

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2008**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Pro Tem Waskiewicz. Present: Larry Waskiewicz, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, and Larry Palm. Also present: Dan (Fuzzy) Schommer, Brian Weyker, Fire Chief Brian Schommer, Ron Schommer, Eric Paulus, Trevor Cary, Chris Kunstmann, Kyle Steffen, Jerry Dimmer, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the February 21, 2008, village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Waskiewicz, and carried with Bertram and Palm abstaining.

Approve Payment of Bills

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

Operator's License

An operator's license for Paul Parchert was approved on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Contract for Trash / Recycling

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to approve the five year contract for collection of trash and recycling with Veolia. Motion carried.

Contract for Uniforms

A five year contract for uniform service with G & K Services was approved on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried. The contract price will be held for three years and then not more than a 4% increase each year after that.

Location for Fire Fighter / EMS Association Sign

Cary stated that the Fredonia Fire Fighter / EMS Association has discussed various other locations for their sign and would like to explore the feasibility of the Regal Drive / Fredonia Avenue site discussed at the last board meeting. He questioned if that location would be available for the sign and if fill could possibly be added to the area. Street right of way and setback requirements were discussed. Waskiewicz stated that a letter should be sent from the association to the Shared Building Committee officially notifying them that the association is seeking an alternate location for their sign. Waskiewicz stated that the village will look at the setbacks for the area, the viability of the site, the ordinances allowing private signs on public property, and will review at the next board meeting. Kunstmann noted that other communities have allowed private fire department signs on municipal property.

Ohana Proposal for Ambulance Service

The proposal from Ohana Ambulance for daytime coverage in the Village of Fredonia was reviewed along with ambulance rates for Fredonia and Ohana ambulances. Fire Chief Schommer questioned why the village is pursuing other ambulance services. He stated that in the five years the fire and ambulance departments have been joined, the ambulance has never missed a call. Fredonia staffs their ambulance with three people, Ohana only staffs with two. If our personnel would run with Ohana, they would need to be licensed with Ohana. Schommer informed the board that in the last year there were 51 calls in the daytime hours proposed to be covered by Ohana. With these calls, the Fredonia ambulance covered over 200 calls resulting in a 12% fee for Lifequest billing. Without the 51 calls, Lifequest would charge 17%, thereby decreasing the ambulance

revenue for all calls. The part time personnel hired for ambulance coverage is basically covered by ambulance revenue from the calls during daytime hours. Schommer stated that the board also needs to consider the morale of personnel that have just spent two weekends training for license renewals. The Fredonia Fire Department also covers other areas and has contracts for service with other departments. How would these be affected? Waskiewicz noted that one part time EMS position is filled with a temporary employee. The village board has approved soliciting applications for an EMS / DPW employee but has not completed the job description or salary range for the position. (Davel arrived). After more discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to keep the proposal from Ohana Ambulance on file for future reference. Motion carried. Dohrwardt noted that our in-house service has worked well for many years and it should continue. Schommer asked that he be invited to any meeting in the future that discusses this issue. (Brian Schommer, Dan Schommer, Weyker, Steffen, Cary, Ron Schommer, and Kunstmann left the meeting.)

Plan Commission – March 3, 2008 Meeting

The minutes from the Plan Commission meeting were reviewed. The Plan Commission recommended a change to the village ordinance regarding hard surfacing requirements. This would allow the Plan Commission some leeway in requiring hard surfacing of loading areas and expand the definition of “Loading Area”. Palm questioned if a committee should be given the authority to grant these exceptions. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance change for the April 3, 2008, village board meeting. No second was received. Two more times a second was requested and not received. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Ozaukee County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan – Chapter 8 and 10

The county should be approving the *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* at its April 2, 2008, meeting. After that they will work to customize each municipalities plan. This will be discussed at the April 14, 2008, Plan Commission meeting. The final draft of the plan is available at the village hall for review.

Report from Village Marshal

Marshal Davel reported that the Sheriff’s Department has made an arrest and recovered some property from the recent burglaries in the village. He stated that village officers do patrol at night, but also patrol during the daytime hours. He felt the officers should be out and about when people are out and about. Occasionally third shift is covered by a village officer. Buchholtz noted that comments he hears are that the officers only want to get the “common Joe” who is trying to get to work, and are not out at night when crimes are committed. He noted that after the recent burglaries the “grapevine” immediately knew who committed the crime. Davel noted that they respond to complaints and run radar in many areas. He considered speed a safety issue and the presence of a squad car slows traffic. Buchholtz questioned if there is a way to have a “hot line” for police information as some people don’t want to talk to police because they are afraid of retaliation. Davel noted that an anonymous message could be left on the village hall answering machine and that they do follow up on these messages. Municipal citations are handled at the municipal court the third Wednesday of each month. This is held at the Port Washington City Hall at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Pre-trials are held every other month on the third Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Fredonia Fire Department meeting room.

Report from Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann noted that a well site has been located on the Wolf property. The well will be televised to examine the fractures. The preliminary design for the storm water detention pond has been received.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Representatives from office furniture companies have been discussing needs for the new Shared hall with village and town personnel.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- National Arbor Day Foundation – 2007 Tree City USA.
- Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield – change in prescription drug coverage.
- Ozaukee Economic Development Annual Outreach Event – May 6th.
- Changes relating to Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.
- Open House – Ozaukee County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan.
- Grota Appraisals February 2008 newsletter.
- Ozaukee County board agenda – March 5, 2008.

Other Business

Dohrwardt stated that the latest SEWRPC regional water study shows the possibility of the village using Lake Michigan water in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Palm, and carried.