

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2010

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Short. Present: Joe Short, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Chuck Lopicola. Also present: Bill Hamm, Cathy Jones, David Weinhold, David Nimmer, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Jill Bertram, Allen Neumann, Chris Kunstmann, Jackie Burmesch, and Darla Jean Krause.

[Pledge of Allegiance](#)

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Approve Minutes](#)

Minutes of the December 17, 2009 village board meeting were approved as presented 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 Edbauer, and carried. (Neumann arrived)

[Approve Change of Agent](#)

A change of agent for Fredonia Family Restaurant LLC to Debra Ruchalski was approved on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.

[Special Gathering Beer Licenses](#)

Special gathering beer licenses were approved for the Rosemary Home and School Association for February 12 and 26 and March 12 and 26, 2010 on a MOTION by Lopicola, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

[Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments](#)

Cathy Jones thanked the board for the help the village has provided to keep Meadowbrook Drive clear of ice including extra salting and removing ice build up. She hopes more can be done during 2010.

David Nimmer, Niederhorn Library in Port Washington, stated that circulation to non-librariated communities has increased 27% over the last five years. (Kuntsmann arrived). He stated that non-librariated communities also like having the bookmobile. The county board makes decisions of how the library is compensated. The question before the village board is if they support the future plans of the county board to replace the bookmobile and increase the level of funding to the libraries.

[Unfinished Business](#)

None

[Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. (Bertram arrived). Dohrwardt asked if the chief has been instructed on things water should not be added to. Kunstmann stated that this was discussed at the last fire department meeting. The fire fighters know about magnesium and about hazardous materials. They know what water shouldn't be put on. The problem with the recent dumpster fire that injured fire fighters was that the dumpster was not labeled properly.

[Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

[Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager](#)

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed.

[Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann stated that the shop is virtually done and the walk through is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 7:00 a.m. Basically the “shell” of the building was included in the bid. Additions added have been a water softener, and priming and painting of the hallway, bathroom, office, and break room. Still needed are desks, table, chairs, shelving, welder and other equipment. Neumann was instructed to put a list together which will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation. The SCADA system at Cedar Grove was viewed last Friday. Information on VFD’s to qualify for Focus on Energy grants is being obtained. Edbauer stated that there are a few places in the village where people are not clearing their sidewalks. Buchholtz stated that the ordinance needs to specify exactly who is responsible. Edbauer stated the village needs to enforce the ordinance stating sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall. The Director of Public Works will review the area in question.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Library Proposal – County Plan for 2011 to 2015

David Weinhold presented the *Final Report of the Joint Ozaukee Sheboygan County Library Planning Committee on the Plan for County Library Service in Ozaukee and Sheboygan County – 2011 to 2015*. He stated that the county levies a tax on all communities without a library to help fund the libraries in Ozaukee and Sheboygan County. This allows residents of non-librariated communities access to all libraries in the two counties. The goal is to re-imburse libraries 100% of the cost for serving non-librariated residents. Current funding is at the 85% level. The recommendation is to fund 90% in 2011 and 2012, 91% in 2013, 92% in 2014, and 93% in 2015. If this was in place for 2010 the library tax would be \$66 on an average home, instead of \$61. The bookmobile serves the northern portion of Ozaukee County. Participation at the bookmobile has increased 13%. The vehicle is 19 years old and will soon need to be replaced. The report recommends that each county provide additional funding each year for the future replacement of the bookmobile. Also if a request is received to add an additional bookmobile stop the county would provide the \$7,500 funding for the first year. This amount would then be factored into the formula for each subsequent year. These items would increase taxes less than \$1 on the average home. Currently nine Sheboygan County and six Ozaukee County residents serve on the library board. This will be re-evaluated after the next census. Membership on the board is based on population. Each county should enter into an agreement with Eastern Shore Library. Dohrwardt commented that he thinks it is appropriate to refer this matter to the finance committee for review. Jackie Burmesch stated that she served on the library board for many years. She noted that many cuts are being made at the state and federal level and it is a small increase of \$5 per average home to increase the level to 100% funding. People are losing their jobs and the library is a good resource. If funding for the library is cut, the library will cut their hours. Local libraries offer many programs that are open to everyone. Adding money to the bookmobile replacement fund is planning ahead. Darla Jean Kraus noted that the library offers many job resources. Dohrwardt agreed that the library offers many services. He substantially agrees with the library plan except with the funding level. Funding of the library system is complex. He is in the process of assembling data to use in funding deliberations and wants to base his decision on actual data. The county board needs to finalize the plan before January 1, 2011. Buchholtz asked if residents that use the library have to pay. The library provides services at no cost to the individual. Weinhold noted that they are also looking for donations towards the replacement of the bookmobile. A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to refer the Library Plan to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried.

2009 LOSA Contribution

Chris Kunstmann presented information on the 2009 LOSA contribution. The state match is set at \$312.34 although the state may not have enough funds to match the amount in full. Based on the number of requests received, the state match may be about 97% of the amount contributed. There are 26 members eligible this year. If the total budgeted amount of \$14,000 is used, the per member contribution would be \$538.46 per person. If the state match amount is funded the total would be \$8,120.84 and the

remainder of the budgeted amount could be placed in a reserve account. There is no dollar limit on the amount the village can contribute. The budgeted LOSA amount has been decreased for 2010. Kunstmann would like to pursue the “buy back” option in LOSA. After discussion a MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, to contribute \$325 per qualifying member into the LOSA account for 2009 with the balance of the budgeted \$14,000 placed in the LOSA reserve account. Motion carried. Kunstmann noted that a few fire fighters did not meet the qualifications because they have moved, took honorary status, or did not meet the requirements. If a member joins another department, they may retain their eligibility but need to notify the department within a reasonable amount of time to continue vesting their funds. This is explained to everyone in the department.

[Amended Agreement for Operation of Mid-Moraine Municipal Court](#)

The *Eleventh-Amended agreement for the Operation of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court* was reviewed. The amendment was necessary to allow the Village of Theinsville to join the court. The amended agreement was approved on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

[Ordinance No. 2010-01 Regarding Warrant Fees](#)

Ordinance No. 2010-01 establishing a fee for service of warrants or commitment orders was adopted on a MOTION by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.

[Fredonia Government Center Commission – November 29, 2009 Meeting](#)

The minutes from the November 24, 2009 Fredonia Government Center Commission meeting were reviewed. Short stated that they discussed the phone system at the FGC and approved a one year maintenance contract with DigiCorp.

[Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Meetings through May 2010](#)

The list of Mid-Moraine Municipal Association meetings scheduled through May 2010 was reviewed.

[Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Meeting – January 27, 2010](#)

The January 27, 2010 Mid-Moraine Municipal Association meeting will be hosted by the Village of Saukville. Anyone planning to attend should contact the village clerk.

[Schedule Next Village Board Meeting](#)

The January 7, 2010 village board meeting was postponed until January 14, 2010 because of a snow storm. The next village board meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2010 on a MOTION by Lapicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a MOTION by Lapicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.