

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2008

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Short. Present: Joe Short, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, and Larry Palm. Also present: Mark and Julie Smiley, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Larry Waskiewicz and Michael Davel.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the December 6, 2007, village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.

Payment of Bills

With the additional list presented and the list of bills paid the end of December, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.

November Treasurer and Utility Reports

The November treasurer and utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Operator's License

An operator's license for Cassandra D'Amato was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Use of Fireman's Park

The Fredonia Lion's Club requested use of Fireman's Park on February 23rd and 24th, however, there is a conflict with EMS training on the same dates at the Fire Department meeting room. The Lion's Club has now changed the request to March 1st and 2nd, 2008. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to approve the use of Fireman's Park by the Lion's club on March 1 and 2, 2008, for their chicken fry. Short requested that the Director of Public Works mark an area for the Lion's Club to use for their fryer and to create a map (with the trees as reference points) so this area will be used each time. Motion carried with Short and Waskiewicz abstaining.

Badger Paperboard – Industrial Park Covenants

Mark Smiley, from Badger Paperboard, updated the board on his business. Smiley stated his business has grown in Fredonia and he has invested lots of money in the plant in the past year. He is not ready to build his addition, but it is still in his future plans. Waskiewicz stated that at the January 18, 2007, village board meeting two issues were discussed – the requirement to build when a parcel is purchased from the village and the village ordinance requiring blacktopping. Smiley stated that the parking area and entrances are blacktopped and he felt this was in compliance with the ordinance. Waskiewicz stated that the parcel was purchased from the village in June 2005. At the time of purchase, Smiley had agreed to adhere to the restrictive covenants which require building within eighteen months. When this was discussed in January of 2007, Smiley was to officially file for a deadline extension for the building requirement along with a business plan. Smiley stated that he has a building plan ready to go but he has to build on his timeline, not the village's timeline. Waskiewicz noted that he is not trying to alienate any business, but there have been other businesses within the village that had to adhere to the covenants. Short stated that the board wants to work with Smiley to resolve the issue. Smiley stated that he could have something to the board within 90 days. (Davel arrived). Dohrwardt agreed that the board needs to enforce village ordinance but suggested that the village ordinance on blacktopping requirements be reviewed. He noted that this ordinance may need to be revised to provide alternatives and also address environmental concerns. After further discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to request Smiley to make within thirty days a formal request for extension of the deadline on building requirements and blacktopping for his industrial park property, and to present to

the Plan Commission in April a business plan or forecast that includes his building needs including square footage, type of building, etc. This motion was seconded by Waskiewicz and carried. Waskiewicz noted that Smiley can comply with the motion or he may want to look at merging his two lots. Buchholtz noted that you cannot ask a business to do something that is fiscally irresponsible for that business.

Resolution No. 2008-A Authorizing Borrowing of \$600,000 for Shared Municipal Building

The 2008 budget included \$600,000 for a Shared Municipal Building. A **MOTION** was made by Waskiewicz, seconded by Palm, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-A authorizing the borrowing of up to \$600,000 for a Shared Municipal Building from Port Washington State Bank for nine months at an interest rate of 4.85%. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Committee

The Parks Committee met and discussed Celebrate Fredonia. They will be meeting again in January. Palm questioned if the play set removed from the Maple Lawn property could be painted over winter.

Shared Building Committee

Palm reported that the construction is a little behind schedule because of the weather, but the walls and the footings have been poured. The committee will be meeting again on January 14th. They also discussed a sign. Any sign in front of the building should be controlled by the Government Center Commission and should match the building. A flag pole will be donated by Neuens Lumber Company, with the first flag donated by the Flag Day Foundation. Concern was also expressed regarding the lack of vents in the metal roof. Waskiewicz stated that a design is being made for top ridge venting on the metal roof and ridge vents. He stated that Joint Committee should decide if there will be a sign on this property and what the sign will be. Final block selection will be made at the next committee meeting. Dohrwardt questioned compaction requirements with the foundation work being done during the winter. Waskiewicz stated that it is covered in the project manual and any failure will be the responsibility of the general contractor.

Committee Appointments

Because of family and work commitments, Waskiewicz requested that he be removed from the Public Safety and Personnel Committee. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Short, seconded by Dohrwardt, to change Short to the chairman of Personnel, add Dohrwardt in place of Waskiewicz, and add Lapicola to the Public Safety Committee instead of Waskiewicz. Motion carried. (Buchholtz noted that if Lapicola declined the appointment to the Public Safety Committee, he would take it.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager on the operations of the treatment plant was reviewed.

Report from Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann stated that the Public Works Committee will need to meet. A meeting was set for January 10, 2008 at noon at the village hall. On both public works projects (Shared Hall and Martin Drive) prevailing wages are being paid. Affidavits to this effect need to be signed by the contractor and was part of the bid packet. Contaminated soil from the Poth site was disposed of properly in a landfill and manifests are available. Soil moved to the Marie Kraus Park was not contaminated.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Closing on the Guzikowski property was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- Eastern Shores Library System letter and bookmobile schedule

- Notice of public hearing for Town of Fredonia on Willow Valley Estates
- Congressman Sensenbrenner at village hall on January 31, 2008, at 2:15 p.m.
- American Transmission System Assessment update

Closed Session

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employee performance and compensation and employment of an additional police officer on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

(At this time the Clerk-Treasurer left the meeting and minutes were taken by village president Joe Short.)

Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

The closed session adjourned and the meeting reconvened into open session on a **MOTION** by Waskiewicz, seconded by Palm, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Approve Hiring of Part Time Deputy Marshal

A **MOTION** was made by Palm, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the hiring of Craig Czarnecki as a part time deputy marshal at the rate of \$16.94 per hour. Motion carried.

2008 Wages

After review of the proposed 2008 wages and with corrected 2007 wages noted, the following adjusted wages were approved for 2008 on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried. All other wages are as approved at the December 6, 2007, meeting.

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| Andy Helm | \$ 18.36 per hour |
| Jason Nelsen | 14.53 per hour |
| Director of Public Works | \$ 59,497.14 per year |
| Fire Chief | \$ 3,967.88 per year |
| Village Marshal | \$ 20.25 per hour |
| John Lemke | \$ 12.58 per hour |
| Part Time EMS | \$ 11.67 per hour |

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Short, seconded by Dohrwardt and carried.