

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**September 1, 2011**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Fire Chief Brian Schommer, Chris Kunstmann, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Jo Ann Wagner.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the August 18, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

**Approve Payment of Bills**

The general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None

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

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

**FEMA GRANT:** Schommer stated that the FEMA grant application period has opened. The Fire Department would like to apply for a grant. If a grant is received the village will be responsible for 5% of the grant. Kunstmann stated that they will be applying for a grant similar to the one last year. The items included will be a CO monitor for \$4,250, SCBA pack that is similar to the regular air packs but has a shoulder strap and is used for retrieving “downed” fire fighters at \$4,000, 18 full set SCBA at about \$6,000 each, and about six extra face pieces at \$700 each, and 15 radios at \$3,000 each. The total is \$162,500. The village portion would be \$8,125.

**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.

**WASTEWATER OPERATOR’S CONFERENCE:** Buntrock requested approval for attendance at the Wastewater Operator’s Association Conference on October 4 and 5 for

himself, and for Nelsen on October 5 and 6. The conference is in LaCrosse and Nelsen does not want to drive that far to obtain his certification credits. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve attendance at the Wastewater Operator's Association Conference including registration, lodging, and mileage. Motion carried. Neumann explained that Buntrock was obtaining prices for the 2012 budget on outsourcing lab work or continuing to do it "in house".

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. The project at Phillips Plastic is going well and will hopefully be finished by the end of the month.

### **Award Bid for Asphalt Project**

Two bids were received for the Regal Drive / Crestview Drive paving projects. Both contractors have done work in the village before. Dohrwardt commented that Stark's asphalt was more porous. Neumann noted that they use lighter rollers. Lapicola stated that density tests should be required. Neumann stated that he will work with the contractor and will perhaps have them do a few additional areas. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to award the asphalt project to Stark in the amount of \$36,632.50. Motion carried.

Lapicola stated that he would like to meet with Dreblow to view areas of the Fredonia Avenue project that may affect residents. He has also heard that the STP funding will open in December. Edbauer stated that Martin Drive has some dips in the road that seems to correspond to water shut offs. Neumann stated that this happens in many areas because of compaction. Edbauer also noted that curb and gutter has sunk in areas.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

### **Parks Committee – August 25, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes from the August 25, 2011 Parks Committee meeting were reviewed. A public hearing on the parks plan will be held before the first board meeting in October. The Parks Committee also discussed the disc golf course. Some areas have been cleared. Greg Bertram will order the baskets; Jill Bertram will obtain prices on discs. It was suggested that six sets of three discs each be purchased. Four trash cans will need to be purchased, along with four park benches. Discussion followed on purchasing or building the park benches. Porta Johns will be located at the north end of the soccer parking lot. Rent is about \$80 per month per unit. Ehaney provided pictures of kiosks. Neumann noted that they were similar to the message board removed from 416 Fredonia Avenue. These could be made with a pattern, or found in a catalog.

### **Personnel Committee – August 30, 2011 Meeting**

Bertram reported that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the job description for the Director of Public Works position. Dohrwardt questioned if the Personnel Committee considered that sick days earned earlier in a career are earned at a lower rate than what is paid at the end. Lapicola questioned how much it would cost to track. Dohrwardt felt it would not cost any more than it costs now.

### **Approve Costs for September 27, 2011 Economic Development Committee Meeting**

The Economic Development Committee will be meeting on September 27, 2011 with developers, contractors, and other interested parties in starting construction in the village. The committee would like to put an ad in the newspaper and serve refreshments. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to approve up to \$200 of expenses for the meeting. Motion carried.

### **Job Fair – Washington County Fair Grounds**

A job fair will be held on September 28, 2011 at the Washington County Fair Grounds. The Personnel Committee would like to advertise for a Director of Public Works at the job fair. The consensus of the board was to proceed.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- Letter from state regarding assessor practices statewide.
- Countywide Library Service Memo – third quarter 2011.
- WisLine – Current Issues affecting Local Government Officials.
- Net new construction report.
- Renewal notice – Trilogy health insurance.
- Email from Aquilo Wind Development regarding offshore wind project.

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

Dohrwardt noted that he will contact legislators to remove the realtors' commission from the value of a property. Lapicola commented that the realtor is being paid for work. Dohrwardt noted that it is an artificial increase in home value.

Lapicola stated that he has heard concerns about rummage sales again. He noted that his interpretation is that they are allowed in all districts. Retail sales are allowed in certain areas, but rummage sales are not prohibited.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.