

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**October 6, 2011**

A public hearing on the proposed park plan was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Bill Richards, Ron and Diana Schmit, and Sandi Tretow.

Lapicola gave a brief outline of the proposed plan to those in attendance and said the complete plan is available on the Village of Fredonia website and copies are at Village Hall. Lapicola read a list of comments that have been expressed prior to the public hearing including:

- Partridge Lane site already has a retaining pond (from page 35)
- Because of the pond area, the trail would need to be changed somewhat on the proposed Partridge Lane trail site. (from page 37)
- The village may want to consider closing the Partridge Lane trail site during “nesting” season. (from page 37)
- In the future, acquire additional lands south of the Marie Kraus property.
- Consider soliciting a sponsor for naming ball diamonds, soccer field, skating rinks, pavilions, etc.

Lapicola stated that future trails would be easily accessible due to paving and a maximum grade of 5% except for the Partridge Lane trail. The existing steep terrain would make that a more challenging trail. He also described how the new proposed trail by Marie Kraus park would loop around and across South Milwaukee Street, south behind houses on Meadowbrook and work it's way over to Fredonia Avenue. Bill Richards, who lives on Saint Rose Avenue, expressed concern about increasing foot traffic by his home. He has problems with kids cutting through his yard. Because of this traffic, vandals have spray painted graffiti on his garage. Lapicola stated that having a paved trail should encourage people to walk on the trail rather than on grass. Maybe putting in a fence or planting some shrubs may alleviate some of these problems. Lapicola believes that having a walking/biking trail in this area would provide a safer route to school and the businesses on Highland Drive. Richards stated the farm field to the east floods every year almost up to his garage, and that should be taken into consideration when planning the location of the trail. Lapicola stated the park plan is just that – a plan. Nothing is set in stone. Neumann arrived. However, the village needs to have an approved plan in place, so that we are eligible to apply for grant money to improve and add to our parks and trails. Ehaney suggested the area west of the post office would be a good location for an ice rink. Lapicola agreed, however, there may be an issue with moving water. Neumann said there have been past attempts in this area. Salt water from melting snow runs down there, plus garbage collects in the ditch. The post office location has the best visibility; however, Stoney Creek park is good for it's topography. The public hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

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: Ron and Diana Schmit, Bill Richards, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann and Sandi Tretow.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

### **Approve Payment of Bills**

With the additional list presented, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### **Special Gathering Beer License – Rosemary Home and School Association October 8th, 2011 – 10th Annual Dinner Auction**

A special gathering beer license for Rosemary Home and School Association, for its October 8, 2011 10<sup>th</sup> annual dinner auction was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

## **Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

There were no comments or questions received.

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

- The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Lpicola spoke about the update on the possible claim. The village was seeking advice from our insurance company on how to reply to other party's attorney. Emails from our insurance company recommend the village attorney be present if the EMT's need to be interviewed. A **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram to include the village attorney in a conference call if the situation arises. Motion carried.
- The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.
- The report from the Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. It was noted from the report that Gary is proceeding with the electrical contractor to complete the upgrades to the second sludge pump. Neumann stated that Buntrock is at the Wisconsin Wastewater Association conference and should return to work tomorrow.
- The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann stated the bulldozer and excavator should return to Phillips Plastics on Monday to level the site. The concrete slab in front of the fire department has been pressure washed. It still needs to be sealed. Neumann also mentioned the '01 International truck is at Lakeside for repairs. He anticipates the final repairs to exceed \$2500 which is more than budgeted. Currently, the work is at \$1700, but there may be \$1400 more. Dohrwardt stated the truck needs to be in good working order, so a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to allow Neumann to spend up to \$5000 to complete the repairs, and carried.
- The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The open house for the Director of Public Works' retirement was discussed. Lpicola mentioned that a plaque was ordered. Refreshments including cake, coffee, soda and water will be served at the open house. He thought a budget of \$200 would be adequate. Lpicola would like to put notice of the open house on the electronic sign. A **MOTION** was made by Lpicola, seconded by Buchholtz, to spend approximately \$200, and carried.

## **Discuss Comments Received on Park Plan, recommend changes and/or approval**

Lpicola reviewed the comments received on the park plan to the board – prior to and including the public hearing. Lpicola stated that he has personally received a lot of positive feedback from people who attended the Economic Development brainstorming meeting, and when he visited the Senior meal site. Buchholtz mentioned receiving compliments about the disc golf also. Ron Schmit expressed a need for more baseball and soccer parks as our current facilities are constantly used. Bill Richards asked about the area east and north of the driveway at Marie Kraus as a possible ball park. Neumann stated that is too small, and the village does not own it. A **MOTION** to approve the park plan was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

## **Proposal from Lion's Club for Planting Trees on Village Property South of Fredonia Creek**

Lpicola showed the aerial photo of the property where the Fredonia Lion's, Fredonia Lioness/Lion's, Boy Scouts and possibly other Lion's clubs wish to plant a minimum of 200 trees located south of Fredonia Creek. This area is remote and accessing this area will not disturb village residents. Lpicola will contact the urban forest expert at the DNR to determine which tree species would best blend into this area. Questions were asked about the cost to the village, which would be none. Also, the snowmobile trail will not be disturbed. Lpicola stated this project would only take a few days to prep the area and plant trees. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Dohrwardt, to allow the Lion's Club to plant trees on the village property south of Fredonia Creek, and carried.

## **Utilities Committee – September 13, 2011 meeting**

The topic was tabled until the next meeting. No meeting minutes were available.

## **Celebrate Fredonia Committee – September 21, 2011 meeting**

No meeting minutes were available and no representative from the Celebrate Fredonia Committee was present at the meeting. Although there was a spreadsheet distributed to reflect the accounting, many questions were asked. Dohrwardt made a **MOTION** to approve the disbursements to the four volunteer groups. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Discussion followed. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholz to table until the next meeting, and carried.

### **Economic Development Committee – September 27, 2011 meeting**

Ehaney reviewed the minutes from the Economic Development Committee meeting. He stated that all who attended were very positive in their feedback. Ehaney also mentioned that future meetings will need to be held with action items on the agenda.

### **Finance Committee – October 4th, 2011 meeting**

Dohrwardt reviewed the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting. Lapicola recommends paying down the debt on Martin Drive and setting up a working capital account. All agreed to review the budget before making any decisions.

### **Health, Dental, and Life/Short Term Disability Insurance Renewals**

Lapicola stated the eligible employees have received applications to complete. They need to be returned by Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in order to get a fully underwritten quote back before the next board meeting. The quote will give the village board an opportunity to review and compare the existing policy to other policies.

### **Correspondence**

The correspondence concerning Assembly Bill 285 relating to municipal court fees was reviewed.

### **Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) the Village Board will convene into closed session to discuss a specific personnel issue**

**MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz to convene into closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) to discuss a specific personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session**

**MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Dohrwardt to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Lapicola distributed a proposed job description for the Director of Public Works for review. In order to publish an ad in *The Municipality* for November, the description would need to be received before October 10<sup>th</sup>. Lapicola is also interested in posting the job in the Milwaukee Journal and the Ozaukee Press. There is a service available from Workforce Development of Southeastern Wisconsin where they will post the ad for free and notify us of qualified candidates. It is not necessary to advertise in the local papers until November. A **MOTION** was made by Bertram, seconded by Buchholtz to send the advertisement to *The Municipality* for publication in November, and carried.

### **Adjournment**

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney and carried.