

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
March 15, 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, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Lisa Dohrwardt, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Gary Buntrock, Tom Sheppard, Mark Jaeger, and Clerk-Treasurer Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Fire Chief Brian Schommer.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Lapicola requested that “Consensus of the village board was to request the village attorney to attend any meeting requested to discuss the creation of an environmental tax incremental district” be added after the closed session. With this addition the minutes of the March 1, 2012 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the additional payment to the DNR in the amount of \$50 the general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

February Treasurer and Utility Reports

The February Treasurer and Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Special Gathering Beer License

A special gathering beer license for the Fredonia Firefighter and EMS Association for April 6, 2012 was approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lapicola noted that insurance coverage will begin April 1, 2012 for the Director of Public Works.

Lapicola reported that village policy has been to not approve training that is not required for operation of village facilities. There may have been one time when a test was taken erroneously but the test was not paid for by the village and the person did not receive an increase in pay for taking the test.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Schommer presented the 2011 annual report on the operations of the Fire and Ambulance. He noted that calls decreased from 2010. Schommer stated that the department currently has 38 active members which is the strongest roster in years. Lapicola questioned if agreements have been signed regarding training. Schommer stated it was discussed, but never approved by the board.

CONTRACT WITH PORT WASHINGTON FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES: After discussion the agreement with Port Washington for paramedic services was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, and carried. Schommer stated that the agreement mirrors our agreement with Thiensville. He stated that of the 196 calls in 2011, 36 were intercepts.

Schommer informed the board that the Fredonia Firefighter and EMS Association would like to donate and construct three flag poles at Fireman's Park. They would possibly work with the Garden Club on landscaping. They are not sure exactly where it would go. It would be one 25 foot pole and two 20 foot poles. In the future they would add plaques honoring charter members of the fire department and ambulance. Dohrwardt noted that the location should be chosen carefully so it would not need to be moved in the future. Lopicola suggested the Fire Department Modernization Committee review the proposed location.

Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Strohm noted that he started Monday. The village crew has been busy cleaning up the parks, street sweeping, and jetting sewers. The generator has been taken out and used at three sites. Strohm noted that Village ordinance requires sidewalk inspections before the second board meeting in May of every even numbered year. He questioned if any of the Public Works Committee wanted to accompany him during the inspection. Bertram stated that sidewalk inspections were skipped two years ago because of the economy. Strohm stated that he has noted a few bad areas. Bertram stated that perhaps we could consider extreme cases for repair or replacement. Dohrwardt suggested that the sidewalks be categorized. Sheppard noted that many of the banners are ripped and faded and should be replaced. Bertram suggested that the Parks Committee discuss replacement. Lopicola noted the Parks Committee should also discuss upcoming grant application possibilities. Lopicola questioned if an operation sheet has been created for the generator. Sheppard reported that Nelsen has been working on it. Strohm stated that they found items that needed to be added. Lopicola noted it is important to have a start up sheet for the generator.

Consensus of the village board was to have Strohm and Sheppard attend the Asphalt Maintenance seminar in Green Bay on March 20, 2012 with registration paid by the village and use of a village vehicle.

The need for cracksealing on village streets was discussed. Strohm agreed it was the least expensive way to keep the roads good.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock noted that some clarifier repairs were needed because of ice forming on the "scum arm". The clarifier cover had been removed so the weirs could be cleaned. Effluent testing was also performed this week. Electric use for the month will increase because of the increased flow into the plant causing the pumps to run longer. The environmental fee assessment was reviewed. This is based on effluent quality and has decreased from last year.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. It was noted that Congressman Sensenbrenner will hold office hours on April 5, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.

Work Leader – Wage Continuation Timeline

Lopicola requested that the temporary work leader receive the additional \$2.00 per hour for two weeks. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, to continue the additional \$2.00 per hour for Sheppard through March 24, 2012. Motion carried.

Finalize Survey Questions for April Newsletter

The proposed survey questions were reviewed.

- *Should the Village of Fredonia build a bicycle/walking trail connecting the parks trail which ends on Wheeler Avenue with a location on Fredonia Avenue either by the Regal Drive intersection or by the Highland Drive intersection? Grant monies would be used primarily for any land acquisition, engineering and construction costs?*

- *Should the Village of Fredonia attempt to purchase 5-10 acres of land between Meadowbrook Drive and the developed lots on Saint Rose Avenue for adding to Fireman's Park (maybe in 5-10 years) when a small addition is built on the fire department building and more parking is needed? The land is primarily shown in the flood plain on topographic maps and not suitable for building purposes currently. It would need to be purchased with grant monies, if and when they become available.*
- *Do you support a raise for committee meetings, board meetings, and the Village President?" The current pay for committee meetings is \$15 per meeting; for village board meetings is \$45 per meeting, and the village president gets paid \$3,000 per year. The committee meeting pay would rise to \$25 per meeting, the village board meeting pay would rise to \$55 per meeting, and the village president pay would rise to \$4,000 per year. Pay for meetings and the village president has not been increased since 2000 and would not take effect for one to two more years as no one receives an increase in pay during their current term in office.*

Ehaney questioned if responses could be made to the website. Lopicola noted that they will be able to respond by email, mail the survey, phone a response, or drop the survey off in the lobby of the village hall. These options will be added to the bottom of the survey questions. The survey questions as presented were approved for the April newsletter on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Architectural Control Board – March 7, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the March 7, 2012 Architectural Control Board meeting were reviewed. Dohrwardt reported that a new home was approved at 357 Deer Meadow Drive.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include

- Mid Moraine Municipal Association meeting – March 28, 2012.
- Countywide Library Service Memo – 1st quarter 2012.

Items for Future Consideration

Edbauer stated that he would like the village ordinance on burning reviewed to allow fire pits and small campfires in rear yards.

Dohrwardt stated that he has been approached by a business owner asking the village to amend our ordinance for times to sell beer to follow the state statutes. It was suggested that any changes to our ordinance reflect that we follow the state statutes. Dohrwardt noted that the village can be more restrictive than the state.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.