

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 20, 20100

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, Scott Ehaney, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Chuck Lapicola. Also present: Brian Schommer, Chris Kunstmann, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the January 6, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Lapicola, 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.

December Treasurer and Utility Reports

The December Treasurer and Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried. Preliminary year end budget comparisons were presented. Impact fees will be reviewed for spending time frames.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Schommer reported that the Fire Department's FEMA grant application for air packs, pagers and CO² tanks was turned down. Short asked if it would improve the odds if Fredonia combined with Ozaukee County Emergency Management for grant applications. Kunstmann explained that there are department grants and regional grants. The equipment they are requesting would not qualify for a regional grant.

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

No report.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Resolution No. 2011-01 Reducing Number of Election Inspectors for Spring Primary Election

Resolution No. 2011-01 allowing the number of election inspectors for the Spring Primary Election to be reduced to three was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.

Ordinance No. 2011-01 Relating to the Regulation of Smoking

The bond schedule for a "No Smoking" violation was discussed. Edbauer stated that citizens know it is illegal to smoke in a public place and it should be enforced. One way to do this is to make it "hurt" by issuing a citation. Buchholtz noted that this is something that was not illegal three months ago and now it would make them a criminal.

He also stated that he would like it to say that a written warning would be received before a citation would be issued. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Lopicola, seconded by Ehaney, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-01 relating to the regulation of smoking and to approve the bond schedule recommended by the Village Marshal of \$114.10 for the first offense, \$145.50 for the second offense, and \$208.50 for the third offense. It was clarified that this ordinance cannot be more restrictive than state law and only one fine per day could be issued to the person in charge. It was also encouraged that an individual, as well as the person in charge, would be entitled to one warning, although if the person became belligerent a citation could be issued. Motion carried with Buchholtz opposed.

2010 Length of Service Award (LOSA) Contribution

The Length of Service Award program was started in 2001 with the state matching each \$250 contribution. This increased each year by the Consumer Price Index. The state approved match for 2010 is \$311.40. Thirty-one fire fighters and EMS personnel qualify for the contribution. This would cost \$9,653.40. The 2010 budget included \$11,000. Other options include maximizing the budget amount and reserve fund of \$6,779.78 which would allow for \$573.54 contributed for each eligible member or contributing the total 2010 budgeted amount which would allow for a contribution of \$354.84 for each eligible member. It was also requested that any remaining dollars from the 2010 budget be transferred to the LOSA Reserve account. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, to contribute \$311.40 per eligible member to LOSA for 2010 and to put the remaining \$1,346.60 into the LOSA Reserve account. Motion carried.

Electrical Inspection and Possible Additional Wiring at 416 Fredonia Avenue

Lopicola stated he viewed the basement area of 416 Fredonia Avenue and found old wiring and switches that are antique. He would like to solicit bids from area electricians to bring the wiring up to code, replace switches, and fixtures. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz, to solicit bids from area electricians to bring the electric at 416 Fredonia Avenue up to code. Motion carried.

Change Orders for Repairs / Improvements at 416 Fredonia Avenue

Change orders presented for consideration include:

Change order No. 6: Replace lock set with brushed aluminum handle keyed to match existing entry office door, repair all dents in steel door with bondo, sand and paint to color of choice, install kick plate, and apply a sweep on the garage side. Cost: \$450.00

Change order No. 7: Add two additional 70 watt Metal Halide wall pack fixtures on north and east walls. Cost: \$720.00.

Change order No. 8: Supply and install new wiring to accommodate the sealed combustion furnace that was added. Cost: \$100.00.

Change order No. 9: Replace existing steel shop entrance door with transom. Cost: \$1,850.00.

After discussion change orders 6, 7, 8, and 9 were approved along with the reduction in change order 4 on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Amend Budget for Repairs / Improvements at 416 Fredonia Avenue

Lopicola reported that the insurance company will be paying about \$70,000 for fire damage at 416 Fredonia Avenue. In addition change orders already approved total \$12,618.00. Marshal Davel said some of the extra cost could be absorbed in his 2010 budget. Lopicola suggested that anything in excess of the insurance be taken from the 2010 budget surplus. Discussion followed on using the 2010 budget surplus, if money will still be left for the storm sewer project on Wisconsin Street, and if the police operating budget should be used for this. A **MOTION** was made by Lopicola, seconded by Edbauer, to amend the 2011 budget to use surplus funds from the 2010 budget to cover any cost in excess of the insurance payment for the repairs / upgrades at 416 Fredonia Avenue. Motion carried. Since final numbers will not be available until after the audit, an ordinance will be prepared for the March meeting to amend the 2011 budget for these expenses.

Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 17, 2011

The minutes from the January 17, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting were reviewed. The committee recommended the village adopt a new fee schedule for ambulance service, discuss replacement of the ambulance and tanker, and create a committee to discuss possible expansion of the fire department. The contract with the Waubeka Fire Department was discussed. The Fire Chief will obtain information on the Newburg Fire Department contract.

Increase in Ambulance Fees

A survey completed by LifeQuest shows the ambulance fees charged by Fredonia are low when compared to other communities. An increase has been proposed by LifeQuest. Discussion followed on ambulance rates. With the increase Fredonia will still be below the database average on all fees. Ambulance fees as recommended by the Public Safety Committee and LifeQuest, to be effective February 1, 2011, were approved on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

Equipment Replacement

The tanker truck is scheduled for replacement in 2013. It will then be 25 years old. The ambulance is scheduled for replacement in 2012. It will then be 10 years old. Schommer noted that there are some rust spots on the ambulance but the purchase could be deferred for two years. At this time the ambulance does not have enough funds to purchase a new ambulance. Before the billing service was used, the ambulance generated enough revenue to replace the ambulance on a regular basis. Kunstmann noted that with current laws, the expertise of the billing service is needed. Schommer noted that they will approach LifeQuest to see if the percent charged could be decreased. Short noted that if the ambulance purchase is delayed two years, perhaps enough funds would be available with ambulance funds, donations from the Lion's Club and use of village reserve funds. Purchase of the vehicles will be sent to Public Safety and Public Works Committee to add to the capital purchase schedule.

Create Fire Department Modernization Committee

Space needs for the Fire / Ambulance Department were discussed. The Public Safety Committee recommended that a Fire Department Modernization Committee be formed to evaluate the space needs and recommend options for solving. This committee should include members from the village board, Fire Department, and EMS. Discussion followed on the ability to add on to the existing department or the need for a new building. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Edbauer, to form an ad hoc Fire Department Modernization Committee that will report to the village board to evaluate the space needs for the Fire / Ambulance Department. It was discussed if the equipment purchase should also be part of the committee's mission, but Schommer felt the tanker replacement is needed and should not be tied to the building needs. Motion carried. If another building needs assessment is completed, it would be just for the fire department, unless the police department would be included in the building with the fire department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.