

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**November 15, 2012**

The public hearing on the proposed 2013 general fund, capital, debt service, fire, water, and sewer budgets was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Lisa Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney, and Mark Edbauer, Sr. Also present: Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm, Mark Jaeger, and Jo Ann Wagner.

The levy was increased by net new construction. The assessed value of the village decreased \$1,834,723. The mill rate will increase about five cents per thousand of assessed value. To reduce the mill rate to last year's rate will require a reduction of \$10,600. Discussion followed. No changes were proposed.

### **Close of Public Hearing and Call to Order of Regular Village Board Meeting**

The public hearing was closed and the regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the November 1, 2012 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### **Approve Payment of Bills**

The general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

### **October Treasurer's and Utilities Report**

The October treasurer's and utilities reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

### **Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

PROPOSAL FOR VILLAGE GREEN STORM WATER PROJECT: Strohm stated there is nothing new. He has notified the developer that we need better numbers. Don Dohrwardt commented that the village does not want to spend more than the amount designated for storm water in the letter of credit.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-I APPROVING SALE OF OUTLOT 1 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK: After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Ehaney, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve Resolution No. 2012-I authorizing the sale of Outlot 1 of CSM No. 3141 to Donald and Lisa Dohrwardt for a total price of \$887.68. Motion carried with Donald Dohrwardt and Lisa Dohrwardt abstaining.

### **Report from Village President on Operations of Village**

Lapicola requested that all department heads submit a year end report. This policy was adopted on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried. Lapicola commented that department heads can submit a proposal for which twelve month period they will report.

### **Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village**

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Schommer stated that four new tires were put on the 1995 engine. He questioned the minimum dollar amount the village would

take for the old tanker. Currently the minimum asking price is \$18,000. Bids are due by December 1, 2012. Lapolica stated the village does not want to give away the truck. He suggested it could be converted to haul sludge. After discussion the consensus of the board was to sell the truck. The minimum would be \$15,000. If no bids are received by December 1, 2012 it will be bid again with the new minimum amount.

Lapolica stated that the village should adopt an ordinance authorizing volunteers to raise funds for the Fredonia Fire and Ambulance Department with the Fire and Ambulance Department to have control of these funds. Schommer noted that funds are raised by a separate association, not by Fire Department members. He questioned why the association would come to the board with expenditures. Buchholtz agreed that it is not village money. Lapolica stated that *the Municipality* had an article stating municipalities needed an ordinance authorizing volunteer funds. Schommer stated that the association had legal advice to set up the association. Edbauer commented it is a private association of like minded individuals. Lapolica noted the purpose of the ordinance would be to allow the fund raising efforts of the organization and the ability to keep the funds separate. The village attorney will be consulted to see if an ordinance is needed.

Edbauer requested a fire truck for delivery of Santa at the tree lighting on November 25, 2012. Also if the fire department string of lights could be used along with the thermal coolers.

### **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 reported he has met with a developer looking to build an assisted living facility in the village. He is also the owner of the Oak Park ball diamond and would like the village to purchase the ball diamond. Discussion followed on the need for baseball diamonds, village improvements already located on the property, lack of grants available, and where the money would come from to purchase the property. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, to authorize the village president to secure the service of a commercial appraiser to appraise the Oak Park ball diamond property only (not the improvements) and to investigate funding sources. Motion carried.

Strohm questioned if the village will borrow funds for the Fredonia Avenue water main construction. No decisions have been made. The consensus of the board was to have Strohm file the Intent to Apply.

### **Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager**

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed.

### **Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

### **Resolution No. 2012-J Adopting 2013 Budgets**

A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to approve Resolution No. 2012-J adopting the 2013 budgets as presented. Motion carried.

### **Plan Commission – November 12, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes from the Plan Commission were reviewed. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the land division in the Town of Fredonia. A suggestion at the meeting by the land owner was the corner of Fredonia Kohler Road and Hwy. I would be a perfect spot for some type of a municipal building.

### **Economic Development Committee – November 8, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes from the November 8, 2012 Economic Development Committee were reviewed. Lisa Dohrwardt reported that the committee would like to host a preliminary meeting for creation of a Fredonia Chamber of Commerce. She will send a letter to businesses in the village to see if there is any interest.

### **Contract for Holiday Lighting**

Strohm stated the holiday lights will be lit from the Monday after Thanksgiving until January 3, 2013. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, to approve the contract with WE Energies for holiday lighting. Motion carried.

### **Frequency of Board and Committee Member Payments**

After discussion of annual, bi-annual, or quarterly payments a **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried to change the frequency of payment for board and committee members from once per year to twice per year. Motion carried. Discussion followed if the fire department members should also be changed from annual to bi-annual. Schommer stated an hourly amount would need to be established. No changes were made to pay for fire and ambulance volunteers.

### **Correspondence**

A brochure was received from Wisconsin Rural Water Association on the Water Efficiency and Conservation seminar.

### **Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board**

Edbauer stated the board should consider increasing wages for board and committee members. This was a referendum question in April and received an overwhelming yes. Lapicola stated the referendum was not binding.

Lisa and Don Dohrwardt noted that they will not be at the next meeting.

Bertram stated there are canvass pictures that can be used for absorbing sound and suggested that old pictures from the town and village be printed on canvass and added to the meeting room walls. This will be referred to the FGCC.

Installation of the roof on the sign in front of the FGC was discussed. A village resident has offered to install if the materials are purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.