that would capture town meetings and provide a dedicated space to view the meetings after they occur with the meeting agenda side by side. AV Capture All suggested upgrades to the Town's camera and microphones for optimal collection of meetings. The board discussed and requested Handlos to speak to the Town IT consultant to review the recommendation for AV equipment and the need for a management system like AV Capture All.

11. Convene to Closed Session – Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute

19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The purpose of this session is to seek legal guidance on the siting of the Xcel Energy substation, and review changes to Town ordinance as it pertains to the zoning of the Youth Oriented Recreation District. ~~Additional topics may include Animal control accepting anonymous reports, the contract with Waste Management, and the language of the proposed changes to the fire codes from the 12/3/25 Town Board Meeting.~~

Motion by Lang, second by Fosterling, to close the public meeting and convene in closed session. Roll Call vote: Fosterling, Aye, Blank, Aye, Lang, Aye, Bartizal, Aye, Fowler, Aye. Motion Passed.

12. Reconvene from closed session.

Motion by Blank, second by Lang, to adjourn from closed session and convene in open session. Roll Call vote: Fosterling, Aye, Blank, Aye, Lang, Aye, Bartizal, Aye, Fowler, Aye. Motion Passed.

No actions were taken in closed session.

13. Communications and Items for Future Agendas

A. Town Board members

Plan for presentation on Town Hall playground in March 2026

Public Hearings for proposed ordinance change and ATV routes at February meeting. Send letters to residents in affected zoning/nearby, and to residents along ATV proposed route.

Receive and present report from building inspector on Soobie Surgeons compliance with ordinances and property upkeep.

B. Town Attorney and/or Town Staff

Motion by Bartizal, second by Blank to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion Passed.

Submitted by:
Nicholas Handlos
Town Clerk