

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2009

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, Chuck Lopicola, and Larry Waskiewicz. Also present: Village Marshal Michael Davel, Director of Public Works Allen Neumann, Mark Jaeger, George Brookins, Douglas Rovinski, Larissa Richards, and Clerk-Treasurer Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Chris Kunstmann.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

The minutes of the January 8, 2009 village board meeting were reviewed. Waskiewicz requested that on page 2 under operations of the village a sentence be inserted as followed: "Waskiewicz commented that the report from the Fire Chief should be in the trustee packets on Tuesday when picked up by the trustees." Dohrwardt asked that a note be added to the first page under Citizen Questions and Comments noting the Kendall Thistle is not a village resident. With the two changes requested, the minutes of the January 8, 2009 village board meeting were approved on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the addition of three bills - Lincoln Financial Group \$31,934.31, Jeff Poeschl \$4,002.27, and Ozaukee County \$4,243.99, and a change in the amount of the check to Larry Waskiewicz from \$266.49 to \$281.41, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, and carried with Waskiewicz abstaining.

December Utility Reports

The December Water and Sewer Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Special Gathering Beer Licenses

Special gathering beer licenses for Rosemary Home and School Association for February 13th and 27th, and March 13th and 27th were approved on a **MOTION** by Waskiewicz, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.

Open Session

Douglas Wroblenski questioned village ordinance regarding riding snowmobiles along the side of the road to access the snowmobile trail. He was told by a village board member that it was okay, but was told by a police officer that he would need to trailer the snowmobile to the trail. Marshal Davel stated that village ordinance prohibits the operation of a snowmobile on village streets. Brookins questioned if there was any way to change the ordinance and allow snowmobiles at the edge of the roadway to and from snowmobile trails. Dohrwardt noted that the ordinance does not prohibit snowmobiles from crossing the streets. This matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee to weigh the pros and cons of changing the ordinance.

Kunstmann stated that Ron Schommer has completed 50 years as volunteer for the Fredonia Fire Department.

Kunstmann commented that the sidewalk on Highland Drive north of the oil change place has not been cleared. He stated that kids from the school walk in the middle of the road and asked that the sidewalk be cleared. The village board requested that a letter be sent to the property owner asking that the sidewalks be cleared.

Richards asked if there was any leeway in the recycling program allowing residents to use bins instead of bags. Although this may change in the future, the current contract and village ordinance require the use of bags.

Village Wide Rummage Sale

Larissa Richards, representative from Rosemary School, explained that the school has sponsored the village wide rummage sale for the past two years. They will no longer be sponsoring the rummage sale and asked if there was any specific direction for passing the sponsorship to another organization. Richards stated that the school is willing to sponsor the rummage sale for one more year noting that it will be the last year that they will sponsor the event. Richards also added that in the last two years other groups were allowed to sell food at other locations and questioned if there was a way to limit the food sales to the organization sponsoring the event. The school will continue their flower sale and hold a brat fry on the third weekend in May in the future. The school will sponsor the rummage sale on May 16th this year.

LOSA Contribution for 2008

Kunstmann presented the list of 26 fire department members eligible for the 2008 LOSA contribution. The 2008 budget included \$14,000 for LOSA contributions. The state will match \$300.91 per eligible member for a total of \$7,823.66. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, to contribute \$300.91 to LOSA for each of the 26 eligible fire department members. No known fire department members were granted a leave of absence. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee – January 15, 2009

The minutes of the January 15, 2009 Public Works Committee were received and reviewed. Lopicola reported that the committee discussed the addition to the village shop and that an engineering and architectural firm would not be needed if they used pre-approved plans. A survey will be needed to identify the flood plain. The recommended building is 60' x 80'. Local contractors will be used. Also discussed were possible projects for the stimulus package with Wenzel Avenue and Fredonia Avenue considered along with replacement of water and sewer mains under South Milwaukee Street.

Celebrate Fredonia Ad Hoc Committee – January 21, 2009

The report from the Celebrate Fredonia Committee was received and reviewed. The committee discussed the structure of the committee for 2009 Celebrate Fredonia. Each group that participates will be required to provide one or two members at monthly meetings, to help solicit donations, to provide workers for set up and clean up and to help plan the event. The committee also recommended the appointment of Pat Comparin and Jennifer Courtright to the Ad Hoc Committee. A **MOTION** was made by Waskiewicz, seconded by Dohrwardt, to appoint Pat Comparin and Jennifer Courtright to the Celebrate Fredonia Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried.

Waskiewicz made a motion to return to agenda item 10. Motion was seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

LOSA Contribution for 2008 – continued

Waskiewicz questioned the qualifications for LOSA contributions. Kunstmann stated he did not feel it was appropriate to discuss specific members in open session. Short stated that the board can discuss this matter in closed session under employee compensation. A **MOTION** was made by Waskiewicz, seconded by Buchholtz to return to agenda item 13. Motion carried.

Fredonia Government Center Commission

Waskiewicz reported that the FGCC met and discussed the meeting room use policy. They are scheduled to meet again within the next two weeks. The proposed policy would allow use for local community groups free of charge if no admission is charged to attendees. The sign would also be available for local government and local community groups. A bulletin board will be installed in the entry way where notices can be posted. Use of the meeting room could be scheduled up to six months in advance.

Resolution No. 2009-B Restating Village of Fredonia Pension Plan and Trust

A **MOTION** was made by Waskiewicz, seconded by Dohrwardt, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-B restating the Village of Fredonia Pension Plan and Trust. The changes to the plan are to bring the plan into compliance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and other legislative and regulatory changes. It also clarifies that meeting pay and volunteer stipends are considered extraordinary income. Motion carried.

Building Permit Fees / Impact Fees

Waskiewicz stated that he does not want to change the impact fees but would like to consider changing the building permit fees as he is not sure where the fees go. He asked the village building inspector what the fees are for but did not receive a clear response. Building permit fees are part of the general fund budget. The building inspector did not know of any community that had reduced building permit fees, although some may have kept them the same during economic downturns. Waskiewicz questioned if lowering building permit fees would encourage building in Fredonia. He noted that looking at the last three new home permits the average permit fees are around \$1400 and impact fees are \$4,000. Dohrwardt noted that when fees were increased a few years ago he had recommended that the money received be kept in a separate account and be used to pay staff time and expenses associated with building. A **MOTION** was made by Waskiewicz, seconded by Dohrwardt, to send a review of permit fees to the Finance Committee for discussion, and recommendation. Motion carried.

Department Reports on Operations of Village

FIRE CHIEF: The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Waskiewicz questioned what the cold water rescue involved. Kunstmann stated that it will be held Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Saukville to practice rescue from water. It was clarified that the 18 SCBA units would cost approximately \$125,000. One of the benefits of purchasing gear at the same time is it is all the same. If a grant is received the fire department portion is \$6,250. The department currently has about 18 SCBA's. Although they do not meet current standards, they are still usable. Waskiewicz commented that the Public Safety Committee can discuss this.

VILLAGE MARSHAL: The report from the village marshal was reviewed. Davel stated that pre-trials were held at the FGC and worked well. The department has started entering citations into the MMMC computer system. This will allow access to more detailed reports. Davel and Leet have both completed the ICS 400 training. (Davel left)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MANAGER: The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Neumann reported that a meeting was held with Kari Dennis from McMahan Associates and the Facility Plan was reviewed. Minor revisions were made and the plan will be submitted to the DNR within the next few weeks. Neumann also noted that Judy Gottlieb has retired from the DNR.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann reported that Nelsen has been enrolled in Wastewater classes and Sheppard has been enrolled in Water and Wastewater classes. DNR certification exams are held in spring. A watermain break occurred on Sunday and has been repaired. Waskiewicz questioned how work will be scheduled when two employees are in class. Neumann replied that each class is six days, three each week, and although they will be short staffed it will be no different than when they were a man short and vacation days were taken.

CLERK-TREASURER: The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Correspondence

The January 6, 2009 letter from American Transmission Company was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Dohrwardt noted that a village resident paid fees for variance requests that were denied but have since been changed by the village board. He asked that the village consider waiving some of the fees.

Closed Session

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employee compensation for 2009 on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote. (At this time the clerk left and the minutes were taken by the village president.)

Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

The closed session adjourned and the meeting reconvened into open session.

Employee Compensation

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to leave the wages as presented before. Motion carried with Lapicola abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Short, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.