

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**December 15, 2011**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lopicola. Present: Chuck Lopicola, Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Mike Davel, Gary Buntrock, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the December 1, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, 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 Edbauer, and carried.

### **Approve Utility Reports**

Water and sewer utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

### **Operator's License**

An operator's license for Carrie Ramierz was approved on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

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

No comments were received.

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

**DISPOSAL OF COMPOST:** Lopicola stated that the compost pile has become quite large. A contractor is interested in hauling 60% to 80% of the pile away at no cost to the village. Lopicola suggested that other landscape contractors be contacted to see if they are interested and perhaps receive compensation for the compost. Buntrock stated that in the past compost had been hauled to a farm field, but the farmer was not happy with it. The compost needs to be screened to be usable. That time village expense was incurred for loading, hauling, and dumping the compost. Edbauer suggested the village check with Port Washington to see how they handle disposal of their compost.

**AGREEMENT WITH PORT SENIOR CENTER:** The agreement with the Port Washington Senior Center for use by village residents has been signed.

### **Report from Work Leader on Operations of Village**

The report from Sheppard was reviewed. The generator has been delivered and training will be set up for employees. Discussion followed on compatibility of existing connections.

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

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Lopicola noted that the Fire Department will be having their Christmas party at the Fire Department meeting room as they have in the past.

### **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 noted that he has completed about 3400 feet of sewer jetting in December. He will continue

sewer jetting weather permitting. Lapicola questioned if Nelsen had been helping. Buntrock stated he is on vacation through the end of the year. Dohrwardt questioned the green lines on the catch basins. Buntrock stated Auer has been marking the catch basins as he cleans them. This will help the village crew find the catch basins during the winter.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Wagner stated that estimated water bills may be sent for the fourth quarter. The village engineer will be asked to review the Verizon plans for antennas on the water tower.

### **Appoint Election Inspectors for 2012 and 2013**

The list of election inspectors for 2012 and 2013 as presented was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

### **Resolution No. 2011-M Authorizing Restructuring of Martin Drive Debt**

Resolution No. 2011-M authorizing the restructuring of the existing Martin Drive debt to \$625,000 for ten years at 3.75% with an additional principal payment of \$1,961.66 each year was approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

### **Resolution No. 2011-N Approving Commitment of Fund Balances**

Resolution No. 2011-N approving commitment of Fire and Ambulance revenues for operating, training, and capital expenditures related for Fire and Ambulance was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

### **Architectural Control Board – December 7, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board were reviewed. Dohrwardt stated that the Architectural Control Board approved a new home at 328 Deer Meadow Drive. Didier requested that the Architectural Control Board discuss the masonry requirements for the condo storage units at their next meeting.

### **Plan Commission – December 5, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes from the Plan Commission were reviewed. Lapicola stated that the Plan Commission has recommended that the zoning code be changed to allow dance, art, and music classes as permitted education uses in B-2 zoning. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance change. Motion carried.

### **Parks Committee – December 8, 2011 Meeting**

The report was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Personnel Committee – December 8, 2011 Meeting**

Bertram reported the Personnel Committee met on December 8, 2011 and reviewed the applications for Director of Public Works. Interviews will be held in January.

### **Ordinance No. 2011-09 Pertaining to Operation of Tree Board**

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-09 changing operation of the Tree Board to appointment of the chairperson by the village president. Lapicola noted that the Tree Board members had no problem with the proposed change to the ordinance. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received and reviewed include

- Well use permit from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Letter from Grota Appraisals
- Congressman Sensenbrenner – January 26, 2012 at 2:15 p.m.
- Letter from Ozaukee County Tourism Council

## Items for Future Consideration

Lapicola presented a list of possible referendum questions. The questions need to be finalized no later than the January 19 meeting to be added to the April ballot. Questions include if the bike trail should connect Wheeler Avenue with Fredonia Avenue, if the village should purchase additional land to develop a park, if a dog park should be created, if utilities on Fredonia Avenue should be buried, and should village tax dollars be used to help with the costs of utility upgrades for private homes on Fredonia Avenue. He will send the list to the village attorney next week for review. Edbauer noted that people want to know the cost of burying the utilities on Fredonia Avenue. Lapicola noted that individual costs are not available and will be based on the upgrade needed. Ehaney questioned if part of the question is if the referendum questions should even be on the ballot. Lapicola noted that all the referendum questions would be advisory. Ehaney stated that the dog park and trail would not be a major project for the village. He felt significant tax dollar expenditures or something derisive could be a referendum question. Ehaney noted that the village board has to make decisions. He agreed the question about burying the utilities on Fredonia Avenue could be a referendum question as this affects everyone in the village and significant tax dollars would be spent. Lapicola noted that he likes to have people involved in the decision making. Bertram stated that people can come to any board meeting and voice their opinion. She agreed adding a dog park is a minor item and probably not a referendum question. Edbauer commented that the board was elected to do a job and if village residents don't like it, the board will be voted out of office at the next election. Lapicola asked board members to email any corrections or comments to the village hall so they can be sent to the village attorney next week. Dohrwardt noted that a comment could be that a referendum question is not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.