

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2008**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Short. Present: Joe Short, Don Dohrwardt, and Chuck Lopicola. Also present: Janice Stadler, Trevor Cary, Chris Kunstmann, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Fritz Buchholtz and Larry Waskiewicz.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time no quorum was present.

### **Open Session**

Trevor Cary, vice-president of the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association addressed the board. (Buchholtz arrived, a quorum was now present). Two and a half years ago the village board approved the Maple Lawn location for the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association to erect a sign. The Association worked very hard to raise the money for the sign. Last October, Cary approached the board on how to proceed. Cary was directed to the Joint Building Committee and met with them in January. (Waskiewicz arrived) At that meeting he was told that the only way the sign could be erected on the shared building site was if the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association donated the sign and relinquished control of the sign content to the Shared Building Commission. The sign could not have the Fire Department emblem or the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association emblem on it. It could have a plaque stating that the sign was donated by the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association. Because the purpose of the sign is education, fire safety, and information, the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association decided to look for a different location. Based on this information an email was sent to the town co-chair of the Shared Building Committee by the village co-chair of the Shared Building Committee with a copy to Cary. The email with a subject line of "EMS/Firefighter Association Sign Donation – Declined" stated in part "the Fredonia EMS / Firefighter Association membership voted against working with the Village of Fredonia and the Joint Committee". Cary stated that he felt the "declined to donate" comes across as disrespectful and as a lack of support for the association members. The Association's intent had never been to donate the sign, but to construct an informational sign for the community. The association was created to support and supplement the Fire / Ambulance Department and raise money for equipment, training, and tools, thereby saving the village money. Cary felt that village government has not recognized their contributions. The Shared Building Committee felt a Fire Department sign in front of the Shared Hall would be confusing. In other communities, fire department signs are not in front of the fire department, but are not in front of a municipal building. The Shared Building Committee would also want a sign to display general government information and community events. Discussion followed on other possible locations for the sign. Waskiewicz stated that he drafted the email and sent it to the other committee co-chair to explain the process. A copy was sent to Cary. Waskiewicz asked if the Association has read the letter that was sent to them by Waskiewicz offering assistance. Waskiewicz apologized and said his intent was to notify the other co-chair of the decision of the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association to seek a different location for their sign. Stadler, president of the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association said the email makes it sound like the Association is working against the village and they are not. Short stated he read the email differently and did not read it as not working together but as not being what the association wanted to do. The village board again emphasized their desire to work with the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association to find an appropriate location for their sign. (Kunstmann, Stadler, and Cary left)

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the February 7, 2008, village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### **Approve Payment of Bills**

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

### **Payment for Multi-agency CAD System**

Purchase of the Multi-Agency CAD system was approved at the December 6, 2007 village board meeting. However, this was not included in the 2007 or 2008 budget. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, to pay this from the Contingency Reserve account and have the village marshal decide which accounts to use to replenish this amount. Motion carried.

### **January Treasurer and Utility Reports**

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, to approve the January Treasurer and Utility reports. Motion carried.

### **Shared Hall Committee – February 11, 2008 Meeting**

The report from the Shared Hall Committee was reviewed. Interior colors were discussed and recommended. The only change will be to the bathroom partitions as a premium color was picked. This will be replaced with a similar color. Quotes are being solicited for P.A. systems, phone systems and projector type systems. Town and office personnel will discuss office furniture needs. Waskiewicz noted that some existing furniture may be used in the conference room and / or offices and board room. Key FOB's were discussed and the contractor will be asked for a cost to run electric to all doors. The other option would be a camera.

### **Shared Hall Committee – Water and Sewer Impact Fees**

The contractor has asked if the village would waive the water and sewer impact fees. If the board waives the fees, it may allow the committee more leeway in bargaining for change orders. The bid documents specified that all fees were paid by the contractor. The general contractor signed an agreement stating that if the impact fees were not paid by the time of the first draw, they would be deducted from the first payment. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Waskiewicz, that as a board they choose not to deviate from applying our ordinances as they are at this time thereby not waiving the water and sewer impact fees. Motion carried.

### **Report from Public Works Committee – February 14, 2008 Meeting**

The minutes from the February 14, 2008, Public Works Committee were reviewed. Bids were opened and reviewed for trash and recycling, firehall roof project, and uniforms. A cost estimate for the Martin Drive railroad crossing lights was received for \$114,193.58.

### **Award Trash / Recycling Contract**

Two bids were received for trash and recycling - one from Veolia for \$5.54 for trash and \$2.30 for recycling and the other from Waste Management for \$12.50 for trash and \$2.30 for recycling. After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Waskiewicz, to postpone action on the trash / recycling contract until a later date. The contract length is five years. Lapicola suggested that a five year option be added to the contract. Neumann will check into this. Motion carried.

### **Award Fire Department Roof Replacement Contract**

Seven bids were received for the firehall roof project.

M W Construction	\$ 31,600
C & K Services	\$ 28,164
Prahl	\$ 31,998
Quality Home Services	\$ 24,750
J T Roofing	\$ 27,900
Reimer Roofing	\$ 33,942
Paul Crandell	\$ 32,212

A steel roof would cost about \$65,000 to \$70,000. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, to award the bid to the low bidder Quality

Home Services and to add dimensional shingles at an additional cost of \$750. Motion carried.

### **Award Contract for Uniforms**

Four bids were received to supply uniforms. Neumann stated that the contracts contained many variables and he was still reviewing the bids. High visibility shirts were requested, however, some employees would prefer fluorescent T-shirts. The only fluorescent T-shirts available through the uniform service are 100% polyester and would not be cool and comfortable in the summer. Cotton shirts do not hold up to industrial washings. Three options were considered - Some employees have an inventory of clothes with village emblem and names allowing the village to contract for less than full sets of uniforms for everyone (not all crew members would have the same uniform); allow crew members to purchase their own cotton high visibility shirts and wash the shirts themselves (not all crew members would have the same uniform); or require all employees to wear the same uniform. It was noted that the purpose of having uniforms was because of environmental waste issues and identification of employees. Discussion followed on the various uniform options and the possibility of opting out of the uniform shirt portion of the contract. After further discussion, the consensus of the village board was that all public works employees would wear the same uniform for safety and identification.

### **Parks Committee – February 12, 2008**

The minutes from the February 12, 2008, Parks Committee were reviewed. The committee recommended purchasing some capital items instead of renting when the cost is comparable. These items would then be village property and could be used in the future. Possible activities include a fish boil and paintball tournament. If the cooler at Fireman's Park no longer works, the Lions Club will donate it to the village. The next Parks Committee meeting was scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager**

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. During the recent rain the flow at the treatment plant was over 500,000 gallons per day.

### **Report from Director of Public Works**

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. The village crew repaired a water main break on Highland Drive on Tuesday.

### **Report from Clerk-Treasurer**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Five hundred and eighty-one voters turned out for the February 19<sup>th</sup> election with 58 voters registering at the polls on Election Day. Approval was given for the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the April 23, 2008 workshop in Waukesha with registration, mileage and meals on a **MOTION** by Waskiewicz, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received and reviewed include the Ozaukee County Tourism Winter 2008 newsletter, the SEWRPC Plan Commission workshop brochure, and the email on the Ozaukee County Comprehensive Planning events. If any Plan Commission members want to attend they should notify the Clerk-Treasurer.

### **Other**

Short noted that over the weekend the fire department received a call which turned out to be a false alarm. In the attempt to determine the validity of the call, the fire department damaged a door obtaining entry. A claim for the damages will probably be filed.

Short also received a call the same day from the wife of a fire fighter that responded to the call. She expressed concern over the safety of the fire fighters traveling on icy roads and running across the ice. It was noted that the safety of the fire fighters is most important and travel speeds by vehicle and on foot should take into consideration the conditions of the area. Short stated that the Public Works Department worked diligently over the weekend to make the area safe.

Short stated that he will not be at the next board meeting and as president pro tem Waskiewicz will conduct the meeting.

Waskiewicz stated that the village board approved hiring a Public Works / EMT 1 employee at the last meeting. Because the job description and wage scale has not yet been approved by the village board, the position has not been advertised.

With the recent rash of break-ins, Buchholtz has been questioned why our police officers are not on duty at night more hours. He was asked why officers work so many daytime hours instead of night time hours. Waskiewicz noted that the marshal's office has worked on making the community safer by focusing on speed. The village marshal will be asked to provide a plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Waskiewicz, and carried.