

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**November 19, 2009**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Buchholtz. Present: Fritz Buchholtz, Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Chuck Lapicola. Also present: Mark Jaeger, Fire Chief Brian Schommer, Bob Rathsack, Cathy Jones, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Gary Buntrock.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the November 5, 2009 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Ehaney, 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.

**October Treasurer and Utility Reports**

The October treasurer and utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments**

Cathy Jones stated that although she appreciates the efforts the village has made, after the rain last night the water is ponding at the edge of her driveway where it is ½" deep and east of her driveway where it is 1" deep. The water still goes half way into the roadway and has just been shifted from her driveway towards the neighbor's driveway. Rathsack stated that the village should run pipe underground. Lapicola stated that elevations may not allow that. Lapicola and Neumann will survey the area tomorrow to check the feasibility of running pipe to the catch basin. (Jones and Rathsack left)

**Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village**

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Schommer questioned if the village has a policy to reimburse firefighters or EMT's for lost wages if they have to testify in a court case regarding a fire or EMS call. The Employee Handbook covers paid employees but says nothing about volunteers. Two area departments have a policy that consider testifying in court as part of the fire or ambulance call and pay the firefighter or EMT the normal hourly wage. These departments have a set hourly rate for firefighters. Lapicola stated that some places pay less than the normal wage for testifying in court. (Buntrock arrived). This was referred to the Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

The agreement for fire service with the Waubeka Fire Department for 2010 was approved on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

**Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village**

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

**Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village**

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann reported that vandals damaged five screens and attempted to start a fire at the new shop. This has been reported to the Fredonia police. Block for the building will arrive about December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LRIP Application**

The 2010-2011 Local Road Improvement Program Application was approved with the Director of Public Works authorized to sign all documents on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.

**Proposal for Variable Frequency Drives at Well No. 1**

Two proposals were presented for purchase of variable frequency drive motors at wellhouse No. 1. Neumann explained the VFD allows a soft start and soft stop, reduces

energy costs and reduces water hammer which can cause watermain breaks. The proposal from Water Well Solutions is less expensive and within the \$26,000 in the 2009 budget. Discussion followed on age of current motors, possibility of Focus on Energy grants or rebates, preventative maintenance needed, warranties, and energy savings. This item was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Utilities Committee – November 19, 2009 Meeting**

Buntrock stated the CIPP portion of the Fredonia Avenue project is complete. The mains and laterals have been cleaned and televised. Grouting of laterals for three feet from the main still needs to be completed along with grouting as needed around manholes. Buntrock reported that of the 56 laterals inspected about 30 could be cleaned and grouted for 30 feet. This was not part of the original contract and would cost about \$1,700 per lateral. The sewer ordinance states that laterals are the homeowner's expense. Discussion followed on the possibility of grouting the 30 laterals, what right the village has to do work on private property, if a temporary easement would be needed, and if the homeowner would be charged for the repair. After discussion a MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, to continue per the original contract and will review in the future if additional work should be done. Motion carried. Information will be provided to village residents regarding lateral repairs. Lopicola noted that we should be able to measure by the influent at the WWTP if reductions have occurred. Records will still be available if repairs are needed. Buntrock noted that one illegal connection was also found and the property owner has been notified to correct.

The village ordinance and Public Service Commission have regulations regarding disconnection of utility service. Action on this will be postponed until the next meeting.

### **Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

### **Public Works Committee – November 10, 2009 Meeting**

Minutes from the November 10, 2009 Public Works Committee were reviewed. Edbauer reported that the storm water issue on Meadowbrook Drive was discussed along with creating a policy for use and maintenance of village pool vehicles. Holiday street lights will be lit from November 30 through January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parks Committee – November 12, 2009 Meeting**

The minutes from the November 12, 2009 Parks Committee were reviewed. Buchholtz reported that they discussed changing locks on various park buildings and allowing an area Boy Scout to earn his Eagle Scout badge by building and donating a park bench to the village. Tree lighting was discussed. The Parks Committee will meet again on November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **December Village Board Meetings**

The possibility of eliminating one December village board meeting was discussed. The consensus of the board was to keep the regular meeting schedule.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received includes:

- Memo from department of Revenue regarding meetings on county assessment proposals.
- WisLine Local Land Use Planning and Zoning sessions.
- November 2009 newsletter from Grota Appraisals

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.