

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2010

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Eric Leet, John Blasczyk, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Kellee Shiek and Margie Becker.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the September 2, 2010 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the addition of a bill for Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$2,110.25, the General Fund, Water, and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

August Treasurer and Utility Reports

The August Treasurer and Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Operator License

An operator's license for Eric Simonson was approved on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Use of Fireman's Park by Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts have decided to use Stoney Creek Park which does not require board approval.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Blasczyk suggested that Fredonia's police officers check on the operations of businesses in the village while they are on duty to see that they have the proper licenses. Deputy Marshal Leet noted that liquor license inspections are a specific and technical field and only one of the village marshals is trained for this. Leet stated that all officers can check to see that the operator is licensed and there is no one underage on the premises. The department has discussed setting up a more formal inspection of the taverns. The village board agreed that more inspections were a good idea.

Shiek, who lives on Martin Drive, stated that the police department is doing a good job and was upset by the letter indicating otherwise. Martin Drive has a problem with speeding before and after school and during the school lunch period. She is happy to have the officers monitor the speed on Martin Drive as this makes a huge difference in the speed of vehicles. Shiek stated that she does not mind when two officers are on duty. Lapicola stated that he has received comments about hiring one or two full time officers. Shiek agreed with the idea and would be willing to have her taxes raised to accomplish this. Blasczyk stated that 24 mailboxes in the town of Fredonia were damaged in one week and it may be beneficial for the village to combine with the town for police protection. Edbauer suggested establishing neighborhood watch groups. Becker agreed that it would be good to have neighborhood watch groups. She is very observant and has called in when a suspicious car is in the neighborhood. Lapicola reminded everyone to call the Sheriff's Department when needed as they will dispatch our officers if they are on duty or respond themselves when needed. Ehaney noted that the village provides 72 hours of coverage per week which should give coverage 40% of the time. Leet noted that different officers work different hours with two officers working morning, two afternoons, two nights, one morning and afternoons, and one days and nights. Many of these hours are limited because of their full time job commitments. Hiring a full time officer would allow the village to set specific hours to work with the part time officers filling in during other hours.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

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. Ehaney asked if the comment on the second page regarding the peaking factor was relevant. Neumann stated that the peaking during high flow has not been significantly reduced and may require expansion at the plant sometime in the future.

Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann stated that milling of St. Rose Avenue is scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday with paving on Monday. (Blasczyk left at 7:28 p.m.)

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Four hundred and seventy-two votes were cast at the election on Tuesday – a 33% turnout. Four late registrations and 32 Election Day registrations were received.

Lease with Sprint for Use of Water Tower

The *First Amendment to License Agreement* with Sprint Spectrum for use of the water tower was reviewed. Edbauer felt fifteen days to respond to an expansion of premises was too short of a period of time. Dohrwardt agreed and felt 30 days would not be harmful to the company. Neumann stated that a response from the village may be a letter stating when the village board will review. It is not necessary to give an answer within 15 days. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, to approve the *First Amendment to License Agreement* with the change on page four from 15 to 30 days for written response from the village. Motion carried.

Installation of Street Lighting in Village Green Subdivision

The proposal from WE Energies for installation of six decorative street lights in the Village Green Subdivision was reviewed. The installation cost is \$27,434.53 with an ongoing monthly charge of \$139.29. The installation cost will come from the Village Green letter of credit. The ongoing energy costs will be a village expense. The lights are designed to meet IES standards. The price includes \$7,750 for restoration. The village could choose to do the restoration work with “force account” labor. Ehaney questioned if there is anything more energy efficient available? Neumann stated that the high pressure sodium lights are the current standard. Lopicola noted that many people walk when it is dark out and the addition of street lights is a safety feature. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to proceed with the installation of street lights on North Milwaukee Street from Emerald Hills Drive to Deer Meadow Drive (Option B) at a cost of \$27,434.53 less restoration work of \$7,750. Motion carried.

Water Rate Increase of 3%

The Fredonia Water Utility is proposing to request a 3% increase in water rates effective December 30, 2010 from the Public Service Commission. The effect on an average residential customer is less than 30 cents per month. A notice will be provided to all utility customers with the October newsletter. Water rates are governed by the Public Service Commission. When a water utility does not meet the approved rate of return, it may request a 3% increase in rates without a public hearing. This can be done if a rate increase has not been approved within the past twelve months. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to approve the application to the Public Service Commission requesting a 3% water rate increase. Motion carried.

Celebrate Fredonia – September 1, 2010 Meeting

Edbauer reported that the committee discussed the Fredonia Fireman’s Park concession stand non-working cooler at the September 1 meeting and decided to use ice and coolers

for Celebrate Fredonia. The committee then made signs needed at the park. The committee also met on the 8th to finalize set up. Edbauer felt the dunk tank and jousting inflatable were well received. Lpicola thanked Edbauer and the committee for the great job they did. Edbauer commented that he could not have done it without the help from the committee members. “It was a good committee”, he said.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed includes information on the Farmland Preservation Plan Update meeting scheduled for September 29, 2010 and the Workforce Development Manufacturing and Career Expo on November 10, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.