

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
September 6, 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, Lisa Dohrwardt, Mark Edbauer, Sr., and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Pat MacGillis, Brian MacGillis, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, Gary Buntrock, and Jo Ann Wagner. Arriving later: John Donald and Bob Lallensack.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (John Donald arrived)

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the August 16, 2012 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

The General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

Operator License

An operators license for Jean Franzen was approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded Ehaney, and carried with Buchholtz abstaining.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None

Drainage Issue – 169 Fillmore Street

John Donald, 169 Fillmore Street, stated that he continues to have a storm water problem. It started when the village allowed Peter Watry to build a house behind the houses on Fillmore Street. The driveway is raised and instead of the water draining south it enters his basement. A culvert has been installed under the driveway and swales have been added. Donald ran drain tile from a catch basin by his garage doors to a catch basin by the culvert. The last major rain storm he again had mud in his garage. (Lallensack arrived) Strohm noted the area is private property. Lapicola stated an easement would be needed and approval of the village board to complete any project. Strohm noted the driveway could be lowered and a larger culvert added. The culvert could be changed to a better position. Donald stated that he has had the problem for 15 years and needs a solution. Buchholtz questioned if a private contractor has reviewed and offered suggestions. Donald stated that the driveway is not on his property. The water comes too fast to drain away in the tile. Strohm explained the water runs by the culvert on the slope. The drainage will need to work more with the lay of the land. The water needs to cross the driveway. After further discussion the Director of Public Works was asked to gather additional information, put together some cost estimates, and bring the information back to the village board.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

The possibility of having roll call votes on all motions was discussed. Buchholtz commented that the public deserves to know how everyone votes. A **MOTION** was made by Ehaney, seconded by Buchholtz, to have roll call votes as requested. Motion carried. (John Donald left)

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.

VILLAGE GREEN SIDEWALKS: Strohm stated that he has received authority from the board to solicit bids for sidewalk installation in the Village Green subdivision. On the lots that have been sold by the bank, the purchaser was told sidewalk installation was their responsibility. Strohm stated the village can install the sidewalks as planned but the bank would probably not receive a refund from the property owner. The alternative is to special assess the lots not owned by the bank. If all of the letter of credit is not spent, the money will need to be returned, although it is not clear if the money would be returned to the bank or to the property owners. Strohm stated that he is looking for direction from the board. Currently the village has a good working relationship with the representative from the bank. To special assess the lots will create some problems for the village. The original developer's agreement required sidewalks. This was covered by the letter of credit. Strohm stated the village could install all the sidewalks with the cost coming from the letter of credit. The issue of any refund would be between the bank and the property owner. After further discussion a **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to have the Director of Public Works bid out the sidewalk installation in the Village Green Subdivision with special assessments for sidewalk added to the properties not owned by M & I. All money would remain in the letter of credit. Motion carried with Bertram, Lisa Dohrwardt, Don Dohrwardt, Ehaney, Edbauer, and Lapicola voting aye, and Buchholtz voting nay. The sections of sidewalk not repaired from Resolution No. 2012-B will also be included in the bid. (Davel left)

EMERALD ASH BORER: Strohm reported that the Tree Board members will assess the ash trees in the village. The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in the Town of Fredonia just south of Waubedonia Park. The cost to treat each tree is about \$100 by a private contractor or about \$30 each tree with municipal employees. Removal of a tree is about \$1,000. The village has 72 ash trees in the street right of way and park proper. More ash trees are located in ravines and wooded areas in the village. The county does not plan to treat trees located in Waubedonia Park. Trees would need an annual or semi-annual treatment for seven to eight years. When the food supply dwindles for the Emerald Ash Borer, it moves out of the area. The salesmen say the treatment is 90% effective, although it does not bring back the part of the tree that has already died. Strohm stated that some communities are choosing to treat some trees so that not all trees die at once. Strohm is meeting with the DNR on Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Marie Kraus Park. Lapicola stated the Tree Board will assess each village owned ash tree and create a comprehensive plan including costs to present to the village board. Ash trees are about 12% of the trees in the street right of way.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock stated he is investigating the electrical use at the WWTP and has spoken to a WE Energies representative. Franklin Energy provides energy conservation for WE Energies and will help review energy use at the WWTP. The plant received some high strength waste in August. Manholes are being sampled in the industrial park. Buntrock, Strohm, and Nelsen met with a county representative on phosphorous alternatives – exchanging credits with a farmer. Buntrock noted the summer help were extremely organized and dedicated workers.

DNR REPLY ON CMAR: The response to the 2011 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report from the DNR commented on the village increasing its contributions to the Replacement Fund and having more staff on hand to perform sewer cleaning activities. Some recent purchases using Replacement Fund money has decreased the balance in the Replacement Fund. The 2013 budget will show an increased contribution to the Replacement Fund. Employee safety is a big issue and in the future sewer jetting will be done with two people.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer and Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

CSM for Land Division for Divine Savior (previously St. Rose Church) – 311/315 Fredonia Avenue

The CSM submitted by Divine Savior creating two lots at 311 and 315 Fredonia Avenue was approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Health Insurance Proposals

Pat MacGillis presented health insurance options comparable to the current policy for village employees. This includes a \$1,500 deductible. Office visits are \$30 or \$35 for regular doctor or \$60 or \$70 for a specialist. MacGillis recommended the Anthem Blue Cross or United Healthcare as two good options to the Trilogy plan. Applications will need to be completed by employees eligible for coverage to receive rates after underwriting. When turning age 65 an employee needs to present their Medicare Part A and Part B card to the insurance company for reduced rates. Medicare is primary when an employer has less than 19 employees. Also discussed was the possibility of having a different waiting period for the start of insurance for hourly and salaried employees. After further discussion the consensus of the board was to continue with employee health insurance applications to receive underwritten rates from Anthem Blue Cross and United Healthcare.

Public Safety Meeting – August 9, 2012

Minutes from the August 9, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting were reviewed. Richard Gerou from Tyco Integrated Security presented information to the committee on security systems. A key pad system allowing access to a building would cost an estimated \$2,000 per door. Access can be activated or de-activated at will. Annual cost would be \$300 to \$400. Installation would be \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the Fredonia Government Center. Gerou stated that grants are available. Insurance rates usually drop about 8% when security systems are installed. Buchholtz stated the biggest concern is a fire in the building. He spoke with Dave Gorton from the Town about a fire alarm system. A quality camera in the park would cost about \$500 if wired by the village. Dohrwardt suggested that a line item be created in the 2013 budget for the security system. After further discussion the consensus of the board was to have a presentation made to the full board on the security system.

Public Works and Tree Board Meeting – August 21, 2012

The minutes of the joint Public Works Committee and Tree Board meeting were reviewed. Lapicola noted that the Emerald Ash Borer reaction plan was discussed earlier this meeting. A drainage problem on South Wilson Street south of Heather Lane was discussed. A suggestion had been made to vacate the street but it also serves as access to another property.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- A. Thank you from Ayres Associates and *Trends Magazine*.
- B. Letter from State of Wisconsin on Managed Forest property.
- C. Health insurance renewal proposal from Trilogy.
- D. Dental insurance renewal proposal from Humana.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Buchholtz noted that a house number should be added to the Fredonia Government Center.

Budgets should be submitted. The Finance Committee should plan to meet the end of the month.

Lapicola noted that he will be out of town September 11 through the 18th and requested that Personnel and Finance not meet in his absence. He will be back for the next board meeting.

Dohrwardt stated that he will be asking the county to allow municipalities to rent equipment needed for the GIS system. Digital copies of all information will be required in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.