

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2008

The public hearing on the proposed 2009 general fund, capital, debt service, TID, water and sewer utility budgets was called to order at 7:00 p.m. No comments were received. Another public hearing will be held at the December 4, 2008 village board meeting.

Closed of Public Hearing and Call to Order of Regular Village Board Meeting

The public hearing was closed and the regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on a MOTION by Lopicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Present: Joe Short, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Chuck Lopicola, Larry Palm, and Larry Waskiewicz. Also present: Sam Ballbach, Allen Brown, Sean Lilley, Brian Olson, David Olson, Dave Brown, Tom Baldwin and Sarah Cilley (all from Cub Scout Pack #3877), Heather Hames, Scott Mueller, John Depies, Carla Thistle, Kendall Thistle, Allen Neumann and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Ed Oehme.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

With a change to the bottom of page two adding "Waskiewicz requested a copy of all notes and minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting" the minutes of the November 6, 2008 village board meeting were approved on a MOTION by Lopicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, 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 Lopicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

September and October Treasurer and Utility Reports

The September and October Treasurer and Utility reports were approved as presented on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.

Open Session

Kendall Thistle, 5549 Hwy. 57, stated that he received a revised storm water plan from Regency Hills Development showing work that would be done along his tree line. The ditch was to be sloped and run out to the highway at a 1% grade. This plan was submitted last August and nothing has been done. Thistle distributed pictures showing water standing by his tree line on various dates over the past year. He questioned when the work would be completed as there is now concern that Regency Hills Development may file for bankruptcy. Thistle noted that his agreement is with Master Craft (Regency Hills Development) and that he has not contacted them about their failure to complete the project. Thistle requested that the Village Board contact Regency Hills.

John Depies also expressed frustration with Regency Hills Development and felt that the village did not help him. Depies stated that he has pointed out problems with the developer and feels the storm water plan was flawed.

Bryan Olson requested leaf pickup be changed so the last pickup is west of the railroad tracks as their tree is the last tree in the village to lose its leaves. Neumann replied that leaves will be picked up west of the railroad tracks again next week.

Resolution No. 2008-K adopting 2009 Budgets

Resolution No. 2008-K adopting the 2009 budgets was postponed until the next meeting. (Kendall and Carla Thistle and John Depies left)

Public Works Committee – November 13, 2008 Meeting

The minutes from the November 13, 2008 Public Works Committee meeting were reviewed. Crosswalks by Rosemary School have been painted and the county will be

installing school zone signs on Fredonia Avenue. No additional crosswalk painting will be done this year because of the temperature. Options for the public works building were also discussed.

MEETING ROOM USE POLICY: The committee discussed the Meeting Room Use policy and made changes based on comments received. The committee is recommending approval of the policy. Waskiewicz stated that the Fredonia Government Center Commission met with the village attorney and are drafting a usage policy. He suggested that a secondary policy be created for the Fire Department Meeting Room. Lapicola stated that the same policy may not fit as one is for a shared building and one is for the fire department meeting room. A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, to refer the Meeting Room Use policy back to the committee. Motion carried.

WATER SOFTENER PURCHASE: The purchase of a water softener from Steffen's Plumbing for 416 Fredonia Avenue was approved on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.

Report from Parks Committee – November 10, 2008 Meeting

The minutes from the November 10, 2008 Parks Committee meeting were reviewed. Buchholtz reported that the committee is working on the playgrounds, getting more benches in the parks and having signs to identify each park. More plants will be added to make the parks more attractive. The committee will also work on bringing a farmer's market to the village. Tree lighting is scheduled for November 30th. Some trees are getting too large to be trimmed by citizens.

Appoint Citizen Member to Parks Committee

Short recommended the appointment of Heather Hames to the Parks Committee. This was approved on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried. (Cub Scouts left)

Create Ad Hoc Celebrate Fredonia Committee

Short stated that Celebrate Fredonia was started by an ad hoc committee of the village. Then the Lions Club took it over and then the village Parks Committee ran it. This takes too much time from other Park Committee responsibilities. He stated that a separate committee is needed for Celebrate Fredonia and suggested that it be co-chaired by Sue Siesco and Larry Palm. The third person would be a representative from the village board and at this time would be the village president. The committee would be unpaid positions and would report to the village board. Palm noted that at this time the committee would keep the same structure as in the past with four groups involved but may change it in the future (revised 12/4/08). Each group would need to provide a representative at all meetings. The ad hoc unpaid Celebrate Fredonia Committee, with Sue Siesco and Larry Palm as co-chairs and the village president as the third member (and being the liaison to the village board), was created on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried. (Hames and Mueller left)

Fredonia Government Center Commission

The minutes from the FGCC meeting on November 11, 2008 were reviewed. The commission is working with the village attorney to create a policy for use of the center. The commission has given direction to the attorney for a policy for the building use, sign and building operations. Two items that need to be included in the 2010 budget are legal counsel and floor mats. The commission also discussed the sign to acknowledge donations.

Plan Commission – November 10, 2008

The minutes from the November 10, 2008 Plan Commission meeting were reviewed. Short reported that the Plan Commission reviewed the CSM for 801 Martin Drive amending the official map, the zoning permit for 340 South Milwaukee Street, the Ozaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan and a re-build permit for accessory structures in RS-3 zoning. A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to schedule a public hearing for the proposed change to the official map and for the proposed change to

the zoning code to create a re-build permit for accessory structures in Rs-3 zoning districts. After discussion the motion carried.

Department Reports on Operations of Village

FIRE CHIEF: The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. It was noted that a donation of \$2,000 was received from an anonymous donor and was used to purchase a portable deluge nozzle.

VILLAGE MARSHAL: The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

WASTEWATER MANAGER: The report from the Wastewater Manager was reviewed. The aeration retrofit project has been started. Tom Vik, the engineer from McMahon Associates, passed away this week. A memorial of \$50 will be sent.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Martin Drive opened to traffic last Friday. Disaster aid has been received from the summer flooding. (Ed Oehme arrived)

CLERK-TREASURER: The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The village has 1231 voters on Election Day, an 82% turnout.

Correspondence

Correspondence received includes the Eastern Shore Library System fourth quarter service memo and a letter from the Food Pantry asking for donations.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Short stated that current ordinance allows no more than three dogs in any residential unit. He has been contacted by a resident who had two dogs, and then an adult child moved back home to help care for her who also had two dogs. This household now has four dogs. Short asked if the village board wants to re-consider this ordinance at a future meeting. Palm agreed that it could be reviewed at the next meeting.

Lapicola stated he has found information on obtaining free vehicles for the Fire Department.

Ed Oehme stated that he is not in favor of a raise for village trustees or village president at this time. He also felt the two birch clumps planted near the FGC are the wrong type of plantings next to the building. This comment will be referred to the Fredonia Government Center Commission. Oehme also questioned the revised assessment to his property. He stated his assessment is \$196,000 and he can only get \$168,000 for his house and all properties in the area are selling for about \$20,000 less than the assessed value.

Closed Session

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) the village board convened into closed session to consider applicants for the Water Wastewater position on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote. (At this time the Clerk-Treasurer left the meeting and the minutes were taken by the Village President)

Adjourn Closed Session and Re-convene into Open Session

Closed session adjourned and the meeting reconvened into open session on a MOTION by Palm, seconded by Lapicola, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Personnel Committee – November 4, 7, 10, 12 and 17, 2008

Minutes from the Personnel Committee were reviewed.

WATER WASTEWATER ASSOCIATE POSITION: After discussion, a MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to promote Jason Nelsen to the Water Wastewater Associate position effective November 24, 2008, with wage as discussed in closed session and allowing Nelsen two years to obtain his wastewater certification and to change the compensation for obtaining each subgrade to fifteen cents each. Motion

carried. A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to hire Tom Sheppard as DPW 1 employee with wage as discussed in closed session and a six month review with a fifty cent increase at that time upon favorable review (3.0 or higher). Sheppard will be given the opportunity to obtain his water and wastewater certification. Sheppard will be allowed one week to accept the position. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE COMPENSATION:

Discussion followed on changing committee meeting pay from \$15 to \$25 at this time. Motion by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to increase the committee meeting pay from \$15 to \$25. Motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a MOTION by Lapicola, seconded by Palm, and carried.