

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
January 5, 2012

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, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Lisa Dohrwardt, Mike Miller, Michael Schlotfeldt, Tom Sheppard, Mike Davel, Gary Buntrock, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Dennis Ott.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the December 15, 2011 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Edbauer, 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 Bertram, and carried.

November Treasurer Report

The November treasurer's report was approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

No comments were received.

Presentation by Mike Miller on Benefits of Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

Mike Miller, Executive Director of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association, and Michael Schlotfeldt, president of Mid-Moraine, discussed the history and benefits of participation in the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association and encouraged board members to attend legislative and dinner meetings sponsored by the association. (Dennis Ott arrived). Dohrwardt suggested a speaker on the charging of municipalities the interest for unemployment compensation charges when municipalities do not contribute to the deficit. He suggested that this payment could be considered a loan and would be repaid by the state in the future.

Report from Work Leader on Operations of Village

The report from Sheppard was reviewed. Sheppard reported that a strobe light for the International truck has been purchased. Buchholtz requested that when Christmas lights are removed they are stored separately by color as the Parks Committee will be changing the blue lights to clear for next year.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Lapicola noted that the Fire Department has three applications pending. The Fire Chief is also looking for an answer if the tanker truck will be replaced in 2013. Lapicola noted that *the Municipality* has a good article on non-lapsing reserve funds. He suggested that the village work with the auditors to establish a baseline for unallocated funds and assign other dollar amounts to reserve accounts and the capital equipment account.

Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel noted that the number of complaints and arrests increased in 2011. He noted this was partly because every contact is now counted in the new computer system. He noted that a complete report for 2011 will be presented in February or March. Dohrwardt asked if the year end numbers will also include activity by the county. Davel stated that he will try to obtain that information. Edbauer expressed concern over the semi trucks that go through the red light at the intersection of Hwy. 57 and Fredonia Avenue. He questioned if the village marshal's office could monitor the area more. Davel noted that they do patrol Hwy. 57 and will continue to do so. He will also have officers monitor the stop light area. Dohrwardt questioned if additional signs could be added noting that the stop light is ahead. Davel will ask Bob Dreblow about this possibility. Edbauer felt part of the problem is the speed limit is 45 mph before the stop lights and 55 mph after the stop lights. Bertram noted that it did not matter if the speed limit was higher on the other side of the lights.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. A year end report on the operations of the WWTP was also submitted. All required limits were met for the year. Buntrock stated the need for a policy for private sewer lateral repair or replacement and the need to come up with a policy for manpower requirements during sewer jetting operations.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Tree Board – December 14, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the Tree Board were reviewed. Lapicola stated they discussed spring tree planting in the southern portion of the Marie Kraus Park. An Arbor Day Celebration was held in conjunction with the tree planting by the Schneekatzen Snowmobile Club. The Tree City USA application has been submitted and approved.

Parks Committee – December 8, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the Parks Committee meeting were reviewed. Buchholtz stated that they discussed the bike trail and other possible alternatives. Lapicola noted that

depending on the referendum questions the village may possibly purchase additional park land if the property owner is agreeable to selling.

Referendum Questions

Lapicola noted that he has received comments from Dohrwardt on the wording of the referendum questions. He asked if any other board members have thoughts on the questions. He would like to discuss the referendum questions with the village attorney. Some questions could possibly be added to a survey mailed with the next water bill. Buchholtz did not feel all the referendum questions were needed. He stated the public can express thoughts at all village meetings. He noted that the public wants costs associated with the projects. Lapicola noted that he is trying to get dollar amounts before the questions are finalized. After further discussion the consensus of the board was to eliminate the “Should the Village of Fredonia build a bicycle/walking trail connecting the existing bike trail with Fredonia Avenue?” and “Should the Village purchase five to ten acres between Meadowbrook Drive and the developed lots on St. Rose Avenue and use the land for developing a new park which may be needed to replace Fireman’s Park when the Fire Department is enlarged?” and to combine the questions “Should the Village of Fredonia bury all utilities when reconstructing Fredonia Avenue?” and “Would you be willing to share in all costs to bury utilities knowing that the cost to the village might be upwards of \$600,000 and some costs would be for doing work on private property?” into one referendum question. Ehaney stated that meetings should then be held to discuss how the village would pay for the project and how this would affect tax bills. If money is borrowed to bury utilities it will also affect what the village can do in the future. The village president will discuss the wording of the referendum question with the village attorney. Final wording will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include

- WisLine sessions on Open Government and Parliamentary Procedure
- Letter from DNR regarding receipt of Clean Water Fund Program Intent to Apply
- Town of Saukville Resolution No. 2011-02 amending Town of Saukville Comprehensive Plan: 2035

Items for Future Consideration

Dohrwardt noted the board should discuss if any changes will be made to employee pension contributions for 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.