

## FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2011

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Kim Bartolotta, Angie Keller, Pat and Merja Geraghty, Joe Short, Gary Buntrock, Mike Davel, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Mark Edbauer, Sr. and Eugene Mayer

### Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Edbauer arrived)

### Approve Minutes

Minutes of the May 5, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

### Payment of Bills

With the additional list presented and a bill for Schwind Trucking in the amount of \$5,310, the General Fund, Water, and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

### Treasurer and Utility Reports

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

### Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

### Ag Use in Residential Areas

Concern was expressed by Pat and Merja Geraghty, Kim Bartolotta, and Angie Keller regarding farming activities in the platted Stoney Creek subdivision. These concerns include:

- the proposed agriculture use in a residential area would have a negative impact on property values in the subdivision
- the use of chemicals to kill the existing vegetation would be harmful
- children in the area use the streets to access the village parks and large farm equipment would now also be using the streets
- the area is adjacent to a conservancy district
- the farm use would have a negative impact on the sale of lots in the subdivision
- the farm use would have a negative impact on other taxes in the village
- the use of pesticides on the larger scale may affect health
- no notices were put up regarding the spraying of the lots
- lots have not been listed for sale through MLS since 2006

The letter from the property owner Phil Lundman was read. He stated he was unable to attend the meeting. He noted that he has developed and maintained the Stoney Creek development to be an asset to the village. He would grow beans this year and alfalfa after that using no-till cultivation. He felt this was preferable to growing dandelions or for environmental and economic reasons to continue to mow the vacant lots. The area close to the conservancy district would not be affected. No planting would take place on areas maintained by property owners in the subdivision. Land prices have dropped and he would like to keep the maintenance cost down on the lots but keep them in saleable condition.

Board members discussed property owner rights and permitted uses allowed by the zoning code. Lapicola noted that the Plan Commission will discuss agricultural use in residential zoning at their June 6, 2011 meeting. After more discussion a **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Dohrwardt, to issue a temporary cease and desist to the farming activities until the matter is reviewed by the Plan Commission. Pat Geraghty reiterated his concern about farm fields on both sides of his house. Bartolotta again questioned crops in Rs-2 zoning. (Gene Mayer arrived) Short noted that the village board needs to protect existing property values. A vote was taken on the motion with

Ehaney, Edbauer, Buchholtz, and Dohrwardt voting aye, and Bertram and Lapicola voting nay. Motion carried. Lapicola stated that the Plan Commission will be discussing this and invited everyone to attend the meeting.

### **Department Reports on Operations of Village**

**FIRE CHIEF:** The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

**VILLAGE MARSHAL:** The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel noted that two officers will be working on Saturday for the rummage sale. He noted the department will be participating in the statewide program Click It or Ticket. Tickets will be written for not wearing seat belts.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MANAGER:** The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. Buntrock noted that sludge hauling took place Sunday through Tuesday this week. The WWTP has storage for about six to seven months. Additional safety programs are being designed with Alpha Terra.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann reported that Phillips Plastic will start the clean up project at 600 South Milwaukee Street in mid June. It should be a three month project. The water, sewer, and storm sewer laterals will be dug, cut, and capped at the property line.

**SUMMER HOURS:** The proposal from the Director of Public Works to schedule four nine hour days and one four hour day for Public Works, Water, and Wastewater employees during the summer months was reviewed. Each employee will work 40 hours each week but flexibility will be available for projects. It was noted that overtime is only paid after 40 hours in a week, not after 8 hours in a day. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer to approve the proposal for summer hours. Bertram asked that this be reviewed each year. This was added to the motion. Buchholtz noted that one concern was that two employees are on duty five days a week. Motion carried.

Ehaney questioned the energy savings on the VFD's. Buntrock stated that the engineer has made some adjustments and somewhat of a reduction in use was noted. The energy use continues to be monitored.

**CLERK-TREASURER:** The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Wagner noted that the county has approved a tentative county supervisory district plan. Currently the village is in one county supervisory district. The County's Redistricting Committee will meet June 1, 2011 to address requests they have received for changes to the supervisory district plan. The Village Board noted that the county should keep the village in one supervisory district. A letter will be sent to the county regarding this. A plan creating three wards in the village will be presented at the next meeting for approval by the village board.

**ETHICS CODE:** Village Board members indicated that they have reviewed the Ethics Code.

### **Update Electric at 416 Fredonia Avenue**

A Request for Proposals to upgrade the electric in the west portion of the building at 416 Fredonia Avenue was reviewed. Because of the cinder block wall new wiring will be installed in conduit. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to accept bids for upgrading the electric at 416 Fredonia Avenue. Motion carried.

### **Trustee Vacancy – Review Applications Received**

Three applications have been received for the vacant trustee position. The board will review the applications and made a recommendation at the second board meeting in June.

### **Ordinance No. 2011-03 Repealing and Re-creating Title 2, Chapter 2 of the Village Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Village Board**

Ordinance No. 2011-03 repealing and re-creating Title 2, Chapter 2, of the Village Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Village Board was reviewed. This will be added to the

next agenda for adoption. The section on Suspension of Rules refers to Roberts Rules of Order for conducting meetings. Lopicola asked the board members to review the proposed ordinance and bring any changes to the next board meeting.

### **Finance Committee – May 12, 2011 Meeting – Village Insurance Renewal**

Minutes from the May 12, 2011 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed. The committee recommended the village continue their insurance with Ansay and Associates. To change the deductibles for the Fire Department property, vehicles, and equipment to the same as the village would save an additional \$1,953 per year. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to change the Fire Department deductibles to the same as the village and renew the insurance with Ansay and Associates at a cost of \$44,420. Motion carried. The Accident policy for the police officers was renewed at a cost of \$1,600 on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried. This policy provides for additional compensation for police officers if they are injured while working. The Finance Committee will look at establishing a Working Capital Fund for equipment and vehicle replacement and investigate pre-paying the Martin Drive loan. The committee may also want to accept proposals from attorneys for representing the village.

### **Celebrate Fredonia Committee – May 11, 2011 Meeting**

Edbauer reported on the May 11, 2011 Celebrate Fredonia Committee meeting. Both band contracts have been sent out, a Facebook page is up and running, some talent has been signed up for the Youth Tent, pony rides and a “trick” pony show are booked, and the brats have been pre-ordered. Fireworks will be sponsored by Port Washington State Bank.

### **Correspondence**

The 2010 Mid-Moraine Municipal Court summary was reviewed.

Approval was given for the village president to contact the village attorney.

### **Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.