

**COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting      February 13, 2023**

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Larry Olson, Steve Perry, Charles Dehoff, Seth Hanson, and Allen Gruman. Others present: Auditor Christine Olson, Deputy Auditor Naomi Trostad.

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order.

Eslinger reported on the 2 interviews conducted for the position of Public Works Supervisor. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Hanson to offer the position of Public Works Supervisor to David Ludwig effective April 1, 2023. Motion carried.

After discussion of Blaine Larson's current wages and looking at the latest ND League of Cities survey of Public Works Supervisor salaries, Eslinger made a recommendation to make this an hourly position and offer an increase of \$1.50 per hour effective April 1, 2023, to David Ludwig for the position. Motion by Olson, seconded by Perry to approve a salary of \$22.63 per hour to Ludwig effective April 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Christine informed the council of the request made by former employee Chad Johnson, who feels deductions for health insurance over the course of his employment was more than it should have been. After discussion, motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to make payment of \$xxx to Chad Johnson and have him sign a statement that he can make no further claims against the city. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by DeHoff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

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Christine Olson, Auditor

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Paul Paintner, Mayor