

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
November 17, 2011

The public hearing on the proposed 2012 general fund, capital, debt service, fire, water, and sewer budgets was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Gary Buntrock, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Bill Richards and Sean Kellar.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Bill Richards questioned if the village board had looked at joining a different technical college district. Richards stated that MATC always has the biggest increase each year. Discussion followed on the process for petitioning out of a technical school district and being accepted into another, the number of village residents attending technical schools other than MATC, how the members of the MATC Board of Directors are appointed, and if the village should draft a letter to MATC to ask them to “tighten their belts”. Lapicola also suggested that Richards attends the MATC budget hearing.

Close of Public Hearing and Call to Order of Regular Village Board Meeting

The public hearing was closed and the regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the November 3, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, 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 Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

October Treasurer’s and Utilities Report

The October treasurer’s and utilities reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried. An additional October treasurer’s report was presented showing what the report would look like with the addition of the Working Capital Equipment Fund. Lapicola noted that he would not want the capital projects included in the fund, only the capital equipment.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lapicola reported that the operations of the village continue going forward. The well pump continues to work and the reports are getting out. Dohrwardt questioned if repairs to the well pump could be covered under insurance. Lapicola stated that a letter could be sent to the insurance company regarding the strange noises. Snow removal equipment has been repaired and the Stark Asphalt bill has been received. Lapicola stated that he has received a number of complaints on dogs and has looked at changing the definition of an “at large” animal. The change would require a dog to be on a leash at all times when it is not on its owner’s property. He will emphasize in his next letter that a dog needs to be on a leash at all times. The Snowmobile Club has volunteered to plant two trees in the Marie Kraus Park. Lapicola suggested that a referendum be added to the April ballot on the burying of utility lines on Fredonia Avenue. A **MOTION** was made by Ehaney, seconded by Edbauer, to contact the village attorney for wording on the ballot. Motion carried.

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. Buntrock stated that the village crew has met with Alpha Terra for safety training on bloodborne pathogens and a review of confined space entry regulations and hearing protection precautions. He stated that each year the village has been adding a new component to the safety program. A proposal has been received from Alpha Terra for next year and will be added to the next agenda. Bio solid hauling from the Wastewater Treatment Plant will begin tomorrow. Buntrock also presented information on the Root-X program. Dohrwardt felt it would be a good idea to privatize this service as local plumbers can also provide this. Buntrock noted that it is a product to keep roots out of the sewer laterals. It was estimated that six to eight people use the service. The consensus of the board was to allow the one application that is currently requested and then discontinue the program. The charge will be \$50 for the Root-X service. Buntrock noted that a local plumber would purchase the existing stock of Root-X product if the village provides a list of people using it. Dohrwardt noted that as people call, the village would refer them to the plumber. Dohrwardt also commented that the manhole in front of St. John's Church is sinking. It also appears that two other manholes in the area are sinking. Buntrock will look at the manholes.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The Village Hall will be closed Friday while staff attends a training session.

Purchase of Tires for Silverado

Lapicola stated that tires are needed for the Silverado. Buntrock noted that the check engine light also comes on. A **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, to purchase a set of new tires after checking prices. After discussion Edbauer amended the motion to include checking the engine light, Dohrwardt agreed. Motion carried. Buntrock stated that Wester Electric would charge \$120 per hour to install the street light decorations. It would take an estimated two hours to hang the decorations. He hasn't heard back from Cedarburg about renting their bucket truck. Lapicola noted that this has now been identified as a safety issue. Dohrwardt suggested that the Fire department truck be used with a \$100 contribution to the fire department. Bertram questioned if they were also decorating trees. The consensus of the board was to rent or borrow a bucket truck for a couple of hours to install the holiday decorations.

Resolution No. 2011-L Adopting 2012 Budgets

After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to approve Resolution No. 2011-L adopting the 2012 budgets as presented. Motion carried.
(Buntrock left at 8:00 p.m.)

Ordinance No. 2011-07 Amending Section 11-2-2 and 11-2-3 of the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Concealed Weapons

With the changes to the village ordinance, it will now comply with Wisconsin Act 35 allowing concealed weapons. Edbauer questioned if an exception for use of numchucks by a martial arts studio should be added. Bertram noted that this change could be made in the future if it is needed. Discussion followed on adding a copy of the state statutes but this would then need to be added for many of the ordinances. Dohrwardt noted the county often just refers to the State Statutes. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-07 amending Section 11-2-2 and Section 11-2-3 of the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances.

Refinancing of Martin Drive Loan

Port Washington State Bank will match the 3.75% interest rate on a ten year loan refinancing the existing Martin Drive debt. Approximately \$290,000 would be paid on the principal with the remaining \$625,000 to \$635,000 refinanced for ten years at 3.75%. This would keep the annual payment about the same. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to refinance the Martin Drive Loan for ten years at 3.75% with quarterly payments but keeping the annual payment about the same. Motion carried.

Disc Golf – Installation of Baskets, Tee Boxes, and Course

Bertram stated that the village crew can't install the disc golf baskets for two weeks but her sons could do it. They would hand dig the holes and install the concrete for the baskets. If this was done by the village crew, the equipment rental cost was estimated at \$1,000. The labor cost for her sons would be \$800. The other option is to wait until the village crew can do it which may first be in spring. Dohrwardt felt the ground is more stable now than in spring and it would be good to do it now. Buchholtz noted it would be good as it will save the village money. The holes are 1' x 2' deep and filled with concrete per the instructions. It was questioned if the hole needed to be past the frost line. Bertram stated that she does not want to be involved in the decision but wanted to bring this option to the board. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to allow the Bertram boys to install the disc golf baskets with the cost within the budgeted amount. Motion carried. Bertram will call Digger's Hotline to mark the area where the disc golf baskets are being installed. It was noted that the *Municipality* has listed four park benches for sale that are the same color as the village has.

Architectural Control Board – November 2, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board were reviewed. The vestibule addition at 617 Tower Drive was approved contingent on Plan Commission approval. It was noted that 419 Fredonia Avenue has some low hanging branches and will need to be trimmed.

Plan Commission – November 7, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the Plan Commission were reviewed. Lapicola noted that the Plan Commission reviewed the Park Plan to approve new areas for the trail. Five people opposed the proposed trail south of St. Rose Avenue so the Plan Commission has asked the Parks Committee to consider three alternatives. The residents felt it would disturb their privacy. Lapicola noted that the village should move forward with approval of the Park Plan but can delay any action on the trail. The approved plan is needed to apply for park grants. The building plan for 617 Tower Drive was reviewed. Double permit fees were charged as the building had already been started.

Re-Approve Park Plan with Changes

Minor changes were made to the Park Plan including looking at alternatives to the trail south of St. Rose Avenue and the possibility of adding a dog park. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to re-approve the Park Plan with the modifications and suggestion to further study the bike trail and authorize the appropriate people to sign the plan. Motion carried. Lapicola questioned if the installation of the trail and a dog park should be referendum questions at the spring election.

Contract for Holiday Lighting

A **MOTION** was made by Ehaney, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the contract with WE Energies for holiday lighting. Motion carried.

Donation to Fredonia Lions Club of Refreshments

After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried to donate the remaining soda to the Lions Club for distribution to area senior citizens.

Personnel Committee – November 14, 2011 Meeting

Bertram reported that the Personnel Committee met in closed session to interview three candidates for the temporary public works position.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Food Pantry regarding donations.

A five minute recess was taken at this time.

Closed Session

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss compensation and employment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

The closed session adjourned and the board meeting reconvened into open session on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Temporary Public Works Position

Approval was given to appoint a work leader as discussed in closed session until the Director of Public Works position is filled on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried. This position will start November 28, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to proceed as discussed in closed session to hire a temporary public works laborer effective November 28, 2011 or as soon as possible after the individual has signed up with Work Force Development. This will be a temporary position with no benefits lasting approximately three months. Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.