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Sec. 2-1-1 Village Government.

The Village of Hatley is a body corporate and politic with the powers of a municipality at common law and governed by the provisions of Chapters 61 and 66, Wis. Stats., laws amending those chapters, other acts of the legislature and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

State Law Reference: Wis. Const., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

Sec. 2-1-2 Candidates for Elective Office; Caucus for Nomination of Candidates; Primary Elections.

- (a) **Caucus for Nomination of Candidates.** Every candidate for an elective Village office shall be nominated by use of a caucus as prescribed by Sec. 8.05(1), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Primary Elections.** Candidates for all elective Village offices shall be nominated by nonpartisan primary election conducted as directed by Ch. 8, Wis. Stats., so far as applicable and specifically in accordance with Sec. 8.05(4)(b), Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sec. 8.05(1), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-3 Election Poll Hours; Voter Registration.

- (a) **Election Poll Hours.** The voting polls in the Village of Hatley, Marathon County, Wisconsin shall be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.

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- (b) **Voter Registration.** All electors for all elections shall be required to be registered. The Village Clerk shall receive applications for registration at his/her office during regular office hours throughout the year, except that registration may also be completed at Village polling places on election days upon presentation of proper identification and proof of residency.

State Law Reference: Sec. 6.27, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-4 Election Officials.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 7.30(1), Wis. Stats., there shall be seven (7) election inspectors at the polling place at each election conducted in the Village of Hatley, except as otherwise provided below in Subsections (b)(2)-(4).
- (b) Section 7.32, Wis. Stats., authorizes the Village Board to reduce the required number of election officials at a polling place to no less than three (3), and the Village Board has determined that would be advantageous to the Village of Hatley to have only as many election officials on duty as are needed for any given election. Pursuant to Section 7.32, Wis. Stats., the Village Clerk is authorized, at the discretion of the Village Clerk, to reduce the number of election officials, provided that at all time there shall be a minimum of three (3) election officials on duty. The Village Clerk shall determine in advance of each election whether the number of election officials for such election should be reduced from the number prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes, and if such a reduction is so determined, the Village Clerk shall further redistribute duties among the remaining officials.
- (c) At the discretion of the Village Clerk, the requisite number of election officials may be increased for any election; however, the number of election officials working at a given election shall always be an odd number.
- (d) Because Section 7.30(1), Wis. Stats., allows for the selection of two (2) or more sets of officials to work at different times on each election day, the Village Board authorizes the selection of two (2) sets of election officials to staff the polls on election day if deemed necessary by the Village Clerk. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to schedule election officials in shifts on any said election day. The Village Clerk shall redistribute the duties of such election officials to reflect scheduling by shift. The second, or last, shift shall end with completion of all required election day duties that follow the closure of the polls.
- (e) As prescribed by Section 7.30(1)(b), Wis. Stats., the Village Board authorizes the Village Clerk for each election to appoint, at the Village Clerk's discretion, one (1) additional election worker per shift to serve as a greeter to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and voting, and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must leave the polling place room during the voting process.

State Law Reference: Secs. 7.30 and 7.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-5 Official Newspaper; Legal Posting.

- (a) **Publication.** The Village of Hatley shall generally use legal posting pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes as its means of giving notice. When publication is utilized, publication shall be in the *Wausau Daily Herald*. The Village may supplement its legal posting/publication with notices or other information published in shopper-type or other free newspapers, or on the internet.
- (b) **Legal Posting.** When legal posting is used instead of publication, the Village of Hatley shall post notices in the following three (3) designated posting locations:
 - (1) Hatley Community/Senior Center.
 - (2) Hatley Hardware.
 - (3) Hatley Post Office.

State Law Reference: Sec. 985.06, Wis. Stats.

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Village Board

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Sec. 2-2-1 Village Board.

The Trustees of the Village of Hatley shall constitute the Village Board. The Village Board shall be vested with all the powers of the Village not specifically given some other officer, as well as those powers set forth elsewhere throughout this Code of Ordinances.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 61.34, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-2 Trustees.

- (a) **Election, Term, Number.** The Village of Hatley shall have two (2) Trustees in addition to the Village President, who is a Trustee by virtue of his/her office as President. The Village President and two (2) Trustees shall constitute the Village Board. Two (2) Trustees shall be elected at each annual spring election in odd-numbered years for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election.
- (b) **Appointment as President.** A Village Trustee shall be eligible for appointment as Village President to fill an unexpired term.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.20 and 61.325, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-3 Village President.

- (a) **Election.** The Village President shall be elected at the annual spring election in odd-numbered years for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of his/her election.
- (b) **Duties.** The Village President shall by virtue of his/her office be a Trustee and preside at all meetings of the Village Board, have a vote as Trustee, and sign all ordinances, rules, bylaws, regulations and commissions adopted or authorized by the Board and all orders drawn on the treasury. The Village President shall maintain peace and good order, see that the Village ordinances are faithfully obeyed, and in case of disturbance, riot or other apparent necessity appoint as many special marshals as he/she shall deem necessary, who for the time being shall possess all the powers and rights of constables.
- (c) **Participation in Debate.** The Village President shall vote on all matters in the same way that other Trustees vote. The Village President has the power to make motions, and to introduce ordinances, resolutions and the like as would any other Trustee.
- (d) **Appointments.**
 - (1) Wherever in this Code of Ordinances the Village President is required to appoint citizens to committees, commissions and/or boards, in the event the Village Board rejects a Village President's appointment, the same name may not be submitted for the same job for a period of twelve (12) months after the refusal of such appointment.
 - (2) In the event a vacancy occurs in any committee, board or commission requiring the appointment of a citizen member and the Village President does not nominate a successor thereof for a period of sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, the Village Board may then nominate an appointee to such position, subject to the approval of the Village President.
 - (3) In the event the Village Board, by parliamentary practice, tables an appointment by the Village President, such tabling action shall be effective for that meeting, but at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, such appointment shall be on the meeting

agenda for further consideration, and the particular appointment involved may not be tabled a second (2nd) time.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.24, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-4 Standing Committees.

- (a) **Committee Appointments.** At the first special or the first regular Board meeting following the third (3rd) Tuesday in April, the Village President may nominate Trustees and citizens to committees, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Board. Standing committees, if established, shall review such matters as may be referred to them by the Village Board and shall submit recommendations for Village Board action.
- (b) **Chairpersons.**
 - (1) The Village President shall designate the chairperson of each standing committee.
 - (2) The Village President shall be an ex officio member of each standing committee, or may be appointed to serve as a member of a specific committee.
- (c) **Committees-of-the-Whole; Special Committees.**
 - (1) The Village President may declare the entire Board a committee of the whole for informal discussion at any meeting or for any other purpose, and shall ex officio be chairperson of the same.
 - (2) The Village President may, from time to time, appoint such special committees as he/she deems advisable or as provided for by motion or resolution by the Village Board stating the number of members and object thereof to perform such duties as may be assigned to them.
- (d) **Committee Reports.**
 - (1) All committees are subunits of the Village Board and perform no executive or administrative Village function other than as specifically authorized by ordinance or policy adopted by the Village Board.
 - (2) Each committee shall give the full Village Board at the next regular Board meeting a verbal or written report, which may be a committee's minutes, on all matters referred to it. Such report shall recommend a definite action on each item and shall be approved by a majority of the committee. Each committee report shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting and the members attending. Each such committee report, verbal or written, is deemed to be the product of the entire committee, whether any item therein is approved unanimously or not. Each such report should provide all necessary historical background to familiarize the Village Board with the issue.
 - (3) If a committee member in a particular committee disagrees with the position taken by the committee on an issue, such member may address the Board with the minority

position. The Board shall permit one (1) committee member supporting the majority position equal time to address the Board on such issue.

- (e) **Ambiguity of Committee Authority.** In case of ambiguity or apparent conflict between the preceding definition of committee authority and a definition, in these ordinances, of the authority of a Village officer, employee, board, or association, the latter shall prevail.
- (f) **Cooperation of Village Officers.** All Village officers and employees shall, upon request of the chairperson of any committee, confer with the committee and supply such information as the committee may request upon any pending matter. A committee shall not assume responsibility for the administration of any Village department, unless specifically directed by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-2-5 General Powers of the Village Board.

- (a) **General.** The Village Board shall be vested with all the powers of the Village not specifically given some other officer. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Village Board shall have the management and control of the Village property, finances, highways, streets, navigable waters and the public service, and shall have the power to act for the government and good order of the Village, for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public, and may carry its powers into effect by license, regulation, suppression, borrowing, taxation, special assessment, appropriation, fine, imprisonment and other necessary or convenient means. The powers hereby conferred shall be in addition to all other grants and shall be limited only by express language.
- (b) **Acquisition and Disposal of Property.** The Village Board may acquire property, real or personal, within or without the Village, for parks, libraries, historic places, recreation, beautification, streets, waterworks, sewage or waste disposal, harbors, improvement of watercourses, public grounds, vehicle parking areas and for any other public purpose; may acquire real property within or contiguous to the Village, by means other than condemnation, for industrial sites; may improve and beautify the same; may construct, own, lease and maintain buildings on such property for instruction, recreation, amusement and other public purposes; and may sell and convey such property. Condemnation shall be as provided by the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (c) **Acquisition of Easements and Property Rights.** Confirming all powers granted to the Village Board and in furtherance thereof, the Board is expressly authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation under the Wisconsin Statutes, any and all property rights in lands or waters, including rights of access and use, negative or positive easements, restrictive covenants, covenants running with land, scenic easements and any rights for use of property of any nature whatsoever, however denominated, which may be lawfully acquired for the benefit of the public or for any public purpose, including the exercise of powers granted under Sections 61.35 and 62.23, Wis. Stats.; and may sell and convey such easements or property rights when no longer needed for public use or protection.

- (d) **Village Finances.** The Village Board may levy and provide for the collection of taxes and special assessments; may refund any tax or special assessment paid, or any part thereof, when satisfied that the same was unjust or illegal; and generally may manage the Village finances. The Village Board may loan money to any school district located within the Village or within which the Village is wholly or partially located in such sums as are needed by such district to meet the immediate expenses of operating the schools thereof, and the Board of the district may borrow money from such Village accordingly and give its note therefor. No such loan shall be made to extend beyond August 30 next following the making thereof or in an amount exceeding one-half (1/2) of the estimated receipts for such district as certified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the local School Clerk. The rate of interest on any such loan shall be determined by the Village Board.
- (e) **Construction of Powers.** Consistent with the purpose of giving to villages the largest measure of self-government in accordance with the spirit of the home rule amendment to the Constitution, the grants of power to the Village Board in this Section and throughout this Code of Ordinances shall be liberally construed in favor of the rights, powers and privileges of villages to promote the general welfare, peace, good order and prosperity of the Village and its inhabitants.

State Law Reference: Art. XI, Sec. 3, Wis. Const.; Sec. 61.34, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-6 Cooperation with Other Municipalities.

The Village Board, on behalf of the Village, may join with other counties, villages, cities, towns or other governmental entities in a cooperative arrangement for executing any power or duty in order to attain greater economy or efficiency, including joint employment of appointive officers and employees.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.34(2) and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-7 Internal Powers of the Board.

The Village Board has the power to preserve order at its meetings. Members of the Village Board shall be residents of the Village at the time of their election and during their terms of office.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-8 Salaries.

The Village President and other Trustees who make up the Village Board, whether operating under general or special law, may by majority vote of all the members of the Village Board determine that a salary be paid the President, Trustees, and other Village officials. Salaries heretofore established shall so remain until changed by ordinance and shall not be increased or diminished during their terms of office.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-9 Meetings.

- (a) **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Village Board are typically held on the second Tuesday of each calendar month at 6:30 p.m. Any regular meeting falling on a legal holiday shall be held at another date designated by the Village Board at the same time and place. When the Village Board designates a date and time for the regular Board Meeting, notice thereof shall be posted at the Community/Senior Center in the Village of Hatley prior to such rescheduled meeting date. All meetings of the Village Board shall be held at the Community/Senior Center, unless specified otherwise in the minutes of the preceding meeting or by written notice posted at the regular meeting place at least three (3) hours prior to any meeting. In any event, all Board meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the Village, unless specifically otherwise noticed. A majority of Board members must consent to any change in the place of any meeting of the Village Board.
- (b) **Annual Organizational Meeting.** The Village Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting on the third Tuesday in April or on the first regular meeting in May following the spring election for the purpose of organization.
- (c) **Board Minutes.** The Village Clerk shall keep a record of all Village Board proceedings and cause the proceedings to be published and/or posted.
- (d) **Attendance; Excused Absences.**
 - (1) **Absences.** Members of the Village Board may be excused from attending a Board meeting by contacting the Village President prior to the meeting and stating the reason for his/her inability to attend. If the member is unable to contact the Village President, the member shall contact the Village Clerk, who shall convey the message to the Village President. Following roll call, the Presiding Officer shall inform the Board of the member's excused absence. Board members who do not follow the above process will be considered unexcused and it shall be so noted in the minutes.
 - (2) **Late Arrivals.** Members of the Village Board who anticipate a late arrival to a Board meeting should contact the Village President prior to the meeting and state the reason for the expected late arrival. If the member is unable to contact the Village President,

the member shall contact the Village Clerk, who shall convey the message to the Village President. Board members who do not follow the above process and are not in attendance at the time of roll call will be considered as an unexcused tardy. Members who are not in attendance within one (1) hour of roll call, and have not followed the above process, will be considered as an unexcused absence. Arrival times of members will be noted in the minutes.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-10 Special Meetings.

- (a) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Village President, or by two (2) Trustees filing a request with the Village Clerk at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time specified for such meeting. The Village President shall select the day for the special meeting and immediately notify each Trustee of the time and purpose of such meeting. The notice shall be delivered or mailed to each Trustee personally or left at his/her usual place of abode a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time. However, an emergency meeting may be called with notice of a minimum of two (2) hours. The Village Clerk shall cause a record of such notice to be filed in his/her office prior to the time fixed for such special meeting. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except for the purpose stated in the notice thereof. Notice to the public of special meetings shall conform to the open meeting requirements of Sec. 61.32 and Chapter 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats. The Village Clerk shall give notice immediately upon the call for such meeting being filed with him/her.
- (b) The request for any special meeting shall state the purpose for which the meeting is to be called and no business shall be transacted but that for which the meeting has been called. Individuals requesting a special meeting of the Village Board shall be required to pay a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 985.02(2)(a), Wis. Stats.; Ch. 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats.

Sec 2-2-11 Open Meetings; Adjournment of Meetings.

- (a) **Open Meeting Law Compliance.** All meetings of the Village Board and subunits thereof shall be open to the public as provided in Subchapter IV of Chapter 19, Secs. 19.81 through 19.89, Wis. Stats. Public notice of all such meetings shall be given as provided in Sec. 19.84, Wis. Stats.

- (b) **Adjournment of Meetings.** An adjournment to a closed session may be only for a permitted purpose as enumerated in Sec. 19.85, Wis. Stats., and must meet the other requirements of said Sec. 19.85, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Meetings to Be Open.** During the holding of any open session in the regular meeting room or in the substituted meeting room, said room and said meeting shall at all times be open and remain open to all citizens.
- (d) **Legally Permitted Closed Meetings.**
 - (1) **Pursuant to Statute.** The provisions of this Code of Ordinances do not prohibit the Village Board or any committee thereof from having a closed meeting ("executive meeting") which is legally convened and/or legally held in a room in said building other than the official meeting room or in some other building in the Village provided proper notice is given thereof pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
 - (2) **Confidentiality.**
 - a. Village Board members shall keep confidential all written materials and verbal information provided to them during executive sessions, to ensure that the Village's position is not compromised. Confidentiality also includes information provided to members outside of executive sessions when the information is considered to be exempt from disclosure under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
 - b. If the Village Board, after executive session, has provided direction or consensus to Village staff on proposed terms and conditions for any confidential or privileged issue, all contact with any other party shall be made by the designated Village representative handling the issue. Members should consult with the Village President and/or Village Attorney prior to discussing such information with anyone other than other Village Board members, the Village Attorney or designated Village staff. Any Village Board member or Village employee having any contact or discussion with any person other than those listed above on any such confidential or privileged issue shall make full disclosure to the Village Board in a timely manner.
- (e) **Photographs, Motion Pictures, Videotape—Permission Required for Artificial Illumination.** No photographs, motion pictures, or videotapes that require the use of flash bulbs, electronic flashes, flood lights, or similar artificial illumination shall be made at Village Board meetings without the consent of the Presiding Officer.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32 and Ch. 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-12 Quorum.

- (a) A majority of the members of the Village Board shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may adjourn or compel attendance of absent members if a majority is not present. The Village President shall be counted in computing a quorum.

- (b) When the presiding officer shall have called the members to order, the Village Clerk shall record the attendance, noting who are present, and who are absent, and if, after having gone through with the call, it shall appear that a quorum is not present, the fact shall be entered in the minutes, and the members present may adjourn to a later date in the month; if they do not establish the next meeting date, the Village Board shall stand adjourned to the time appointed for the next regular meeting unless a special meeting is called sooner.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-13 Presiding Officers.

- (a) **The Village President Shall Preside.** Village President shall preside over meetings of the Village Board. In the absence of the Village President, the President Pro Tem shall preside over meetings of the Village Board. In case of absence of the Village President, and President Pro Tem, the Village Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Trustees present shall elect one of their number acting President.
- (b) **President Pro Tem.** At the annual organization meeting, the Village Board shall elect one of its members to serve as the President Pro Tem, who shall preside over meetings of the Village Board in the absence of the Village President.
- (c) **Duties.**
 - (1) It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to:
 - a. Call the meeting to order.
 - b. Keep the meeting to its order of business.
 - c. Control discussion in an orderly manner:
 - 1. Every Village Board member who wishes an opportunity to speak must be recognized by the presiding officer.
 - 2. Permit audience participation at the appropriate times.
 - 3. Require all speakers to state their name and address for the record, speak to the question, and observe the rules of order.
 - d. State each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon.
 - e. Put motions to a vote and announce the outcome.
 - (2) In the event of a dispute regarding Board procedures, the matter shall be decided in accordance with the parliamentary rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order*, unless otherwise provided by statute or by these rules. Any member shall have the right to appeal from a decision of the presiding officer. Such appeal is not debatable and must be sustained by a majority vote of the members present excluding the presiding officer.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-14 Meeting Agendas; Order of Business.

(a) **Agenda.**

- (1) The order of business at all regular or special meetings shall be according to the agenda prepared by the Village Clerk. All matters to be presented at a Village Board meeting shall be filed with the Village Clerk, or his/her deputy, no later than 12:00 noon on the Thursday preceding the scheduled regular Village Board meeting to enable the Village Clerk to prepare the agenda and all attachments and distribute the same to the Village Board. Matters filed after 12:00 noon on the Thursday preceding the Village Board meeting will not be placed upon the agenda. The Village President may waive the filing deadline for emergency cause shown.
- (2) A submitting department shall include copies of all material necessary to consider the agenda item.
- (3) The Village President shall advise the Village Clerk whether to include an item on the agenda, except that the Trustees calling a special meeting shall decide which items shall be first considered at such special meeting.
- (4) The Village Clerk shall afford the Trustees maximum reasonable notice of agenda items as each situation allows.

(b) **Order of Business.** Generally, the following order shall be observed in the conduct of all regular Board meetings:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (3) Roll call.
- (4) Approval of minutes, and any corrections, of preceding regular and special meetings.
- (5) Old business; citizen concerns.
- (6) New business, including the introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions.
- (7) Old business — sewer and water utility.
- (8) New business — sewer and water utility report.
- (9) Report of Village Treasurer.
- (10) Payment of bills.
- (11) Adjournment.

(c) **Order to Be Followed.** No business shall be taken up out of order unless authorized by the Village President or by majority consent of all Trustees and in the absence of any debate whatsoever.

(d) **Recognition of Visitors.** In order to maintain and hold meetings in an orderly fashion the following procedure will be followed regarding visitors unless having previously made a request to be placed on the agenda for a specific item:

- (1) No discussion allowed from visitors during the course of the meeting unless requested by the Village Board.
- (2) At the appropriate time, each visitor can be recognized and allowed to speak for no more than five (5) minutes.
- (3) If a speaker purports to speak for an organization, club or others so as to lead the Village Board to believe that a number of persons support a position, then such person shall state how that position was developed by the group.

(e) **Procedure at Public Hearings.**

- (1) After opening the public hearing, the presiding officer shall then call on those persons who wish to speak for the proposition. Each person wishing to speak for the proposition shall give his or her name and address.
- (2) Each person speaking on behalf of the proposition shall be limited in time to not more than five (5) minutes. The presiding officer may allow for additional time.
- (3) The presiding officer shall then call on those persons who wish to oppose the proposition.
- (4) Each such person wishing to speak in opposition to the proposition shall give his or her name and address and shall also be limited to five (5) minutes.
- (5) Any person wishing to speak in rebuttal to any statements made may, with the permission of the presiding officer, do so, provided, however, such rebuttal statement shall be limited to three (3) minutes by any one (1) individual.
- (6) If a speaker purports to speak for an organization, club or others so as to lead the Board to believe that a number of persons support a position, then such person shall state how that position was developed by the group.
- (7) When the presiding officer in his/her discretion is satisfied that the proposition has been heard, he/she shall announce the fact that the hearing is concluded.

- (f) **Submittal of Written Comments.** If comments are provided in writing, they may be submitted to the Village Board on matters which the Village Board is considering at its meeting. It is encouraged that such written comments be filed with the Village Clerk by noon of the Friday preceding the regular meeting. If written comments are given at the meeting, the presenter should provide copies for the Village Board and staff.

Sec. 2-2-15 Introduction of Business; Resolutions and Ordinances; Disposition of Communications.

(a) **Definitions—Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions.**

- (1) **Ordinance.** A legislative act prescribing general, uniform, and permanent rules of conduct relating to the corporate affairs of the municipality. Village Board action shall be taken by ordinance when required by law, or to prescribe permanent rules of conduct which continue in force until repealed, or where such conduct is enforced by penalty.
- (2) **Resolution.** An internal legislative act which is a formal statement of policy concerning matters of a special or temporary nature. Board action shall be taken by resolution where required by law and in those instances where an expression of policy more formal than a motion is desired.
- (3) **Motion.** A form of action taken by the Village Board to direct that a specific action be taken on behalf of the municipality. A motion, once approved and entered into the

record, is the equivalent of a resolution in those instances where a resolution is not required by law.

- (b) **Ordinances.** All ordinances and resolutions shall be prepared as follows:
 - (1) Each ordinance or resolution shall include a note stating the purpose thereof. All ordinances submitted to the Board shall be in writing and shall include at the outset a descriptive or brief statement of the subject matter and a title.
 - (2) The sponsor of an ordinance or resolution may be the Village President, one (1) or more Trustees, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, or a committee, board, or commission.
 - (3) No ordinance, resolution or by-law shall be considered unless presented in writing by a Trustee or by a committee. Unless requested by a Trustee before final vote is taken, no ordinance, resolution or by-law need be read in full.
 - (4) On ordinances or resolutions that require special handling, the Village Clerk shall assure that an editorial note is prepared showing compliance with such special handling.
 - (5) The Village Clerk may reject any ordinance or resolution from placement on the agenda which fails to comply with this Section.
 - (6) Resolutions shall be in writing at the request of one Trustee; such request shall be nondebateable. Resolutions may be referred to an appropriate standing committee for an advisory recommendation.
- (c) **Subject and Numbering of Ordinances.** Each ordinance shall be related to no more than one (1) subject. Amendment or repeal of ordinances shall only be accomplished if the amending or repealing ordinance contains the number and title of the ordinance to be amended or repealed, and title of amending and repealing ordinances shall reflect their purpose to amend or repeal.
- (d) **Notice.** The Village Board may take action on an ordinance only if it appears on the written agenda for the meeting at which action is requested.
- (e) **Effective Date.** Unless otherwise provided, all ordinances shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication and/or legal posting; and published copies thereof shall have appended the date of first publication and/or legal posting.
- (f) **Disposition of Petitions, Communication, Etc.** Every petition or other correspondence from citizens addressed to the Village Board or to the Village Clerk or other Village officer for reference to the Village Board, shall be delivered by such other Village officer to the Village President or to the presiding officer of the Board as soon as convenient after receipt of same, and in any event, prior to or at the opening of the next meeting of the Village Board following the receipt of same. Every such petition, or other writing, and every paper, communication or other proceeding which shall come before the Board for action, may be referred by the Village President or presiding officer to the appropriate committee or commission, unless objected to by some member of the Village Board.
- (g) **Reference and Reports.** The presiding officer may refer new business coming to the Board to an appropriate Board committee unless otherwise referred or acted upon by the

Village Board. All referrals, unless otherwise provided for in the referral, shall be reported on at the next regular Board meeting. Village Board motions based upon committee or commission action is permissible only on items specifically on the agenda.

Sec. 2-2-16 Publication and Effect of Ordinances.

- (a) All ordinances adopted by the Village Board shall, at the discretion and direction of the Village Board, be published in the official newspaper for the Village of Hatley as a Class 1 Notice under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., or posted in three (3) public places within the Village of Hatley.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision herein, if any ordinance adopted by the Village Board for the Village of Hatley contains any penalty or forfeiture said ordinance shall be published as a Class 1 Notice under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats.
- (c) If an ordinance resolution, motion or other action is legally posted under this Section, the Village Clerk shall sign an affidavit attesting that the item was posted as required by this Section and stating the date and place of posting. The affidavit shall be filed with other records under the jurisdiction of the Village Clerk.
- (d) All ordinances shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication/posting thereof, unless otherwise provided.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 61.50, Wis. Stats.

Cross-Reference: Section 2-1-5

Sec. 2-2-17 Conduct of Deliberations.

- (a) **Attendance Roll Call.** When the Presiding Officer shall have called the members to order, the Village Clerk shall proceed to call the roll in rotating order, noting who are present, and who are absent. If, after having gone through the call, it shall appear that a quorum is not present, the fact shall be entered in the minutes, and the members present may adjourn to a later date in the month. If they do not, the Village Board shall stand adjourned to the time appointed for the next regular meeting unless a special meeting is called sooner.
- (b) **Roll Call Votes.** A roll call shall not be necessary on any questions or motions except as follows:
 - (1) When the ayes and noes are requested by any member.
 - (2) When required by the state statutes of Wisconsin.
- (c) **Record of Votes.** All aye and nay votes shall be recorded in the official minutes. The ayes and nays shall be ordered upon any question at the request of any member of the Village Board. Any Trustee may demand a vote on any matter. The Village Clerk shall

call for the ayes and noes on roll call votes in continuous rotation, beginning each roll call one (1) name further down the roster of Trustees. The Village Clerk shall record the ayes and noes on each vote.

- (d) **Parliamentary Procedure.** Except as provided below, the presiding officer, in the event of a dispute regarding procedure, shall in all other respects determine the rules of its procedure, which shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (1984)*, which is hereby incorporated by reference, unless otherwise provided by ordinance or Statute.
- (e) **Motions Stated.** Prior to any debate on a matter, the members of the Village Board shall be entitled to a clear understanding of the motion before the Village Board. The person making the motion shall clearly state the motion. There shall be a second to any motion prior to any debate or discussion of the motion. The presiding officer may, if felt necessary, restate the motion prior to any debate and discussion. Any member of the Village Board, prior to a vote on the motion, may request that the motion and any amendments adopted to the motion be reduced to writing and submitted in writing to the members of the Village Board prior to the final vote on the matter.
- (f) **Change of Vote.** No member of the Village Board may change his or her vote on any action item, business item, motion or question after the final result has been announced.
- (g) **Motions With Preference.** During any meeting of the Village Board certain motions will have preference. In order of precedence they are;
 - (1) **Motion to Adjourn.** This motion can be made at any time and has first precedence. This is a non-debatable motion.
 - (2) **Motion to Lay on the Table.** This motion may be made when the subject matter appropriate for tabling is to be debated or discussed. This motion is a non-debatable motion.
 - (3) **Motion to Call Previous Question.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate or discussion commences related to an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. This motion is a non-debatable motion. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. The motion, if adopted, brings the Village Board to a direct vote with the first vote on any amendments, if any, and then to the main action item, business item, motion or question.
 - (4) **Motion to Postpone to a Date Certain.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion commences on an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. This motion must establish a date and time certain when the debate and discussion before the Village Board will continue. The date and time established must be on a date and time for a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Village Board.
 - (5) **Motion to a Committee.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion commences on an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. The motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted,

ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. This motion, if adopted, forwards the action item, business item, motion or question to a committee for further review and discussion. The committee must be a committee of the Village Board.

- (6) ***Motion to Amend or Divide the Question.*** This motion may be made at any time after debate and discussion commences on the action item, business item, motion or question properly before the Village Board. The motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, divides the main action item, main business item, main motion or main question pursuant to the method described and adopted in the motion to divide.
- (7) ***Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.*** This motion may be made at any time after debate and discussion commences on the action item, business item, motion or question properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question.
- (8) ***Motion to Introduce a Matter Related to the Action Item, Business Item, Motion or Question.*** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, expands or adds to the debate and discussion new items related to the main action item, main business item, main motion or main question pursuant to the method described and approved in the motion to introduce a matter related.
- (h) **Public Directory Votes.** No member of the Village Board shall request, at a meeting of the Village Board, a vote from the general public unless the proposed vote of the general public is so noted by the presiding officer of the meeting as strictly an advisory vote to the Board. Any vote taken by the general public at a meeting of the Village Board shall be considered by the Board only as an advisory vote and shall not be considered as a directory vote.
- (i) **Compelling Votes; Abstentions.** No member may be compelled to vote. When a member abstains from voting, the effect is the same as if the member voted on the prevailing side. The "prevailing side" is defined as the votes accumulated which resulted in carrying or defeating a question. In case of a tie vote (not including the abstention), the abstaining vote is considered a "naye." In case of a vote requiring approval by more than a simple majority, an abstaining vote is considered an "aye." (See also Section 2-5-7 on conflicts of interest).
- (j) **Majority Vote.**
 - (1) Unless a larger number is required by statute, ordinance or bylaw, a majority vote of those present at a legally constituted meeting is necessary to carry a question.
 - (2) In the case of a tie vote on any motion, the motion shall be considered lost.
- (k) **Staff Input.** During regular or special meetings of the Village Board, the presiding officer may call for a staff report on business items as the agenda is considered and before a motion is entertained by the presiding officer. Once a motion is pending, debate is limited

to Village Board members; additional staff input will be limited to providing clarification on issues if requested by a Village Board member.

Sec. 2-2-18 Reconsideration of Questions.

Any member voting on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the vote on any question at that meeting or the next succeeding regular meeting, except those which cannot be reconsidered pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*. A member of the Village Board may not change his/her vote on any question after the result has been announced.

Sec. 2-2-19 Disturbances and Disorderly Conduct.

Whenever any disturbance or disorderly conduct shall occur in any of the meetings of the Village Board, the presiding officer may, following a warning, cause the room to be cleared of all persons causing such disorderly conduct.

Sec. 2-2-20 Amendment of Rules.

The rules of Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 shall not be rescinded or amended unless the proposed amendment or motion to rescind has laid over from a regular meeting, and then it shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Village Board.

Sec. 2-2-21 Suspension of Rules.

- (a) The rules of Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the Board.
- (b) These rules of procedure in Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 are adopted for the sole benefit of the members of the Village Board to assist in the orderly conduct of Village Board business. These rules of procedure do not grant rights or privileges to members of the public or third parties. Failure of the Village Board to adhere to these rules shall not result in any liability to the Village, its officers, agents, and employees, nor shall failure to adhere to these rules result in invalidation of any Village Board act.

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Municipal Officers and Employees

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Sec. 2-3-1 General Provisions.

- (a) **General Powers.** Officers shall have generally the powers and duties prescribed for like officers of towns and villages, except as otherwise provided, and such powers and duties as are prescribed by law and except as to the Village President, shall perform such duties as shall be required of him/her by the Village Board. Officers whose powers and duties are not enumerated in Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed by law for like officers or as are directed by the Village Board.
- (b) **Rules.** All officers and departments may make the necessary rules for the conduct of their duties and incidental proceedings, subject to prior approval by the Village Board.
- (c) **Applicability of Ethics Statutes.** The general laws for the punishment of bribery, misdemeanors and corruption in office shall apply to Village officers.

- (d) **Legal Representation.** Whenever a Village official in his/her official capacity is proceeded against or is obliged to proceed before any civil court, board or commission, to defend or maintain his/her official position, or because of some act arising out of the performance of his/her official duties, and he/she has prevailed in such proceedings, or the Village Board has ordered the proceedings discontinued, the Board may provide for payment to such official such sum as it sees fit, to reimburse him/her for the expenses reasonably incurred for costs and attorney's fees.

Sec. 2-3-2 Appointed Officials.

- (a) **Appointed Officials.** The Village officials hereinafter set forth shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board or as otherwise prescribed, and one (1) or more of said offices may be held by the same person. Persons appointed to perform the duties of the following offices shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to removal as provided by Sec. 17.12(1)(c) and (d), Wis. Stats.:

Official	How Appointed	Term
Building Inspector	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By contract
Attorney	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Engineer (Consulting)	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Weed Commissioner	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	One Year
Zoning Administrator	Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By contract
Assessor	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By contract

- (b) **Confirmation.** All confirmation votes by the Village Board shall be by simple majority vote.

Sec. 2-3-3 Village Clerk.

- (a) **Election.** The Village Clerk shall be elected at the annual spring election in odd-numbered years. No person not an elector in the Village of Hatley shall be elected Village Clerk.
- (b) **Term.** The Village Clerk shall hold office for a two (2) year term, subject to removal as provided in Sec. 17.13, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Duties as Clerk.** The Village Clerk shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
 - (1) Perform all election duties as required by Wisconsin Statute and keep and maintain all election records and all property used in conjunction with holding of elections;
 - (2) Publish all legal notices unless otherwise provided; file and preserve all contracts, bonds, oaths of office and other documents not required to be filed elsewhere;
 - (3) Issue all licenses required by ordinance or statute except as otherwise provided;
 - (4) Attend meetings, take minutes and maintain files for the Village Board, and such other official boards and commissions as may be directed;
 - (5) Maintain a file on all Village records, ordinances, resolutions and vouchers;
 - (6) Type and distribute reports for the Village Board and for federal and state agencies;
 - (7) Audit and obtain approval on claims charged against the Village;
 - (8) Assist the Assessor in maintaining property assessment records;
 - (9) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (10) Issue licenses to various vendors in the Village;
 - (11) Develop and implement improved internal control and financial reporting procedures as necessary or as requested;
 - (12) File financial and other reports with various state agencies;
 - (13) File insurance claims on behalf of the Village;
 - (14) Locate suppliers of goods or services and obtain quotes;
 - (15) Advertise for bids, receive them and summarize the results;
 - (16) Identify and evaluate ideas to achieve more efficient and effective operation;
 - (17) Coordinate, supervise and conduct elections;
 - (18) Confer with Village President, department heads and Village Board committees about projects and problems;
 - (19) Make reports on assessments to the State of Wisconsin.
 - (20) Maintain payroll records and prepare payroll checks from approved employee time sheets.
 - (21) Prepare check vouchers for payment of approved claims for signature.
 - (22) Maintain personnel files under the direction of the Village Board.
 - (23) Serve as secretary and treasurer of the Village sewer and water utilities.

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- (d) **Duties Prescribed by Law.** The Village Clerk shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by State Statutes, Village ordinances, and by order of the Village Board. The Village Clerk generally shall perform, under direction of the Village President or other presiding officer of the Board, all duties pertaining to his/her office, and shall be responsible for all the official acts of assistants.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.25, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-4 Village Treasurer.

- (a) **Election.** The Village Treasurer shall be elected at the annual spring election in odd-numbered years. No person not an elector in the Village of Hatley shall be elected Village Treasurer.
- (b) **Term.** The Village Treasurer shall hold office for a two (2) year term, subject to removal as provided in Sec. 17.13, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Audits.** Annual audits shall be made of the records of the Village Treasurer with the audit to be made by a certified public accountant.
- (d) **Duties as Treasurer.** The Village Treasurer shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
- (1) Prepare the tax roll and tax notices required by the State of Wisconsin;
 - (2) Prepare financial and bank statement;
 - (3) Maintain fiscal records for the Village;
 - (4) Prepare and send invoices for services provided by municipal utilities.
 - (5) Perform record keeping, billing, collections, banking, investments, accounting and financial reporting of all Village operations, including utilities;
 - (6) Collect all taxes for the Village and other taxing bodies;
 - (7) Invest idle funds for maximum interest earnings;
 - (8) Prepare monthly financial report;
- (e) **Duties Prescribed by Law.** The Village Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by State Statutes, Village ordinances, and by order of the Village Board. The Village Treasurer generally shall perform, under direction of the Village President or other presiding officer of the Village Board, all duties pertaining to his/her office, and shall be responsible for all the official acts of assistants.
- (f) **Bond.** The Village Treasurer shall execute to the Village a surety company fidelity bond in an amount determined by the Village Board. Such bond shall be paid for by the Village.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.26, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-5 Deputy Clerk; Deputy Treasurer.

The Village Clerk may appoint a Deputy Clerk, subject to confirmation by a majority of all the members of the Village Board. The Village Treasurer may appoint a Deputy Treasurer, subject to confirmation by a majority of all the members of the Village Board. The Deputies shall have an indefinite term of office. The Deputy Clerk shall act under the Village Clerk's direction and, during the temporary absence or disability of the Village Clerk or during a vacancy in such office, shall perform the duties of Village Clerk. The Deputy Treasurer shall act under the Village Treasurer's direction and, during the temporary absence or disability of the Village Treasurer or during a vacancy in such office, shall perform the duties of Village Treasurer. The acts of the Deputies shall be covered by official bond as the Village Board shall direct.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.261, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-6 Village Attorney.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Village Attorney is an appointed position. The Village Attorney shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2, except the Village Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- (b) **Duties.** The Village Attorney shall have the following duties:
 - (1) The Village Attorney shall conduct all of the legal business in which the Village is interested.
 - (2) The Village Attorney shall, when requested by Village officers, give written legal opinions, which shall be filed with the Village.
 - (3) The Village Attorney shall draft ordinances, bonds and other instruments as may be required by Village officers.
 - (4) The Village Attorney may appoint an assistant, who shall have power to perform his/her duties and for whose acts he/she shall be responsible to the Village. Such assistant shall receive no compensation from the Village, unless previously provided by ordinance.
 - (5) The Village Board may employ and compensate special counsel to assist in or take charge of any matter in which the Village is interested.
 - (6) The Village Attorney shall perform such other duties as provided by State law and as designated by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-7 Weed Commissioner.

The Weed Commissioner shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to Village Board confirmation. The term of office of the Weed Commissioner shall commence on the first day

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of May following his/her appointment. The Weed Commissioner shall take the official oath, which oath shall be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk and shall hold office for one year. The Weed Commissioner shall hold office pursuant to and fulfill the duties set out in state law.

State Law Reference: Secs. 66.0407 and 66.0517, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-8 Assessor.

- (a) Pursuant to Sections 61.195, 61.197 and 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Hatley hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of Sections 61.19 and 61.23, Wis. Stats., which relate to the selection and tenure of the Village Assessor, and which are in conflict with this Section.
- (b) Instead of being elected, the Assessor or assessing firm, shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Village Board, following the Board of Review meeting. Said person so appointed to perform the duties of such office shall have a one (1) year term and shall serve as determined by contract. A corporation or an independent contractor may be appointed as the Village Assessor. The corporation or independent contractor so appointed shall designate the person responsible for the assessment. The designee shall file the official oath under Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats., and sign the affidavit of the Assessor attached to the assessment roll under Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats. No person may be designated by any corporation or independent contractor unless he/she has been granted the appropriate certification under Sec. 73.09, Wis. Stats. For purposes of this Subsection, "independent contractor" means a person who either is under contract to furnish appraisal and assessment services or is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, business or profession in which the services are offered to the general public.

State Law Reference: Public Official's oaths and bonds, Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats.; corporation as assessor, Sections 61.197 and 61.27, Wis. Stats.; affidavit of assessor, Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats.; assessor certification, Sec. 73.02, Wis. Stats.; assessors in cities, Sec. 70.05, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-9 Building Inspector; Plumbing Inspector; Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Inspector; Electrical Inspector.

- (a) **Appointment.**
 - (1) Inspectors shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2. The Village of Hatley may select the services of an inspection firm or independent contractor.

- (2) Each inspector shall:
 - a. Possess such executive ability as is requisite for the performance of his/her duties and shall have a thorough knowledge of the standard materials and methods used in the installation of equipment in his/her area of responsibility;
 - b. Be well versed in approved methods of construction for safety to persons and property, the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin relating to work in his/her area of responsibility, and any orders, rules and regulations issued by authority thereof;
 - c. Have sufficient experience in the installation of equipment to enable him/her to understand and apply the appropriate codes adopted by the Village of Hatley.
 - d. Be certified in his/her area of inspection responsibilities.
- (b) **Authority to Enter Premises; Appeals.**
 - (1) In the discharge of their respective duties, each Inspector under this Section or his/her authorized agent may enter any building, upon presentation of the proper credentials, during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Inspector or his/her authorized agent while in the performance of his/her duties; and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this Section and subject to a penalty as provided by Section 1-1-6.
 - (2) If consent to entry to personal or real properties which are not public buildings or to portions of public buildings which are not open to the public for inspection purposes has been denied, the Inspector may obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Any person feeling himself/herself aggrieved by any order or ruling of an Inspector may appeal from such order or ruling to the Plan Commission with the rules for appeals established in the Zoning Code, such an appeal to be in writing.
- (c) **Duties and Authority.** The Building Inspector shall have such responsibilities as are prescribed in this Section and Title 15 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (d) **Stop Work Orders and Revocations.** The Building Inspector may order construction, installation, alteration or repair work stopped when such work is being done in violation of this Code of Ordinances. Work so stopped shall not be resumed, except with written permission of the Inspector, provided if the stop work order is an oral one it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.
- (e) **Conflict of Interest.** No Inspector shall inspect any construction work in the Village in which the Inspector has a personal or financial interest either direct or indirect.

Sec. 2-3-10 Zoning Administrator.

- (a) **Administrative Duties.** The Zoning Administrator, and any deputies that have been appointed by the Village Board, shall issue zoning applications, maintain records of Title 13 – Zoning Code of this Code of Ordinances and the Zoning Map, provide a public

information service, make recommendations to the Plan Commission on applications for zoning permits and meet with the Plan Commission.

- (b) **Enforcement Duties.** The Zoning Administrator, and any duly appointed deputies, shall investigate all complaints, give notice of violations and enforce the provisions of Title 13 – Zoning Code of this Code of Ordinances.
- (c) **Authority to Enter Premises; Appeals.**
 - (1) In the discharge of their respective duties, the Zoning Administrator under this Section or his/her authorized deputy may enter any building, upon presentation of the proper credentials, during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection, and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Zoning Administrator or his/her authorized deputy while in the performance of his/her duties; and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this Section and subject to a penalty as provided by Section 1-1-6.
 - (2) If consent to entry to personal or real properties which are not public buildings or to portions of public buildings which are not open to the public for inspection purposes has been denied, the Zoning Administrator may obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Any person feeling himself/herself aggrieved by any order or ruling of the Zoning Administrator may appeal from such order or ruling to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the rules for appeals established in the Zoning Code, such an appeal to be in writing.

Sec. 2-3-11 Eligibility for Office.

- (a) No person shall be elected by the people to a Village office, who is not at the time of his/her election, a citizen of the United States and of this State, and an elector of the Village of Hatley, and in case of a ward office, of the ward, and actually residing therein.
- (b) An appointee by the Village President, requiring to be confirmed by the Village Board, who shall be rejected by the Board, shall be ineligible for appointment to the same office for one (1) year thereafter.

State Law Reference: Sec. 62.09(2), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-12 Oaths of Office.

- (a) **Oath of Office.** Every officer of the Village of Hatley, including members of Village boards and commissions, shall, before entering upon his/her duties and within five (5) days of his/her election or appointment or notice thereof, take the oath of office prescribed by

law and file such oath in the office of the Village Clerk. Any person reelected or reappointed to the same office shall take and file an official oath for each term of service.

- (b) **Form, Procedure.** The form, filing and general procedure for the taking of oaths shall be governed by Chapter 19, Subchapter I, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Chapter 19, Subch. I, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-13 Vacancies.

- (a) **How Occurring.** Except as provided in Subsection (c) below, vacancies in elective and appointive positions occur as provided in Sections 17.03 and 17.035, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **How Filled.** Vacancies in elective and appointive offices shall be filled as provided in Sec. 17.24, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Temporary Incapacitation.** If any officer be absent or temporarily incapacitated from any cause, the Village Board may appoint some person to discharge his/her duties until he/she returns or until such disability is removed.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.23, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-14 Removal from Office.

- (a) **Elected Officials.** Elected officials may be removed by the Village Board as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(a) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Appointed Officials.** Appointed officials may be removed as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(c) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.

Annotation: 62 Atty. Gen. Op. 97.

Sec. 2-3-15 Custody of Official Property.

Village officers must observe the standards of care imposed by Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats., with respect to the care and custody of official property.

State Law Reference: Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-16 Official Bonds; Officers Not to Be Sureties.

Every officer shall, if required by law or the Village Board, upon entering upon the duties of his/her office, give a bond in such amount as may be determined by the Village Board, and paid for by the Village, with such sureties as are approved by the Village President, conditioned upon

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the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. Official bonds shall be filed with the office of the Village Clerk. Any person re-elected or re-appointed to the same office shall take and file an official bond for each term of service.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.22, Wis. Stats.

APPENDIX A

**VILLAGE OF HATLEY RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The Village Board of the Village of Hatley, Wisconsin, does resolve as follows:

SECTION I. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 10 (Budget Repair Bill) contains a requirement that all local government units establish an employee grievance policy not later than October 1, 2011;

WHEREAS, the attached policy and procedure has been prepared to provide a system to be followed with respect to grievances by Village employees; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the employee grievance policy and procedure and has determined that it is fair and reasonable, and that such a policy and procedure should be adopted and implemented with respect to all employee grievance procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Hatley hereby adopts the Employee Grievance Policy in the form attached hereto to be the official policy and procedure of the Village of Rudolph relating to such employee grievance matters.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Hatley on the ____ day of _____, 2011. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and supercedes any prior or conflicting Village personnel policies/procedures.

VILLAGE OF HATLEY, WISCONSIN

Village President

Attest: Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF HATLEY
EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE POLICY**

POLICY:

- (a) **Statutory Requirement.** This Employee Grievance Policy has been adopted to comply with Section 66.0509, Wis. Stats., and provides a grievance procedure for timely and orderly review of matters concerning workplace safety, discipline and termination.
- (b) **Employee Discipline In General.**
 - (1) Disciplinary procedures may result when:
 - a. An employee's actions or conduct do not conform with generally accepted standards of good behavior;
 - b. An employee violates a policy, procedure and/or rule;
 - c. An employee's conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Village of Hatley ("Village"); and/or
 - d. An employee's performance is not acceptable.
 - (2) Disciplinary action may result in any of the following steps being taken:
 - a. Verbal warning or reprimand.
 - b. Written warning or reprimand.
 - c. Suspension, with or without pay.
 - d. Termination of employment.
 - (3) Based upon the facts involved, there may be circumstances when one (1) or more of the disciplinary steps are bypassed. Certain types of employee problems or infractions may be of such a serious nature to justify either a suspension or termination of employment without proceeding through progressive discipline steps. The Village of Hatley reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to impose disciplinary action as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances.
- (c) **Applicability.** This Policy shall be applicable to all Village employees covered under Section 66.0509, Wis. Stats., other than police and fire employees subject to Section 62.13(5), Wis. Stats. Specifically, but not limited to, this Policy applies to union and non-union employees, limited term employees, full- and part-time employees, at-will employees, and seasonal employees. A Village employee may appeal any level of employee discipline action under this grievance procedure.

Appendix A

DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- (a) **Days.** Means calendar days, excluding legal holidays as defined in Section 995.20, Wis. Stats. If the last day on which an event is to occur is a legal holiday, any time limit under this Policy is extended to the next day which is not a legal holiday.
- (b) **Employee Discipline.**
 - (1) Any employment action that results in a:
 - a. Verbal reprimand.
 - b. Written reprimand.
 - c. Disciplinary suspension without pay.
 - d. Disciplinary suspension with pay.
 - e. Disciplinary reduction in pay or other benefits.
 - f. Disciplinary demotion.
 - g. Termination.
 - (2) The term "discipline" does not include:
 - a. Verbal notices or reminders.
 - b. Performance evaluations.
 - c. Documentation of employee acts and/or omissions in a personnel file.
 - d. Non-disciplinary demotions, transfers or changes in job assignment.
 - e. Non-disciplinary adjustments to compensation and/or benefits.
 - f. Actions taken to address job performance, including use of a job target plan or performance improvement plan.
 - g. Placement of an employee on paid leave pending an internal investigation.
 - h. Counseling (written or verbal) regarding job performance.
 - i. Other personnel actions taken by the employer that are not a form of progressive discipline and are taken for non-disciplinary reasons.
- (c) **Employee Termination.** Action(s) taken by the employer to terminate an individual's employment with the Village for misconduct or performance reasons but shall not include the following personnel actions:
 - (1) Retirement.
 - (2) Death.
 - (3) Voluntary quit.

- (4) Layoff or failure to be recalled at the expiration of the recall period.
 - (5) Completion of seasonal employment or temporary assignment.
 - (6) Completion of contract employment.
 - (7) Action taken for failure to meet any position qualifications.
 - (8) Job abandonment ("no-call, no-show" or other failure to report to work)
 - (9) Any workforce reduction action.
 - (10) Job transfer.
 - (11) Action taken pursuant to an ordinance other than an ordinance specifically addressing employee discharge.
 - (12) Termination of employment due to medical condition, lack of qualification or necessary license, or other inability to perform job duties for non-disciplinary reasons.
- (d) **Grievance.** A dispute between the employer and an employee regarding actions of Village officials with regard to employee discipline, employee termination, or workplace safety.
- (e) **Hearing Officer.** The impartial hearing officer required pursuant to Sec. 66.0509(1m)(d)2, Wis. Stats. The hearing officer selected by the Village Board may be an attorney, a retired judge, a professional mediator/arbitrator, an outside human resources professional from another governmental entity, or other qualified individual currently on the list of arbitrators or mediators for the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC), Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or the American Arbitration Association. The hearing officer shall not be an employee of the Village nor someone with a direct interest in the matter, such as, for example, a member of the governing body or the governing body's personnel committee.
- (f) **Workplace Safety.** Conditions of employment affecting an employee's physical health or safety, safety of the physical work environment, the safe operation of workplace equipment and tools, personal protective equipment, workplace violence, and training related to the same. Included within this definition are any alleged violations of any standard established under state law or administrative rule or federal law or regulation relating to workplace safety.

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PROCEDURES:

(a) Required Contents of all Written Grievances; General Considerations.

- (1) Any written grievance filed by a Village employee under this Policy shall contain all of the following information:
 - a. The name and position of the filing employee.
 - b. A brief summary statement of the issue involved.
 - c. A statement of the remedy or action sought.
 - d. A detailed explanation of the facts supporting the grievance.
 - e. The date(s) the incident(s) occurred or the date(s) the alleged workplace safety concern was discovered.
 - f. The specific policy, procedure or rule that is being challenged. If applicable, the specific workplace safety rule alleged to have been violated.
 - g. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance (either orally or in writing) with the employee's supervisor, the individuals involved in the attempted resolution, and the results of such discussion. When necessary, an explanation should be included as to why a grievance was not resolved at a prior step.
 - h. The employee's signature and date.
- (2) A grievance or request for an appeal is considered timely if received by the Village Clerk during normal business hours or if postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.
- (3) An employee must process his/her grievance outside of normal work hours, unless the employee elects to use accrued paid time (vacation, compensatory time, etc.) in order to be paid for time spent processing his/her grievance through the various steps of the grievance procedure prescribed in this Policy.

(b) Steps of the Grievance Process.

- (1) **Step 1 – Preliminary Grievance Steps.**
 - a. Prior to filing a formal written grievance under this Policy, an employee shall discuss any complaint or problem with his/her immediate supervisor to determine if the grievance can be resolved.
 - b. Every reasonable effort should be made by employees and supervisors to resolve any questions, misunderstandings, or problems that have arisen before an employee files a grievance.
 - c. Such a preliminary meeting is not required in the case of termination.
- (2) **Step 2 – Written Grievance Filed With Village Clerk; Review.**
 - a. If the grievance cannot be resolved at Step 1, the employee must file a written grievance with the Village Clerk no later than ten (10) days from the date the

employee first becomes aware of the termination, discipline, or workplace safety situation causing the grievance.

- b. The Village Clerk shall inform the employee's immediate supervisor and the Village President about receipt of the written grievance as soon as practicable.
- c. The Village Clerk, or his/her designee, shall investigate the facts given rise to the grievance. The Village Clerk shall respond to the grievance in writing, if possible, within ten (10) days of receipt of the written grievance.
- d. As part of the grievance investigation, the employee's supervisor may be requested to provide a written response, which must contain:
 - 1. A statement of the date(s) the meeting between the employee and supervisor was held.
 - 2. A statement as to whether the grievance was sustained or denied, with summary facts.
- e. If the grievance involves a decision directly affecting the Village Clerk, the process shall begin with a written grievance filed with the Village President who shall conduct the investigation as Step 2; appeal to a Hearing Officer as Step 3; and appeal to the Village Board as Step 4. The timelines established for each step shall apply.

(3) **Step 3 – Impartial Hearing Officer.**

- a. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the employee may request in writing, within ten (10) days following receipt of the Village Clerk's written response, a request for written review by an impartial Hearing Officer.
- b. The Village Clerk shall notify the employee's supervisor and the Village President of the filing of the request for an appeal to a Hearing Officer as soon as practicable.
- c. The Village shall select the impartial Hearing Officer pursuant to Subsection (e). The Hearing Officer shall not be a Village employee.
- d. On appeal, the Village Clerk shall transmit all grievance materials, grievance responses, and a copy of this Policy to the Hearing Officer.
- e. Depending on the issue involved, the impartial Hearing Officer will determine whether a hearing is necessary, or whether the case may be decided based on a submission of written documents. If the Hearing Officer decides a hearing is necessary, the Hearing Officer shall schedule a date/time for a hearing. The hearing shall be held at a mutually agreeable time in a public building and shall be open to the public unless the Hearing Officer otherwise directs.
- f. The Hearing Officer shall determine whether the Village acted in an arbitrary or capricious manner. The Hearing Officer may only overrule a disciplinary action if the action was arbitrary or capricious. In all cases, the grievant shall have the burden of proof to support the grievance. The Hearing Officer shall either sustain or deny the decision of the employee's supervisor. The Hearing Officer does not

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have authority to modify or amend the decision made by the employee's supervisor. The Hearing Officer does not have authority to grant in whole or in part a specific request of a grievant to modify a disciplinary determination.

- g. The Hearing Officer shall prepare a written decision affirming or reversing the action with the reasons therefore. The Hearing Officer shall submit his/her findings to the Village and the employee within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing (if a hearing is conducted) or the submission of the parties' written briefs, if any, whichever is later, or at a date mutually agreed upon by the parties.

(4) Step 4 – Review by Village Board.

- a. Either the employee or the Village Clerk may file with the Village Board a written notice of appeal of the Hearing Officer's determination within ten (10) days of the postmark date that the Hearing Officer's determination is mailed.
- b. Such appeals shall be on the written record, the preparation and associated costs of which shall be the responsibility of and at the expense of the party seeking the appeal. A copy of the written record shall be provided by the appealing party to the other party at no charge. The written record shall be filed with the Village Board within twenty-one (21) days of the notice of appeal.
- c. No formal hearing shall be held on the appeal before the Village Board. The Village Board shall only determine whether the Hearing Officer reached an arbitrary or incorrect result based on a review of the record coming before the Hearing Officer. The Village Board shall not take new testimony or evidence on the matter, but the Village Board may request additional written submittals from the parties regarding clarification of matters raised before the Hearing Officer.
- d. The appeal will be scheduled and noticed for the Village Board's next regular meeting. The Hearing Officer's determination may be affirmed, modified, or reversed by a majority vote of a quorum of the Village Board.
- e. The Village Board shall inform the employee in writing of its findings and decision within fifteen (15) days of the Village Board meeting, and shall also file its written decision with the Village Clerk. A copy of the written decision of the Village Board shall be mailed to the last known address of the employee or the employee's representative.
- f. The Village Board's decision shall be final and binding on the parties.

(c) Grievance Settlements.

- (1) A grievance shall be considered waived if not filed or appealed within the grievance timelines designated within this Policy. The time limits prescribed in the preceding steps may be extended by mutual written agreement between the parties.

- (2) A grievance shall be considered settled and dismissed at the completion of any step in this Policy if all parties are mutually satisfied or the grievance has not been timely processed to the next level.
- (3) Settlements shall be in writing and signed by the employee and the appropriate Village official(s) involved at the step level that the grievance was settled.

(d) Consolidation of Multiple Grievances.

- (1) If more than one (1) employee seeks to have a grievance reviewed that involves the same circumstance or issue, a single grievance review application may be used. A group grievance shall be signed by all grieving employees and must state that it is a group grievance at the first step in the grievance procedure.
- (2) The Village Clerk and/or the Hearing Officer may consolidate grievances where a reasonable basis for consolidation exists.

(e) Selection of a Hearing Officer; Compensation.

- (1) The Village may contract to engage the services of an impartial Hearing Officer to hear, review and determine appeals under Step 3. Any such Hearing Officer cannot be a Village employee or be receiving any compensation or benefits from the Village other than those set forth in this Subsection.
- (2) The Hearing Officer shall receive compensation at the Hearing Officer's standard rate for conducting the hearing, review of the case, travel time, and time spent preparing a written determination. Compensation for the Hearing Officer shall be equally divided between the parties.
- (3) While not mandatory, the Village Clerk may maintain a list of at least three (3) qualified individuals who are willing to serve as a Hearing Officer for purposes of this Policy. If such a list is maintained, the Hearing Officer selected to hear a grievance shall be selected by random drawing, with the parties to the grievance present when the drawing takes place, unless otherwise agreed upon. If such a list is not maintained, the Village shall select an impartial Hearing Officer.

(f) Hearing Procedures.

- (1) The Hearing Officer shall be responsible for the orderly and fair conduct of the hearing and the preservation of a record of the record. The Hearing Officer shall have the authority to administer oaths and issue subpoenas at the request of the parties.

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The party requesting a subpoena from the Hearing Officer is responsible for the fees associated with the subpoena.

- (2) This process does not involve a hearing before a court of law; thus, the rules of evidence shall not be applicable.
 - (3) All testimony before the Hearing Officer shall be taken under oath.
 - (4) If a court reporter is employed, all costs affiliated with the services of the court reporter and preparation of a transcript of the hearing shall be equally divided between the parties.
- (g) **Representation.** Both the employee and the Village may be assisted by a representative of their own choosing at any point during the grievance procedure.
- (h) **Miscellaneous Costs.**
- (1) Each party (employer and employee) shall be responsible for its own costs for witnesses and all other out-of-pocket expenses not specifically addressed in this Policy, including possible attorney fees.
 - (2) Any expense incurred by an employee in investigating, preparing, or presenting a grievance shall be the sole responsibility of the employee.
- (i) **Policy Revisions.** This Policy may be revised or repealed by the Village Board at any time.

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Boards, Commissions and Committees

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Sec. 2-4-1 Board of Review.

(a) **Composition.**

- (1) **Membership.** The Board of Review of the Village of Hatley shall be composed of the Village President, Village Clerk and the Village Trustees. The Village Clerk shall serve as Clerk of the Board of Review. The Assessor shall attend all meetings of the Board of Review, but shall not vote.
- (2) **Alternate Members.** Pursuant to Secs. 70.47(6m)(c) and 70.46(1), Wis. Stats., the Village Board hereby provides for the appointment of alternates to serve on the Board of Review in the event a standing board member of the Board of Review is removed pursuant to Sec. 70.47(a), Wis. Stats., or recused pursuant to Sec. 70.47(b), Wis. Stats.
- (3) **Training Requirement.** No Board of Review may be constituted unless it includes at least one (1) voting member who, within two (2) years of the Board's first meeting, has attended a training session under Sec. 73.03(55), Wis. Stats., and unless that member is the municipality's chief executive officer or that officer's designee. The Village Clerk shall provide an affidavit to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue stating whether the requirement under this Section has been fulfilled.

- (b) **Compensation.** The members of the Board of Review shall receive compensation as determined by resolution of the Village Board, except members who are full-time employees/officials of the Village shall receive no additional compensation.

- (c) **Duties.** The duties and functions of the Board of Review shall be as prescribed in Sections 70.46 and 70.47, Wis. Stats.

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- (d) **Meetings.** In accordance with Sec. 70.47(3)b, Wis. Stats., the Village Board do hereby exercise their right to designate hours for the annual Board of Review proceedings other than those set forth in Sec. 70.47(3)a, and shall designate the hours of the annual Board of Review. The Board of Review may adjourn from day to day or from time to time, until such time as its business is completed, providing that adequate notice of each adjournment is so given.
- (e) **Objections to Valuations to be Written.** No person shall be permitted to appear and make objection before the Board of Review of the Village of Hatley to the amount of valuation of any property unless objection thereto shall first have been made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Review.
- (f) **Confidentiality of Assessor's Records.** Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of the Assessor's duties, requests or obtains income and expense information pursuant to Sec. 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats., or any successor statute thereto, then, such income and expense information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharging of duties imposed by law; in the discharge of duties imposed by office (including, but not limited to, use by the Assessor in performance of official duties of the Assessor's office and use by the Board of Review in performance of its official duties); or pursuant to order of a court. Income and expense information provided to the Assessor under Sec. 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats., unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Sec. 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats., not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Sec. 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sections 70.46 and 70.47, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-2 Zoning Board of Appeals.

- (a) **Establishment.** A Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed and governed by the State zoning enabling law as contained in Sec. 62.23, Wis. Stats., the Village Zoning Code and ordinances and this Section. The laws of the State or Village and local ordinances shall prevail in that order. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) citizen members and two (2) alternate members, appointed by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board, for a three (3) year term of office. The members shall be removable by the Village Board for cause upon written charges and upon public hearing. The Village President shall designate one of the members chairperson.
- (b) **Powers.** The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:
 - (1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any Village Zoning Code or any ordinance adopted under Sections 62.23, 61.35 or 62.231

(wetlands), 87.30 or 144.26 (flood plains) or Chapter 91 (farmland preservation), Wis. Stats.

- (2) To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the Village zoning and floodplain zoning regulations upon which the Board of Appeals is required to pass.
- (3) To authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Village zoning regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement will result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit of the Zoning Code shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done; provided, however, that no such action shall have the effect of establishing in any district a use or uses not permitted in such district. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant use variances in floodplain or wetland and conservancy districts. In all other districts, no use variance shall be granted unless the applicant has first petitioned for a zoning amendment or a conditional use permit, if applicable, and upon a showing that no lawful and feasible use of the subject property can be made in the absence of such variance. Any use variance granted shall be limited to the specific use described in the Board's decision and shall not permit variances in yard, area or other requirements of the district in which located.
- (4) To permit the erection and use of a building or premises in any location subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards in harmony with the general purposes of the Zoning Code, for such purposes which are reasonably necessary for public convenience and welfare.
- (5) The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm wholly or in part or may modify any order, requirement, decision or determination as in its opinion ought to be made in the premises. The concurring vote of four (4) members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter on which it is required to pass, or to effect any variation in the requirements of the Zoning Code. The grounds of every such determination shall be stated and recorded. No order of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance shall be valid for a period longer than twelve (12) months from the date of such order unless the land use permit is obtained within such period and the erection or alteration of a building is started or the use is commenced within such period.

(c) **Meeting and Rules.**

- (1) All meetings and hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be open to the public, except that the Zoning Board of Appeals may go into closed session to deliberate after a hearing or an appeal. The final vote on an appeal shall be taken in open session by roll call vote, recorded and open for public inspection in the Board's office. Public notice of all regular and special meetings shall be given to the public and news media as required by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

- (2) Special meetings may be scheduled by the Chairperson or by the Secretary at the request of two (2) members. Notice of a special meeting shall be mailed to each member at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time set for the meeting, or announcement of the meeting shall be made at any meeting at which all members are present.
 - (3) Hearings may be held at any regular or special meeting at the time set by the Chairperson. Statutory notice requirements for hearings shall be followed.
 - (4) A quorum for any meeting or hearing shall consist of four (4) members, but a lesser number may meet and adjourn to a specified time.
 - (5) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examination and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the Village Clerk and shall be public record. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall adopt its own rules of procedure not in conflict with this Code of Ordinances or with the applicable Wisconsin Statutes.
 - (6) No Zoning Board of Appeals member shall participate in the decision of or vote upon any case in which the member is financially interested, directly or indirectly, but the Chairperson shall direct an alternate member to act instead. Disqualification of a member for interest shall not decrease the number of votes required for acting upon any matter, but such member may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present for the transaction of business.
- (d) **Offices.** The Village Board shall provide suitable offices for holding hearings and the presentation of records, documents, and accounts.

State Law Reference: Sec. 62.23(7)(e), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-3 Plan Commission.

- (a) **Establishment.** The Village Board of the Village of Hatley does ordain that there is established a Village Plan Commission for the Village of Hatley, in accordance with Sections 61.35 and 62.23, Wis. Stats. The Village Board has established a seven (7) member Plan Commission under Secs. 61.35 and 62.23, Wis. Stats. The Plan Commission shall be considered the "Village Planning Agency" under Secs. 236.02(13) and 236.45, Wis. Stats., which authorizes the Village to adopt a subdivision or other land division ordinance.
- (b) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to establish a Village of Hatley Plan Commission and set forth its organization, powers and duties, to further the health, safety, welfare and wise use of resources for the benefit of current and future residents of the Village of Hatley and affected neighboring jurisdictions, through the adoption and implementation of comprehensive planning with significant citizen involvement.

- (c) **Composition.** The Plan Commission shall consist of one (1) Village Board member and six (6) citizens.
- (d) **Appointment; Official Oaths; Compensation.**
 - (1) **Election/Appointment of Trustee Members.** At its annual meeting in April of each year the Village Board shall, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of its members, elect one (1) of its number as a member of the Village Plan Commission for a period of one (1) year from and after the first day of May next ensuing.
 - (2) **Appointment and Terms of Citizen Members.** The six (6) citizen members shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to Village Board confirmation, on the third Tuesday of April in each year to hold office for a staggered term of three (3) years commencing with the third Tuesday of April.
 - (3) **Official Oaths.** Official oaths shall be taken by all members in accordance with Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats., within ten (10) days of receiving notice of their appointments.
 - (4) **Compensation; Expenses.** The Village Board may establish a per diem allowance per meeting for citizen and Village Board members of the Plan Commission, as allowed under Sec. 66.0501(2), Wis. Stats. In addition, the Village Board may reimburse reasonable costs and expenses. Alternate members of the Plan Commission will be compensated for meeting attendance if they attend meetings as alternate members.
- (e) **Quorum.** Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum but all actions shall require the affirmative approval of a majority of all of the members of the Plan Commission.
- (f) **Vacancies.** A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Plan Commission shall serve for the remainder of the term.
- (g) **Compensation; Expenses.** The Village Board may set a per diem allowance per meeting for citizen and elected official members of the Plan Commission, as allowed under Sec. 66.0501(2), Wis. Stats. In addition, the Village Board may reimburse reasonable costs and expenses.
- (h) **Experts; Staff.** The Plan Commission, under Sec. 62.23(1), Wis. Stats., may recommend to the Village Board the employment of experts and staff, and may review and recommend to the approval authority proposed payments under any contract with an expert.
- (i) **Rules; Records.** The Plan Commission, under Sec. 62.213(2), Wis. Stats., may adopt rules for the transaction of its business, subject to Village ordinances, and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which shall be a public record under Secs. 19.21 through 19.39, Wis. Stats.; copies shall be filed with the Village Clerk.
- (j) **Chairperson and Officers.**
 - (1) **Chairperson.** The chairperson shall, subject to Village ordinances and Plan Commission rules:
 - a. Provide leadership to the Plan Commission;
 - b. Set Plan Commission meeting and hearing dates;
 - c. Provide notice of Plan Commission meetings and hearings and set their agendas, personally or by his/her designee;

- d. Preside as Plan Commission meetings and hearings; and
 - e. Ensure that the laws are followed.
- (2) **Vice-Chairperson.** The Plan Commission may elect, by open vote under Sec. 19.88(1), Wis. Stats., a vice-chairperson to act in the place of the chairperson when the chairperson is absent or incapacitated for any cause.
- (3) **Secretary.** The Plan Commission shall elect, by open vote under Sec. 19.88(1), Wis. Stats., one of its members to serve as secretary, or, with the approval of the Village Board, designate the Village Clerk or other Village official or employee as secretary.
- (k) **Commission Members As Local Public Officials.** All members of the Plan Commission shall faithfully discharge their official duties to the best of their abilities, as provided in the oath of office [Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats.], in accordance with, but not limited to, the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes on Public Records [Secs. 19.21 through 19.39, Wis. Stats.]; Code of Ethics for Local Government Officials [Secs. 19.42, 19.58 and 19.59, Wis. Stats.]; Open Meetings [Secs. 19.81 through 19.89, Wis. Stats.]; Misconduct in Office [Sec. 946.12, Wis. Stats.]; and Private Interests in Public Contracts [Sec. 946.13, Wis. Stats.]. Plan Commission members shall further perform their duties in a fair and rational manner and avoid arbitrary actions.
- (l) **General and Miscellaneous Powers.** The Plan Commission, under Sec. 62.23(4), Wis. Stats., shall have the power:
 - (1) Necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote Village planning.
 - (2) To make reports and recommendations relating to the planning and development of the Village of Hatley to the Village Board, other public bodies, citizens, public utilities and organizations.
 - (3) To recommend to the Village Board programs for public improvements and the financing of such improvements.
 - (4) To receive from public officials, within a reasonable time, requested available information required for the Plan Commission to do its work.
 - (5) For itself, its members and employees, in the performance of their duties, to enter upon land, make examinations and surveys, and place and maintain necessary monuments and markers thereon. However, entry shall not be made upon private land, except to the extent that the private land is held open to the general public, without the permission of the landowner or tenant. If such permission has been refused, entry shall be made under the authority of an inspection warrant issued for cause under Sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats., or other court-issued warrant.
- (m) **Village Comprehensive Planning; General Authority and Requirements.**
 - (1) **Comprehensive Plan.** The Plan Commission shall make and adopt a Comprehensive Plan under Secs. 62.23 and 66.1001, Wis. Stats., which contains the elements specified in Sec. 66.1001(2), Wis. Stats., and follows the procedures in Sec. 66.1001(4), Wis. Stats. The Plan Commission shall make and adopt the Comprehensive Plan within the time period directed by the Village Board, but not later than a

time sufficient to allow the Village Board to review and plan and pass an ordinance adopting it to take effect on or before January 1, 2010, so that the Village Comprehensive Plan is in effect by the date on which any Village program or action affecting land use must be consistent with the Village Comprehensive Plan under Sec. 66.1001(3), Wis. Stats.

- (2) **Preparation.** In this Subsection, the requirement to "make" the plan means that the Plan Commission shall ensure that the plan is prepared, and oversee and coordinate the preparation of the plan, whether the work is performed for the Village by the Plan Commission, Village staff, another unit of government, the regional planning commission, a consultant, citizens, an advisory committee, or any other person, group or organization.

- (n) **Procedure for Plan Commission Adoption and Recommendation of a Village Comprehensive Plan or Amendment.** The Plan Commission, in order to ensure that the requirements of Sec. 66.1001(4), Wis. Stats., are met, shall proceed as follows:

- (1) **Public Participation Verification.** Prior to beginning work on a Comprehensive Plan, the Plan Commission shall verify that the Village Board has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of preparation of the Comprehensive Plan. These written procedures shall include open discussion, communication programs, information services and noticed public meetings. These written procedures shall further provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended elements of a Comprehensive Plan and shall provide an opportunity for written comments to be submitted by members of the public to the Village Board and for the Village Board to respond to such written comments.

- (2) **Resolution.** The Plan Commission, under Sec. 66.1001(4)(b), Wis. Stats., shall recommend its proposed Comprehensive Plan or amendment to the Village Board by adopting a resolution by a majority vote of the entire Plan Commission. The vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the Plan Commission. The resolution shall refer to maps and other descriptive materials that relate to one or more elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The resolution adopting a Comprehensive Plan shall further recite that the requirements of the comprehensive planning law have been met, under Sec. 66.1001, Wis. Stats., namely that:

- a. The Village Board adopted written procedures to foster public participation and that such procedures allowed public participation at each stage of preparing the Comprehensive Plan;
- b. The plan contains the nine (9) specified elements and meets the requirements of those elements;
- c. The (specified) maps and (specified) other descriptive materials relate to the plan;
- d. The plan has been adopted by a majority vote of the entire Plan Commission, which the clerk or secretary is directed to record in the minutes; and
- e. The Plan Commission clerk or secretary is directed to send a copy of the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Plan Commission to the governmental units specified in Sec. 66.1001(4), Wis. Stats., and Subsection (c) herein.

- (3) **Transmittal.** One copy of the Comprehensive Plan or amendment adopted by the Plan Commission for recommendation to the Village Board shall be sent to:
 - a. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the Village, including any school district, sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or other special district.
 - b. The clerk of every city, village, town, county and regional planning commission that is adjacent to the Village.
 - c. The Wisconsin Land Council.
 - d. The Wisconsin Department of Administration.
 - e. The regional planning commission in which the Village is located.
 - f. The public library that serves the area in which the Village is located.
- (o) **Plan Implementation and Administration.**
 - (1) **Ordinance Development.** If directed by resolution or motion of the Village Board, the Plan Commission shall prepare the following for Village Board review and action:
 - a. **Zoning.** A proposed Village zoning ordinance under Section 62.23(7), Wis. Stats. (if not under county zoning), a Village construction site erosion control and stormwater management zoning ordinance, a Village exclusive agricultural zoning ordinance under Subchapter V of Ch. 91, Wis. Stats., and any other zoning ordinance within the Village's authority.
 - b. **Official Map.** A proposed official map ordinance under Sec. 62.23(6), Wis. Stats.
 - c. **Subdivisions.** A proposed Village subdivision or other land division ordinance under Sec. 236.45, Wis. Stats.
 - d. **Other.** Any other ordinance specified by the Village Board (Note: e.g., historic preservation, design review site plan review).
 - (2) **Ordinance Amendment.** The Plan Commission, on its own motion, or at the direction of the Village Board by its resolution or motion, may prepare proposed amendments to the Village's ordinances relating to comprehensive planning and land use.
 - (3) **Non-Regulatory Programs.** The Plan Commission, on its own motion, or at the direction of the Village Board by resolution or motion, may propose non-regulatory programs to implement the Comprehensive Plan, including programs relating to topics such as education, economic development and tourism promotion, preservation of natural resources through the acquisition of land or conservation easements, and capital improvements planning.
 - (4) **Consistency.** Any ordinance, amendment or program proposed by the Plan Commission, and any Plan Commission approval, recommendation for approval or other action under Village ordinances or programs that implement the Village's Comprehensive Plan under Secs. 62.23 and 66.1001, Wis. Stats., shall be consistent with that plan as of January 1, 2010. If any such Plan Commission action would not be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Plan Commission shall use this as information to consider in updating the Comprehensive Plan.

(p) **Referrals to the Plan Commission.**

- (1) **Required Referrals Under Sec. 62.23(5), Wis. Stats.** The following shall be referred to the Plan Commission for advisory report:
- a. The location and architectural design of any public building.
 - b. The location of any statue or other memorial.
 - c. The location, acceptance, extension, alteration, vacation, abandonment, change of use, sale, acquisition of land for or lease of land for any:
 1. Street, alley or other public way;
 2. Park or playground;
 3. Airport;
 4. Area for parking vehicles; or
 5. Other memorial or public grounds.
 - d. The location, extension, abandonment or authorization for any publicly or privately owned public utility.
 - e. All plats under the Village's jurisdiction under Ch. 236, Wis. Stats., including divisions under a Village subdivision or other land division ordinance adopted under Sec. 236.45, Wis. Stats.
 - f. The location, character and extent or acquisition, lease or sale of lands for:
 1. Public or semi-public housing;
 2. Slum clearance;
 3. Relief of congestion; or
 4. Vacation camps for children.
 - g. The amendment or repeal of any ordinance adopted under Sec. 62.23, Wis. Stats., including ordinances relating to the Plan Commission, Village Comprehensive Plan under Sec. 66.1001, Wis. Stats., Village official map and/or Village zoning.
- (2) **Required Referrals Under Sections of the Wisconsin Statutes Other Than Sec. 62.23(5), Wis. Stats.** The following shall be referred to the Plan Commission for report:
- a. An application for initial licensure of a child welfare agency or group home under Sec. 48.68(3), Wis. Stats.
 - b. An application for initial licensure of a community-based residential facility under Sec. 50.03(4), Wis. Stats.
 - c. Proposed designation of a street, road or public way, or any part thereof, wholly within the jurisdiction of the Village, as a pedestrian mall under Sec. 66.0905, Wis. Stats.
 - d. Matters relating to the establishment or termination of an architectural conservancy district under Sec. 66.1007, Wis. Stats.
 - e. Matter's relating to the establishment of a reinvestment neighborhood required to be referred under Sec. 66.1107, Wis. Stats.
 - f. Matters relating to the establishment or termination of a business improvement district required to be referred under Sec. 66.1109, Wis. Stats.

- g. A proposed housing project under Sec. 66.1211(3), Wis. Stats.
 - h. Matters relating to urban redevelopment and renewal in the Village required to be referred under Subch. XIII of Ch. 66, Wis. Stats.
 - i. The adoption or amendment of a Village subdivision or other land division ordinance under Sec. 236.45(4), Wis. Stats.
 - j. Any other matter required by the Wisconsin Statutes to be referred to the Plan Commission.
- (3) **Required Referrals Under This Section.** In addition to referrals required by the Wisconsin Statutes, the following matters may be referred to the Plan Commission for report:
- a. Proposed regulations or amendments relating to historic preservation under Sec. 60.64, Wis. Stats.
 - b. A proposed driveway access ordinance or amendment.
 - c. A proposed Village official map ordinance under Sec. 62.23(6), Wis. Stats., or any other proposed Village ordinance under Sec. 62.23, Wis. Stats., not specifically required by the Wisconsin Statutes to be referred to the Plan Commission.
 - d. A proposed zoning ordinance or amendment adopted under Section 62.23(7), Wis. Stats., a construction site erosion control and stormwater management zoning ordinance under Sec. 627(6), Wis. Stats., a Village exclusive agricultural zoning ordinance under Subchapter V of Ch. 91, Wis. Stats.
 - e. A proposed extraterritorial zoning ordinance or a proposed amendment to an existing ordinance under Sec. 62.23(7a), Wis. Stats.
 - f. A proposed boundary change pursuant to an approved cooperative plan agreement under Sec. 66.0307, Wis. Stats., or a proposed boundary agreement under Sec. 66.0225, Wis. Stats., or other authority.
 - g. A proposed zoning ordinance or amendment pursuant to an agreement in an approved cooperative plan under Sec. 66.0307(7m), Wis. Stats.
 - h. Any proposed plan, element of a plan or amendment to such plan or element developed by the regional planning commission and sent to the Village for review or adoption.
 - i. Any proposed contract, for the provision of information, or the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan, an element of a plan or an implementation measure, between the Village and the regional planning commission, under Sec. 66.0309, Wis. Stats., another unit of government, a consultant or any other person or organization.
 - j. A proposed ordinance, regulation or plan, or amendment to the foregoing, relating to a mobile home park under Sec. 66.0435, Wis. Stats.
 - k. A proposed agreement, or proposed modification to such agreement, to establish an airport affected area, under Sec. 66.1009, Wis. Stats.

- l. A proposed airport zoning ordinance under Sec. 114.136(2), Wis. Stats.
 - m. A proposal to create environmental remediation tax incremental financing in the Village under Sec. 66.1106, Wis. Stats.
 - n. A proposed county agricultural preservation plan or amendment, under Subchapter IV of Ch. 91, Wis. Stats., referred by the county to the Village, or proposed Village agricultural preservation plan or amendment.
 - o. Any other matter required by any Village ordinance or Village Board resolution or motion to be referred to the Plan Commission.
- (4) **Discretionary Referrals.** The Village Board, or other Village officer or body with final approval authority or referral authorization under the Village ordinances, may refer any of the following to the Plan Commission for report:
- a. A proposed intergovernmental cooperation agreement, under Sec. 66.0301, Wis. Stats., or other statute, affecting land use, or a municipal revenue sharing agreement under Sec. 66.0305, Wis. Stats.
 - b. Any other matter deemed advisable for referral to the Plan Commission for report.
- (5) **Referral Period.** No final action may be taken by the Village Board or any other officer or body with final authority on a matter referred to the Plan Commission until the Plan Commission has made its report, or thirty (30) days, or such longer period as stipulated by the Village Board, has passed since referral. The thirty (30) day period for referrals required by the Wisconsin Statutes may be shortened only if so authorized by statute. The thirty (30) day referral period, for matters subject to required or discretionary referral under the Village's ordinances, but not required to be referred under the Wisconsin Statutes, may be made subject by the Village Board to a referral period shorter or longer than the thirty (30) day referral period if deemed advisable.

State Law Reference: Secs. 61.35, 62.23, and Ch. 236, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-4 Community Development Authority.

(a) **Purpose.**

- (1) The Hatley Village Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the undertaking of programs and projects for blight elimination and prevention, slum clearance and prevention, urban renewal and redevelopment, and community development and redevelopment (collectively, "qualified redevelopment projects") will encourage well-planned, integrated, stable, safe and healthful neighborhoods, the provisions of healthful homes, a quality living environment, adequate places of employment for the people of the Village of Hatley, and an increase in the general property tax base of the Village of Hatley.

- (2) The Village Board hereby finds, determines and declares that there exists within the Village of Hatley a need for qualified redevelopment projects, and that creation of a Community Development Authority (CDA) in the Village of Hatley will serve the public interest.
- (b) **Creations.** Pursuant to Sections 66.1339, 66.1341 and 66.1335, Wis. Stats., the Village Board hereby creates a Community Development Authority in the Village of Hatley, which authority shall be known as the "Community Development Authority (CDA) of the Village of Hatley, Wisconsin". Said Authority shall be a separate body politic for the purpose of carrying out qualified redevelopment projects, and shall have all powers, duties and functions of community development authorities contained in Section 66.1335, Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time, with the exception of the power of eminent domain. The CDA shall also act as the agent of the Village of Hatley in planning and carrying out community development programs and activities approved by the Village Board under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- (c) **Procedures.** As a means of more clearly setting forth its powers and rules of procedure, the Community Development Authority shall adopt a set of bylaws or internal operating procedures which shall, among other things, establish the general policies, duties and provide for the appointment of the CDA Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Director. The initial bylaws and/or rules of procedure, and subsequent amendments, shall be approved by a majority vote of the Village Board.
- (d) **Composition.** The Village Board authorizes and directs the Village Clerk, immediately upon original adoption of this Section, to certify a copy and transmit such copy to the Village President. The Village Board authorizes and directs the Village President, upon receipt of said certified copy, to appoint seven (7) qualified, resident persons as Commissioners of the CDA, which appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Village Board. Two (2) of said Commissioners shall be members of the Village Board and shall serve on the CDA during their respective terms of office as Village Board members. The initial appointments of the five (5) non-Village Board Commissioners shall be for the following terms: two (2) Commissioners for one (1) year, and one (1) Commissioner each for terms of two (2), three (3) and four (4) years. Thereafter, the terms of the non-Village Board members shall be four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
- (e) **Vacancies.** In the event that vacancies on the Community Development Authority should exist for a period of fifteen (15) days or more and the Village President should fail to nominate individuals to said vacancies, the Village Board may, by majority vote, fill such vacancies on the Community Development Authority.

State Law Reference: Sections 66.1335, 66.1339 and 66.1341, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-5 General Provisions Regarding Meetings and Public Notice.

- (a) **Regular Meetings; Public Notice.** Every Board, Committee and Commission created by or existing under the ordinances of the Village shall:
- (1) Schedule a date, time and place for its meetings;
 - (2) Post, or when necessary publish, notice in or notify the official Village newspaper in advance of each such regular meeting of the date, time, and place thereof, in compliance with state law, thereof; and/or
 - (3) Post an agenda of the matters to be taken up at such meeting.
- (b) **Form of Notice.** Such notice shall set forth the time, date, place and subject matter of the meeting, including that intended for consideration at any contemplated closed session which may be authorized by law, and may be in the following form:

NOTICE OF MEETING

VILLAGE OF HATLEY, WISCONSIN

(commission)

Please take notice that a meeting of the (commission) of the Village of Hatley will be held on (date), 20__, at (time) p.m., at the Hatley Community/Senior Center, in the Board Room to consider the following:

1. (Agenda items set forth).
2. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Dated: _____

_____(Commission)_____

By _____

The Hatley Community/Senior Center is accessible to the physically disadvantaged. If special accommodations for visually or hearing impaired individuals are needed, please contact the Hatley Clerk at (telephone). Members of the Hatley Village Board may be in attendance.

- (c) **Notice to Members.** Every member of any board, commission or committee of the Village of Hatley shall be notified by the secretary thereof that a meeting is to be held, and the time and place of such meeting and the subject to be considered thereat. No member shall be intentionally excluded from any meeting by a failure to give proper notice or a reasonable attempt to give proper notice to such member.
- (d) **Minutes to Be Kept.** Every board, commission and committee shall keep a record of the minutes of its proceedings and shall cause a signed copy thereof to be filed by its secretary with the Village Clerk within one (1) week of the meeting date. The Village Clerk shall furnish a copy of all minutes filed with him to each member of the Village Board. All such minutes shall be public records.
- (e) **Special Meetings.** Nothing in Subsection (a) shall preclude the calling of a special meeting or dispensing with the publication of notice or such posting of the agenda, for good cause, but such special meetings shall nonetheless comply in all respects with the provisions of Sections 19.81 and 19.89, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-6 Residency Required for Service on Citizen Boards or Commissions; Attendance Standards.

- (a) **Residency.** No person not a resident of and not residing in the Village of Hatley shall be appointed in a voting capacity to any citizen Village board, committee or commission listed in this Chapter. Any board or commission member who moves from the Village shall be removed from such board or commission, but may be appointed to serve in an ex officio capacity.
- (b) **Attendance Standard.** Members of board, committees and commissions are required to attend a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the meetings in each six (6) month period of their respective bodies, unless excused by majority vote of the membership of their body. Failure to comply with this Subsection may result in the removal and replacement of the official found to be in noncompliance by majority vote of the Village Board.

Sec. 2-4-7 Committee and Commission Rules.

- (a) Except as provided herein, the provisions of Sections 2-2-17 through 2-2-21 of this Code of Ordinances relating to rules of procedure for the Village Board, together with *Robert's*

Rules of Order, shall as far as applicable, also apply to committee board and commission meetings.

- (b) A simple majority of the members of a committee or commission shall constitute a quorum.

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Ethics Code and Employment

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Sec. 2-5-1 Statement of Purpose.

- (a) The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established in this Chapter a Code of Ethics for all Village of Hatley officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, including members of boards, committees and commissions of the Village, as well as any individuals who are candidates for elective office as soon as such individuals file nomination papers with the Village.
- (b) The purpose of this Ethics Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officials and employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the Village of Hatley and by directing disclosure by such officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the Village. The Village Board believes that a Code of Ethics for the guidance of elected and appointed officials and employees will help them avoid conflicts between their personal interests and their public responsibilities, will improve standards of public service and will promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the citizens of this Village in their

elected and appointed officials and employees. The Village Board hereby reaffirms that each elected and appointed Village official and employee holds his or her position as a public trust, and any intentional effort to realize substantial personal gain through official conduct is a violation of that trust. The provisions and purpose of this Ethics Code and such rules and regulations as may be established are hereby declared to be in the best interests of the Village of Hatley.

Sec. 2-5-2 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Public Official.** Those persons serving in statutory elected or appointed offices provided for in Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., and all members appointed to boards, committees and commissions established or appointed by the Village President and/or Village Board pursuant to this Code of Ordinances, whether paid or unpaid.
- (b) **Public Employee.** Any person excluded from the definition of a public official who is employed by the Village.
- (c) **Anything of Value.** Any money or property, favor, service, payment, advance, forbearance, loan, or promise of future employment, but does not include compensation or expense reimbursement paid by the Village, honorariums, fees and expenses under the standards and reporting requirements set forth in Sec. 19.56, Wis. Stats., campaign contributions as regulated by Section 2-5-7(k) of this Chapter, or hospitality extended for a purpose unrelated to Village business by a person other than a firm, corporation, partnership, or joint venture.
- (d) **Business.** Any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual or any other legal entity which engages in profit-making activities.
- (e) **Personal Interest.** Any interest arising from blood or marriage relationships or from close business or political associations, whether or not any financial interest is involved.
- (f) **Significant Interest.** Owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) of the outstanding stock of any business.
- (g) **Financial Interest.** Any interest which shall yield, directly or indirectly, a monetary or other material benefit to the officer or employee or to any person employing or retaining the services of the officer or employee.

Sec. 2-5-3 Statutory Standards of Conduct.

There are certain provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes which should, while not set forth herein, be considered an integral part of any Code of Ethics. Accordingly, the provisions of the following sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, as from time to time amended, are made a part of this Code of Ethics and shall apply to public officials and employees whenever applicable, to wit:

- (a) **Sec. 19.42.** Code of Ethics – Definitions.
- (b) **Sec. 19.59.** Code of Ethics for Government Officials, Employees and Candidates.
- (c) **Sec. 946.10.** Bribery of Public Officers and Employees.
- (d) **Sec. 946.11.** Special Privileges from Public Utilities.
- (e) **Sec. 946.12.** Misconduct in Public Office.
- (f) **Sec. 946.13.** Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited.

Sec. 2-5-4 Responsibility of Public Office.

Public officials and employees are agents of public purpose and hold office for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state and municipality, to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that the public interest must be their prime concern.

Sec. 2-5-5 Dedicated Service.

- (a) Officials and employees should adhere to the rules of work and performance established as the standard for their positions by the appropriate authority.
- (b) Officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or by officially recognized confidentiality of their work.
- (c) Members of the Village staff are expected to follow their appropriate professional code of ethics. Staff members shall file a copy of such professional ethics codes with the Village Clerk. The Village Board shall notify the appropriate professional ethics board of any ethics violations involving Village employees covered by such professional standards.

Sec. 2-5-6 Fair and Equal Treatment.

- (a) **Use of Public Property.** No official or employee shall use or permit the unauthorized use of Village-owned vehicles, equipment, materials or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as Village policy for the use of such official or employee in the conduct of official business, as authorized by the Village Board or authorized board, commission or committee.
- (b) **Obligations to Citizens.** No official or employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

No official or employee shall use or attempt to use his or her position with the Village to secure any advantage, preference or gain, over and above his/her rightful remuneration and benefits, for himself/herself or for a member of his or her immediate family.

- (c) **Political Contributions.** No official shall personally solicit from any Village employee, other than an elected official, a contribution to a political campaign committee for which the person subject to this Chapter is a candidate or treasurer.

Sec. 2-5-7 Conflict of Interest.

(a) **Financial and Personal Interest Prohibited.**

- (1) No official or employee of the Village, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall act in regard to financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties in the public interest contrary to the provisions of this Chapter or which would tend to impair independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties.
- (2) Any member of the Village Board who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislation before the Village Board shall disclose on the records of the Village Board the nature and extent of such interest; such official shall not participate in debate or vote for adoption or defeat of such legislation. If the matter before the Village Board involves a member's personal interest with persons involved, the member may participate in debate or discussion and vote on the matter following disclosure, unless an ordinance or contract is involved; if an ordinance or contract is involved, such official shall not participate in debate or discussion and vote on the matter.
- (3) Any non-elected official, other than a Village employee, who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the official has any influence or input or of which the official is a member that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest. Such official shall not participate in debate or discussion or vote for adoption or defeat of such legislation.
- (4) Any Village employee who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the employee has any influence or input, or of which the employee is a member, that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest.

- (b) **Disclosure of Confidential Information.** No official or employee shall, without proper legal authorization, disclose confidential information concerning the property, government or affairs of the Village, nor shall such information be used to advance the financial or other private interests of the official or employee or others.
- (c) **Incompatible Employment.** No official or employee shall engage in or accept private employment or render service, for private interest, when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties or would tend to impair such official or employee's independence of judgment or action in the performance of his or her official duties, unless otherwise permitted by law and unless disclosure is made as hereinafter provided.
- (d) **Gifts and Favors.**
 - (1) No official or employee shall accept or offer to accept anything of value from any person who, to his or her knowledge, is interested directly or indirectly, or is seeking an interest, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the Village, or from any person who conducts activities which are regulated by the Village, or from any person who has interests which may be substantially affected by actions of the Village.
 - (2) No official or employee shall accept or offer to accept anything of value that may tend to influence such official or employee in the discharge of his or her duties, or grant in the discharge of his or her duties any improper favor, service, or thing of value.
 - (3) Gifts received under unusual circumstances should be referred to the Village Board within ten (10) days for recommended disposition.
 - (4) An official or employee is not to accept hospitality if, after consideration of the surrounding circumstances, it could reasonably be concluded that such hospitality would not be extended were it not for the fact that the guest, or a member of the guest's immediate family, was a Village official or employee. Participation in celebrations, grand openings, open houses, informational meetings and similar events are excluded from this prohibition. This paragraph further shall not be construed to prevent candidates for elective office from accepting hospitality from citizens for the purpose of supporting the candidate's campaign.
- (e) **Representing Private Interests Before Village Agencies or Courts.**
 - (1) Non-elected Village officials and employees shall not appear on behalf of any private person (other than him or herself, his or her spouse or minor children) before any Village agency, board, commission or the Village Board if the official or employee or any board, commission or committee of which the official or employee is a member has any jurisdiction, discretion or control over the matter which is the subject of such representation.
 - (2) Elected Village officials may appear before Village agencies on behalf of constituents in the course of their duties as representatives of the electorate or in the performance

of public or civic obligations. However, the disclosure requirements of Subsection (a) above shall be applicable to such appearances.

- (f) **Ad Hoc Committee Exceptions.** No violation of the conflict of interest restrictions of this Section shall exist, however, where an individual serves on a special ad hoc committee charged with the narrow responsibility of addressing a specific issue or topic in which that individual, or the employer or a client of that individual, has an interest so long as the individual discloses to the Village Board that such interest exists.
- (g) **Contracts with the Village.** No official or employee who, in his or her capacity as such officer or employee, participates in the making of a contract in which such officer or employee has a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, or performs in regard to that contract some function requiring the exercise of discretion on the part of such official or employee, shall enter into any contract with the Village unless:
 - (1) The contract is awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding;
 - (2) The contract or activity is exempt from or otherwise deemed appropriate by Sec. 946.13, Wis. Stats.;
 - (3) The Village Board waives this requirement after determining that it is in the best interest of the Village to do so.
- (h) **Disclosure of Interest in Legislation.**
 - (1) To the extent known, any member of the Village Board who has a financial or personal interest in any proposed legislation before the Board shall disclose on the record of the Board the nature of and extent of such interest.
 - (2) Any other official or employee who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the official or employee has any influence or input or of which the official or employee is a member that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action, shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest.

Sec. 2-5-8 Advisory Opinions.

Any questions as to the interpretation of any provisions of this Code of Ethics shall be referred to the Village Board, which, if it deems necessary or appropriate, may request an advisory opinion from the Village Attorney.

Sec. 2-5-9 Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements.

In the event an employee, covered under a collective bargaining agreement, is allegedly involved in an Ethics Code violation, the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable collective

bargaining agreement shall prevail in the administration and interpretation of Sections 2-5-1 through 2-5-11.

Sec. 2-5-10 Outside Employment.

No full-time officer or full-time employee of the Village of Hatley shall engage in any other significant, on-going, non-occasional remunerative employment within or without the Village; provided the Village Board may approve such outside employment or activity if it finds that it does not interfere or conflict with such officer's ability to perform his/her duties in an efficient and unbiased manner. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for removal from office of any such officer/employee. It is the responsibility of employees covered by this Section to bring such matters to the Village Board prior to the start of employment.

Sec. 2-5-11 Sanctions.

A determination that an employee's actions constitute improper conduct under the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a cause of suspension, removal from office or employment or other disciplinary action. Sanctions, including any disciplinary action, that may affect employees covered under a labor agreement will be consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable labor agreement.

