

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
May 17, 2012**

Present: Chuck Lopicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Kendall and Carla Thistle, Paul, Trevor, and Megan Krause, Joanne Redman, Jim Lohmiller, Chris Kunstmann, Brian Weyker, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Gary Buntrock, Mark Jaeger, and Clerk-Treasurer Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: Fire Chief Brian Schommer.

Public Hearing on Raising Chickens in Village

The public hearing on allowing chickens to be raised in the village in residential areas was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lopicola. Comments were received from Kendall Thistle, Carla Thistle, Joanne Redman, and Jim Lohmiller. Concerns were types of birds, how it will be monitored, if this opens door for other types of farm animals, smell, manure, if roosters are allowed, if farms in area could be used, why no other community in the county allows chickens, what happens if a neighbor's dog kills a chicken, and if chicken food attracts rodents. Also commenting was Paul Krause who asked if we have become so civilized that we can't allow four chickens. It is an attempt to raise food. The board has control and can always change the regulations if it doesn't work. Board members explained that only chickens would be allowed, not any other type of fowl or farm animal. Up to four chickens would be allowed, chicks up to six months. Roosters are not allowed except less than six months of age. Cleaning requirements, surface requirements, and size limits would be part of the regulations. An annual permit would be needed along with permission from adjacent property owners. It was noted that dogs are bigger, make more noise, and generate more waste. This public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Public Hearing on Allowing Temporary Fences for Longer than Forty-Five Days

The public hearing on the proposed change to the zoning code to allow temporary fences for more than 45 days was called to order at 7:22 p.m. Redman asked what the change would be. Board members explained the change would allow a temporary fence to be erected for more than 45 days to accommodate the growing season. The public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Public Hearing on Proposed Rezoning of Lot 1 of Village Green CSM dated March 12, 2012 and revised May 2, 2012

The public hearing on the proposed re-zoning of Lot 1 of CSM dividing the unplatted land of the Village Green Subdivision from multi-family, commercial, single family, and two family to Agricultural was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Kendall Thistle stated that he is opposed as the village adopted Resolution No. 2010-F which states before subsequent phases in the Village Green Subdivision are approved the outflow and swale of the detention pond will be corrected. Lopicola stated that this is not a phase in the development. Thistle distributed a letter from seven years ago written to Houseman and Feind expressing Thistle's concern over the stormwater issues. Lopicola noted that the Plan Commission discussed storm water issues. Strohm noted that the straw bales will be removed from the area but it appeared the detention pond was functioning. Thistle stated that the approved plan re-grades the ditch area on his north property line for about 300 feet to an elevation lower than his property elevation. Lopicola requested that he walk this area with Thistle. Bertram questioned why Thistle has not contacted the bank who owns the property. Dohrwardt noted that in winter the ice dams in the ditch area and water runs onto the property. The ditch area works when the ice is gone. The public hearing closed at 7:42 p.m.

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the May 3, 2012 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the addition of \$70 for attendance at the Classic Collection System Seminar the general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

April Treasurer and Utility Reports

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

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Thistle stated that he wanted to re-affirm everything he stated in the public hearing. Redman asked that the board consider all the comments received on the question of raising chickens in the village.

Committee Appointments

Committee appointments as presented were approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lapicola noted he has received an email from Brian MacGillis who lives in the village and sells insurance. He would like to quote on the village health insurance. SEEK is interested in holding a job fair in Fredonia and would be hiring for a local business. Lapicola stated that he would like to see the bus service brought back to Fredonia to stop at the Park and Ride for commuters and also bring workers for our industries. He would like to attend the next county meeting when the bus service is discussed. Workforce Development is still trying for three workers for the village.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

PURCHASE OF TANKER TRUCK: Schommer stated that the current tanker truck is a 1988 truck. A restriction on purchasing a truck is the ten foot door to the Fire Department. The Fire Department truck committee has met with representatives from Freightline, International, and Kenworth. After speaking with five different people that are not vendors, all five recommended staying away from the International. Options were discussed by the committee. The Freightline has a higher chassis and even with a low profile light bar the vehicle is 9' 8". The Kenworth with a regular light bar is 9' 5". The Freightline is a little less expensive but only has a three inch clearance for the door. The Reliant representative for Kenworth has provided a 68 page document with all specifications. This truck will have a bracket on each side to bring tanks to within two feet of the ground. The fill area is also waist high and has many other safety features. The price is \$223,447 if purchased before June 1. At that time the price increases \$3,540. This does include a prepay discount. Once ordered it takes about eight months for delivery. Warranty work will be at 5 Corners in Cedarburg. The price is not negotiable. The committee recommended that a Pierce tanker truck be purchased from Reliant. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to purchase the tanker truck from Reliant at a cost of \$223,447. Motion carried. Thanks were given to the fire department for their volunteerism and hard work.

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.

SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS: The Director of Public Works presented a list of sidewalk concerns. He summarized the list as eight locations with gaps in the sidewalk network, eleven locations where the curb ramp is missing or is below the flow line, eight locations where trees or shrubs need to be trimmed, and 32 locations with sidewalk that doesn't meet village ordinance. Strohm stated that five or six are serious with 2" to 3" deviation. After discussion the consensus of the village board was because of the economy to require serious safety issues to be repaired. Because sidewalk on Fredonia Avenue will be replaced with the Fredonia Avenue project these sidewalk sections should not be replaced now. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting to approve the sidewalk replacement.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: The Storm Water Management Agreement for the Village Green development was reviewed. Strohm stated that as far as engineering it is a good agreement. He cannot review the legality of it. He has recommended removal of the last paragraph (#10) on page 4. Lapicola questioned if it addresses the Thistle storm water issue. Strohm stated the agreement requires the owners to maintain all storm water management and maintenance in perpetuity. The changes recommended by the Director of Public Works will need to be incorporated into the document and presented again to the village board.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock stated that the existing bio-tower pump is repairable although he will continue to look at other options.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Wagner noted that the accounting software used by the village is not *Access* based but uses a Clarion database. This information has been provided to the auditors.

Insurance Renewal

Insurance proposals were reviewed. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to accept the proposal presented by A.N. Ansay from EMC for coverage beginning June 1, 2012 at a cost of \$52,500 less an estimated dividend of \$2,966. Motion carried.

The Accident policy for part-time police officers was renewed at a cost of \$1,600 on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Discussion – Raising of Chickens

Dohrwardt will continue constructing regulations for the raising of chickens in the village. Additional comments can be sent to Dohrwardt. Another public hearing will be scheduled when the proposed regulations are complete.

Ordinance No. 2012-03 Changing Village Ordinance to Allow Temporary Fences for Additional Days

Ordinance No. 2012-03 amending Section 13-1-163(f) of village ordinance to allow a temporary fence to be erected for more than forty-five days if requested in writing and approved by the Director of Public Works was adopted on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Ordinance No. 2012-04 Rezoning Lot 1 (81.626 acres) to A-1 (Agricultural)

After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram to table Ordinance No. 2012-04 until the recommendations of the Director of Public Works are incorporated into the agreement. Motion carried.

Utilities Committee – May 15, 2012 Meeting

Edbauer reported on the May 15, 2012 Utilities Committee.

CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE: New cross connection requirements will require each residential unit to be inspected every ten years and every commercial connection every two years for possible cross connections. Residential inspections can be made when water meters are replaced. Valves also need to be exercised on a regular basis. Dohrwardt stated that curb stops should also be exercised on large laterals. Backflow preventers are required on large lines. Meters are being replaced with electronic read meters. In the future wireless meters may be added.

DESIGN OF WATER MAIN ON FREDONIA AVENUE: Water main replacement on Fredonia Avenue would start at Highland and end at Edmaro Street. The water main pipe will be increased to 12 inches. Dohrwardt noted that the connection to the Day Care Center could be considered a lateral. This ductile iron pipe was installed in 1973. After that plastic pipe was installed.

REPAIR / REPLACEMENT OF FREDONIA AVENUE SEWER MAIN WEST OF FILLMORE STREET:

Repair of Fredonia Avenue sewer main west of Fillmore Street was discussed. If possible these 1200 feet of main could be lined with cured in place pipe.

UPGRADE TO SCADA SYSTEM: A proposal from Energences for updating the SCADA system was reviewed. This would replace everything that is obsolete at the central location and upgrade remote sites. This would bring PLC's into the central location. The second phase would remove the AutoCon system and switch to a PLC system. The well houses are up to date, the tower and lift stations are not. The estimated cost is \$80,000. The proposal is not as in depth as the McMahon proposal. The products being proposed are quality products.

BIO-TOWER PUMP REPLACEMENT: The pump for the bio-tower is no longer made in the same size. Other changes would need to be made. The existing pump will be repaired. Other systems will be explored.

Other items discussed at the Utility Committee meeting include manhole repairs, the Martin Drive repaving project, and a review of the water and sewer rates.

Board of Review

The Board of Review is scheduled for May 24, 2012. Lisa Dohrwardt and Scott Ehaney will not be able to attend. Bertram stated that she should be back from Madison. It was determined that a quorum will be available.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include

- Plan sponsor fee disclosure from Lincoln Financial Group.
- Mid-Moraine Municipal dinner meeting – May 23, 2012.

Items for Future Consideration

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jo Ann Wagner
Clerk-Treasurer