

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

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Mike Davel, Tom Sheppard, Al Bruhn, Lori Dybul, Gary Buntrock, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Bill Richards.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the November 17, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried. Dohrwardt questioned if a response has been received from the insurance company regarding the pump. The Clerk-Treasurer will send a letter to them.

### **Approve Payment of Bills**

With the additional list presented, the general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Edbauer, and carried. It was discussed if a \$50 gift certificate to Hobo's should be sent to Joe Flad instead of a check. It was decided that the check will be sent to Flad with a thank you note.

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

Dybul questioned the referendum questions and felt other options should be listed for the bike trail. She has discussed this with the Parks Committee chairperson who suggested a meeting be held with the residents from St. Rose Avenue to discuss other options for the bike trail. (Richards arrived). She feels it is an unfair question. Dybul also wanted to know if her taxes would increase if the utilities are buried on Fredonia Avenue as she would like the utilities buried but does not want her taxes increased.

### **Report from Village President on Operations of Village**

Lapicola stated that referendum questions for the spring election would need to be decided by January 20 so they can be submitted to the filing officer on time. The Parks Committee will be asked for other options for referendum questions. The Plan Commission asked for three options, one could have the bike trail on the south side of St. Rose Avenue although this would preclude parking there. A sidewalk cannot be designated as a bike trail and a walking trail cannot be in the street. The Personnel Committee needs to meet to review the applications for Director of Public Works and to review position descriptions. Lapicola will send the *Intent to Apply* forms to the DNR for water and sewer. The Tree City USA application will be submitted after the Tree Board meets.

### **Report from Work Leader**

Sheppard reported they did an inspection of the manhole on Fredonia Avenue in front of St. John's Church. He did not feel it was an emergency and it could wait until spring for repair. Christmas decorations are up and trees have been decorated. Some lights do not work and replacements will need to be purchased.

### **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. Davel noted that he has attended a meeting regarding concealed carry concerning EMS services. Law enforcement agencies in the county have a policy where an officer will take possession of a fire arm and return it after the patient returns home. County EMS providers are creating a policy. Davel is not sure what the policy will be. Some hospitals have boxes to secure weapons and will return the weapon when the patient leaves the hospital. Dohrwardt suggested the village

purchase one of these boxes. Davel stated Fredonia EMS was well represented at the meeting and will be creating a policy. He does not see this as a big problem.

### **Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager**

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock provided a list of projects that need to be completed. Some service work was completed on manhole 6-7 yesterday. Bio-solids have been hauled. Buntrock questioned if the inventory of small equipment provided was sufficient or if more detail was required. Lapicola stated that it should be logical. Lapicola questioned if the manhole on Fredonia Avenue could be stabilized. Sheppard noted it will be stabilized in spring with repair/replacement scheduled with the Fredonia Avenue project.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The auditors completed the preliminary audit today.

### **Appoint Tree Board Member**

Lapicola stated that he would appoint himself to replace the Director of Public Works on the Tree Board until the new Director of Public Works is hired. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to concur with the appointment of Lapicola to the Tree Board. Motion carried. Dohrwardt questioned if the ordinance should be changed to have the village president appoint the chairperson of the Tree Board instead of the Tree Board electing its own officers. An ordinance change will be prepared for the next meeting.

### **Agreement for Use of Fire Department Room for Meal Site**

The Cooperative Agreement between Ozaukee County and the Village of Fredonia for use of the Fire Department Meeting Room as the nutrition program's meal site was approved on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

### **Proposal for Safety Training**

Buntrock noted that the last two requirements for the safety program are Hazard Communication and Respiratory Protection. This along with annual service requirements will cost \$1,995 for 2012. The 2012 budget includes \$3,000 for safety programs. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to proceed with the 2012 program development and annual requirements services at a cost of \$1,995. Motion carried. Buntrock will sign the agreement and return to Alpha Terra.

### **Ordinance No. 2011-08 Amending Definition of "At Large"**

Ordinance No. 2011-08 amending the definition of "at large" to require a dog to be on a leash at all times when not on the owners property was adopted on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried with Bertram opposed.

### **Possible Referendum Questions**

Lapicola noted that the possible referendum questions are for discussion purposes. The questions need to be refined and numbers verified. Lapicola recommended that the first question "*Should the overhead utility lines on Fredonia Avenue be buried along with the Fredonia Avenue street project thereby increasing the cost of the street project by an estimated \$500,000?*" be referred to the Public Works Committee for review.

Dohrwardt noted that burying the overhead lines on Fredonia Avenue is a benefit to everyone. Discussion followed on:

- Should everyone share in the cost to bury the overhead wires to individual properties?
- What is the total cost to bury the overhead wires on both sides of Fredonia Avenue?
- What is the actual cost to bury wires to an individual property?
- What will the cost be when incorporated into the road project?
- Could this question be added to the November ballot instead of the April ballot?
- Will this delay the project if a decision about placement of utilities is not made timely?
- How will this affect the village tax rate?

- Where will transformers be located? By sidewalk or in rear yards? Would easements be required?
- What type of street lights will be required?
- Grant approval is needed before an engineering firm can be hired.
- If additional debt is incurred for burying overhead utilities, it will prevent the village from doing other projects.

The questions “*Should the bike path be continued from Wheeler Avenue to the Highland Avenue area? If so, would you be in favor of the trail being established just south of the lots on St. Rose Avenue?*” and “*Should a dog park be created in the village?*” were referred to the Parks Committee for review and recommendation. Richards commented that the Parks Committee seemed unaware that they needed to come up with bike trail alternatives. He questioned if they have met recently. Lopicola explained that to qualify for the grant for Fredonia Avenue a four foot bike path is required on each side of the street. This would probably eliminate every tree on Fredonia Avenue, require retaining walls, and may even require houses to be removed. An exemption to this requirement may be possible if the village can show that a bike path is available one block off of Fredonia Avenue. Lopicola felt it was important for the trail to go somewhere – local businesses, park and ride, etc. He noted that the County Planner said property values go up when a trail is nearby. Richards noted that he is trying to understand the process. Is the board looking for an answer to if a bike path is wanted or for an answer to where it should be located? Lopicola stated if the referendum question is asking if village residents want a bike path, they need to have an idea where it will go. Richards again asked how this will be decided within 40 days.

### **Other Suggestions for Referendum Questions**

Dohrwardt suggested that a referendum question ask if the entire parcel south of St. Rose Avenue should be purchased for a bike path and a park area. The playground equipment, baseball field, and play area could be moved from Fireman’s Park and allow the Fire Department to expand at the current site. Dohrwardt stated before the village would purchase the property he would like to put it before the voters. Dybul felt more than one option should be presented to the voters. Lopicola noted that the Plan Commission recommended three options. Dohrwardt noted that this was assigned to the Parks Committee to review and discuss reasonable alternatives. More discussion followed on the process to be followed.

### **Referendum Questions – Binding or Advisory**

A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to have all referendum questions be advisory. Motion carried.

### **Changes to Reserve Accounts and Working Capital Equipment Account**

A MOTION was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to create a Working Capital Equipment Account and move the Computer Reserve, Equipment Reserve, Fire Equipment Reserve, Police Car Reserve, and Re-valuation Reserve amounts along with unallocated general fund dollars to equal \$200,000 into the Working Capital Equipment Account. This account will start January 1, 2012.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- Public hearing notice from Town of Saukville regarding amendments to Town of Saukville comprehensive plan.
- Letter from Department of Workforce Development regarding special assessment of interest on unemployment taxes to continue annually through 2014.
- 2011 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle.
- Countywide Library Service Memo.

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

Lopicola reported that the temporary employee will start December 5, 2011 and should qualify for the training program through Workforce Development.

Bertram questioned if the village paid for an employee to take additional testing not required by the village.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.