

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
April 19, 2012

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lopicola. Present: Chuck Lopicola, Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, Lisa Dohrwardt, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Trevor Krause, Rachel Krause, Megan Krause, Joshua Pudelko, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, Mark Jaeger, and Clerk-Treasurer Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Gary Buntrock, Fire Chief Brian Schommer, Fritz Buchholtz., and Paul Krause.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Schommer and Buntrock arrived)

Swear in Village Trustees

Jill Bertram, Don Dohrwardt, and Lisa Dohrwardt were sworn in for a two year term as village trustee.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the April 5, 2012 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, 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 Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

March Treasurer and Utility Reports

The March Treasurer and Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried. The budget comparison for the water and sewer utility was reviewed. Don Dohrwardt questioned why the pump maintenance was already at 62%. Buntrock noted that a pump repaired.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Committee Appointments

Committee appointments for 2012 were postponed to the next meeting on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lopicola noted that although the village board approved health insurance coverage to begin April 1, 2012 for the Director of Public Works, the insurance company would not begin coverage until June 1, 2012. Lopicola spoke with the insurance company and they said it would be discriminatory to allow an exception. Lopicola then contacted the village attorney who also spoke with a representative from the insurance company and although the insurance company could not state the law that would not allow the exception they still would not start coverage until June 1, 2012. At that time Lopicola asked the Director of Public Works to continue his previous insurance. Don Dohrwardt agreed that the intent of the village was to insure the Director of Public Works and his family starting April 1, 2012. Health insurance through the state is available January of 2013. A member of the Director of Public Works family had a doctor's visit during the time Strohm was without insurance. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to cover the cost of Strohm's health insurance policy for April and May and to re-imburse the cost of the medical care incurred during the gap in insurance coverage (to the extent the insurance company would have covered). Motion carried.

Lopicola noted that if a recreation grant is received it requires a 50% match by the village. Work done by force account can count as part of the 50% match. The resolution would cover for two grants – one for a bike trail and one for an ice skating rink. The village would need to pay the entire amount and then would be re-imbursed up to 50%.

The village has assigned money to a park fund which would cover the projects. Resolution No. 2012-A authorizing submittal of a grant application for outdoor recreation aids with the change in the third section from “budgeted” to “assigned” was approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and 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 Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Strohm noted that Grafton has brushes for the street sweeper that they will sell for half price. This purchase would be split with the Village of Adell. He also stated that Grafton is looking to replace their lift truck in a year or two. This truck has been used for decorating trees and putting up banners. Strohm reported that the storm sewer feeding the pond on South Milwaukee Street was televised and a connection was found feeding into the storm sewer from the north. A catch basin is located in the loading dock area of Guy and O’Neill and a pipe is feeding into the catch basin.

PURCHASE OF PICK UP TRUCK: Upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, a **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to purchase a pick up truck with plow at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 and to purchase brushes for the street sweeper from the Village of Grafton at half price. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OF UNIFORM CONTRACT: After discussion the uniform contract with G & K Services was extended for three years on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Ehaney, and carried. Don Dohrwardt commented that we do want to maintain uniformity. (Josh Pudelko arrived)

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock noted that flows were up for the month of March but the WWTP performed well. The final clarifier is back in service. The WWTP was built in a high ground water area. Leaving a tank empty can result in a tank “popping” out of the ground because of the high ground water. This is always a concern. Sludge hauling will start when fields are dry.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The next election is May 8, 2012.

Plan Commission – April 9, 2012 Meeting

The minutes from the April 9, 2012 Plan Commission meeting were reviewed.

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP DIVIDING UNDEVELOPED LAND IN VILLAGE GREEN SUBDIVISION INTO TWO LOTS: The bank that currently owns the property has requested a land division with Lot 1 to continue as farmland. Pudelko presented a revised CSM dated April 19, 2012 dividing the 128.32 acres into four lots. Lot 1 with 81.6 acres would be used for farming activity, Lot 2 and Lot 3 would be developed at some time in the future, and Outlot 1 would be dedicated to the village for park purposes. Road reservations are shown for Milwaukee Street to extend north to Willow Valley Road and for Deer Meadow Drive to continue to Lot 3. A small portion of land in Lot 1 is reserved for park. Pudelko noted that a small section of the Deer Meadow Drive road reservation will need to be included in Outlot 1 for access to the park area. Strohm noted that he has walked the site with Pudelko and a representative from M & I Bank. Some seeding needs to be completed along with silt fence removal and clean up of the drainage swales. (Buchholtz and Paul Krause arrived) Pudelko noted that an escrow reserve account will be set up at the bank to cover costs. The owner holds the escrow account. Pudelko will work with Strohm to create needed easements. Strohm stated that it looks like storm water management is working although he did not speak with Thistle. Everything west of Thistle’s property drains into the pond. Pudelko noted that three

areas will have rip rap added. Topals shown on the map are existing. Don Dohrwardt noted that when the Village Green Subdivision was being developed and houses built, the big trucks accessed the area from Willow Valley Road instead of North Milwaukee Street. An access easement will be added to the road reservation north of Milwaukee Street for Lot 2. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to approve the CSM contingent on creating Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 and Outlot 1 as described with the proposed dedication of Outlot 1 as park land and park reservation in Lot 1; road reservation to continue North Milwaukee Street north to Willow Valley Road along with an access easement on this road reservation for Lot 2, a small portion of Deer Meadow Drive road reservation being added to Outlot 1 for access to the park area, and Deer Meadow Drive road reservation. Motion carried.

REZONING OF LOT 1 IN VILLAGE GREEN SUBDIVISION: A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed zoning change for Lot 1 of the proposed CSM to Agriculture. Motion carried. Don Dohrwardt questioned if staff should be allowed to schedule public hearings as required by village ordinance without first going through a village board meeting.

REQUEST TO RAISE CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREA: Trevor Krause stated he was unable to attend the Plan Commission meeting because of a scheduled family vacation. He stated that he has done some research and found that four large cities, Milwaukee, Madison, Sheboygan, and Jefferson allow chickens. He stated that 42 big cities across the nation, including New York City, allow chickens. He would like to negotiate a way to give this a try. Paul Krause noted that Shorewood, Glendale, Fort Atkinson, Green Bay and Milwaukee allow chickens. Lapicola noted that Port Washington, Belgium, and Saukville do not allow. Paul Krause noted it would be easy to establish rules based on other community rules. Lapicola noted that some require inspections along with an annual permit. Ehaney commented that two large dogs will generate more waste than a few chickens. Lapicola noted that the Plan Commission recommended that the village NOT allow chickens or any other livestock in residential areas. He asked Trevor if he had looked at raising chickens outside the village limits, perhaps on a nearby farm. Don Dohrwardt stated that this is a young man wanting to do a project and learn something. Buchholtz agreed that we should be looking for a way to say yes, not reasons to say no. Paul Krause noted that he has not found one instance where chickens were allowed and then the ordinance was changed. Don Dohrwardt commented that he did not see the harm in allowing one young person to raise chickens. An annual permit would be required. Edbauer stated that there should be a limit on the number of chickens allowed. After more discussion a **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Buchholtz to schedule a public hearing to look at changing village ordinance to allow raising of chickens as a conditional use in residential areas. Motion carried with Lapicola opposed. Krause asked if while waiting for the ordinance to change if there was any option to raise the chickens. At this time, it is not allowed per village ordinance.

CHANGE TO TEMPORARY FENCE ORDINANCE: The Plan Commission recommended a change to the temporary fence ordinance to allow the Director of Public Works to approve an extension of time for temporary fences. Don Dohrwardt questioned if setback requirements would allow the temporary fence or if references to the setback requirements should be removed. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to schedule a public hearing for possible changes to the temporary fence ordinance. Motion carried.

Fire Department Modernization Committee – April 10, 2012 Meeting

The minutes from the Fire Department Modernization Committee were reviewed. Lapicola stated a location for the new flag poles was agreed upon. The location will be about 25 feet west of a line drawn along the west wall of the meeting room in the Fire Hall and 35 feet from face of curb. Purchase of an ambulance can wait until 2014 or 2015. The committee recommended that the tanker truck scheduled for replacement in 2013 be purchased in 2012. The current tanker truck will be 25 years old next year and has had the tank re-welded twice. Lapicola noted that they are concerned for the safety of the firemen using the tanker as the portable tanks are stored on top of the truck. The new truck will have holders on the side of the truck. A similar used truck in Dodge County is being offered for \$16,000. This would be an estimate of the re-sale value of

the current truck. Schommer stated that the Fire Department has created a committee to look at options for a new tanker truck. It will need to be designed to fit in the door. When a previous truck was purchased money was saved by paying for the chasis up front. He will see if this option is still available. The consensus of the village board was to purchase the tanker truck this year. Don Dohrwardt questioned if dormers could be added to the existing fire department building to allow larger doors. Lapidola added that he has checked on the use of impact fees and they can only be spent on real property – land and buildings. Impact fees cannot be spent on maintenance although money could be spent on an A & E firm to design a building addition. Don Dohrwardt noted that impact fees cannot be spent on existing deficiencies.

Personnel Committee – April 13, 2012 Meeting

Bertram reported that the committee met with employees to review how things are going.

Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on May 24, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include

- Northern Ozaukee School District Board of Education members.

Items for Future Consideration

Bertram questioned if sump pumps can discharge onto the street or into the neighbors yard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.