

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
December 6, 2012

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lpicola. Present: Chuck Lpicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Mark Edbauer, and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Joe Schneider, Brian Schommer, Mark Jaeger, Gary Buntrock, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, and Jo Ann Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the November 15, 2012 village board meeting were approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, 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 Bertram, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None

Outside Storage Regulations at Port Grandview Condo Storage Units

This was requested by Mary Bohn, a neighbor to the storage units. Since Bohn was not present the agenda item was postponed until later in the meeting if Bohn arrives, or until the next meeting if she does not, on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Edbauer and carried.

Submit Application to Department of Employee Trust Funds for Group Health Insurance

The employee health insurance applications are completed and ready to be mailed to the state. The consensus of the board was to submit the applications and request an effective date of July 1, 2013, an employer contribution of 88%, and eligibility the first of the month following 60 days of employment.

Pension Plan Changes

Per the email from the third party administrator of the current pension plan, they do not administer any type of matching contribution plan that is available to municipalities. Discussion on the pension plan changes was tabled until the next meeting on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lpicola stated he contacted six appraisal firms and no one responded or was able to complete an appraisal on the property surrounding Oak Park. He then contacted our assessor who provided an appraised value of the land. The estimate is \$30,000 if there is not a buildable area, and \$45,000 if a building site is available. After he received this information from our assessor, an appraiser called him back with a proposal of \$300 to provide the appraisal. The consensus of the village board was to have the village president and Director of Public works discuss the purchase of the property with the property owner.

Lpicola noted he received a call from Dan Scardino regarding the dedication of improvements in Village Green.

The email from the village attorney regarding funds raised by volunteer fire fighters was reviewed. It noted that Wisconsin State Statute 66.0608 does not refer to an association and the village does not need an ordinance authorizing the association to do what they are currently doing.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Schommer noted that at times the Port Washington Ambulance providing intercept service will be at a site along with the Northern Ozaukee Ambulance.

SALE OF FIRE TRUCK: Schommer stated he has received a bid of \$22,001 from the New London Fire Department for the tanker truck. This bid was accepted on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried. Full payment will be required at time of pick up.

Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel reported the grant has been received for the equipment purchased. He also purchased equipment for the TRACCS system. Training is mandatory and will require two officers to attend training in Madison in April. The printer is mounted in the car. Citations are printed and sent to the court and state at the same time.

Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Strohm stated the water heater in the Fire Department meeting room has sprung a leak. It will be replaced tomorrow. The wing on the plow for the loader is not lifting. It appears a pin is bent. To replace it is almost as costly as purchasing a new plow. A new plow is approximately \$25,000. Lapicola questioned if a local machine shop could repair. Strohm stated they have been checking with the supplier. The wing is 15 years old and has been welded and re-welded. Options will be explored. Strohm also spoke with Dan Scardino. They are looking at other excavators to complete the storm water work in the Village Green Subdivision. Edbauer noted that Industrial Restoration has a basket lift truck to sell.

CERTIFICATION EXAMS: Sheppard has passed one and Strohm has passed three DNR certification exams. In keeping with village policy a 15 cent per hour wage increase was granted for each exam passed on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager was reviewed. Buntrock reported that repairs were made at Badger Paperboard to correct a reverse pitch in the middle of the flow line. He has also met with a representative from Franklin Energy. They reported the variable frequency drives are working as designed. Buntrock is now turning off some blowers to reduce electric use, but aeration is needed for operation of the plant.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer and Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Wagner noted that the village board authorized a 6% sewer rate increase effective June 29, 2012. When the volume increase was entered into the computer it was rounded to three decimal places. The third quarter bills were issued at this rate. The rate was only rounded to two decimal places in the notice of the rate increase. This resulted in overcharges of about \$45; an average of five cents per account. This can be calculated and credited to each account. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram, that because the cost of refunding an average of five cents to each account would be greater than the amount being refunded, no refunds would be made unless a complaint is filed in person, then a cash refund may be made. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-K Accepting Development Improvements in Village Green Subdivision Phase One and Re-Plat of Village Green Addition One

After verification from the Director of Public Works that the improvements as required for the Village Green Subdivision Phase One and the Re-Plat of Village Green Addition One are complete, Resolution No. 2012-K accepting the development improvements was adopted on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Architectural Control Board – November 7, 2012

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board meeting were reviewed.

Fredonia Government Center Commission – November 13, 2012

The minutes from the Fredonia Government Center Commission meeting were reviewed. Lapicola reported that the Commission approved the village providing the snow plowing and grounds care for 2013. They will also check on the possibility of connecting the fire alarms to a dialing system.

Utilities Committee – November 15, 2012 Meeting

Ehaney reported the Utilities Committee met to hear the presentation from Badger Meter on options available for meters and meter reading equipment.

Parks Committee Meeting – November 15, 2012

Edbauer reported the Parks Committee met to finalize the preparations for tree lighting. Edbauer stated the tree lighting was well attended although additional electrical outlets are needed. He suggested that all board members participate next year in the tree lighting event. It is always held the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Compensation for 2013

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING PAY: Edbauer stated that results of the advisory referendum recommended increasing village board and committee meeting pay. Board and committee meeting pay have not been increased since 2001. The increase would not take effect until officials are re-elected and committees are appointed the third Tuesday in April. A **MOTION** was made by Edbauer, seconded by Buchholtz, to increase the village board meeting pay from \$45 to \$55 and to increase the committee meeting pay from \$15 to \$25. This increase would apply to committee members appointed and officials elected in April 2013 on April 16, 2013. The increase would apply to officials elected in April of 2014 on the third Tuesday in April 2014. Motion carried. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, to increase the village president salary by \$500. A vote was taken with Buchholtz and Edbauer voting aye, and Ehaney and Bertram voting nay. Lapicola then voted nay resulting in no increase to the annual salary for the village president.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Compensation for village employees for 2013 was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Agreement with Ozaukee County for Meal Site

The 2013 agreement with Ozaukee County for use of the Fredonia Fire Department meeting room for a meal site at a cost of \$3 per day was approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

December Meeting Schedule

No changes were made to the December meeting schedule.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission 2011 Annual Report.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.