

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
January 17, 2013

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 and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Chris Kunstmann, Brian Schommer, Tom Sheppard, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Gary Buntrock.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the January 3, 2013 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 an invoice from Fredonia Automotive in the amount of \$105.00, and the additional list presented, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.

December Utility Reports

The December Utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Approve Special Gathering Beer License

The list of special gathering beer licenses for Rosemary Home and School Association were approved on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None.

Unfinished Business – Port Grandview Outside Storage

Roger Strohm and Mike Davel toured the Port Grandview Storage facilities as the outside storage has been getting cleaned up. The earthmover is still there, but the owner is waiting for warmer weather to be able to remove it. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Unfinished Business – Resolution adopting pension plan changes for 2013

A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt to adopt the Resolution amending pension plan changes for 2013. The motion was seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lapicola stated that last year, the Village gave Joe Flad \$50.00 as a thank you for being Santa at the tree lighting ceremony. He asked if the village board is willing to do the same this year. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz to send \$50.00 to Joe Flad as a thank you for being Santa at the November 25, 2012 tree lighting. The motion was seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Lapicola spoke about the recent fire at one of the storage condo units, and if the storage of gasoline or other combustible materials may have caused the fire. Schommer stated the cause of the fire is being investigated, however; it did not appear that if there was any gasoline stored inside the building, it would not have been more than what an ordinary garage would store. Kunstmann noted that businesses in the Village are fire inspected twice per year, as required by State law.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The report from the fire chief was reviewed. The 2012 LOSA Contribution Proposal for the Fredonia Fire Department and Northern Ozaukee Ambulance was reviewed. A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer approving the 2012 Contribution Proposal State Match Option totaling \$11,754.00 as presented with the remaining LOSA funds of \$246.00 put into LOSA reserve, and carried. Kunstmann noted that 36 members are eligible, with 13 members having 11 years vested and 1 member having 10 years vested.

Schommer stated there is \$25,000 in the capital vehicle equipment budget for a command vehicle. He asked if the fire department could locate a good vehicle, would he be able to present an offer to the village board for approval. After discussion, the consensus of the board was to allow the fire department to find a command vehicle and supply the board with information for approval to purchase.

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 stated that he has been in contact with Scott Bence concerning the Cobblestone Village issues. Strohm also spoke about the water main break that occurred on January 10, 2013.

Report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. Buntrock gave an update of the fine screen repair. Davel left.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram approving the Village Hall loan payoff in the amount of \$97,044.15 on January 18, 2013. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt adopting Resolution 2013-A, to allow three election inspectors at the February 19, 2013 Primary Election. Motion carried.

Architectural Control Board – January 2, 2013 meeting

Don Dohrwardt reported two new homes in the Village Green subdivision have been approved after receiving needed survey information.

Utilities Committee – January 17, 2013 meeting

Ehanev stated the utilities committee has been investigating water meter reading equipment and recommends the Badger Galaxy system. The starter kit contains 50 meters, software and the FCC license for \$9,800.00. There are additional costs which include a handheld meter reader, transmitting tower and installation. The total is not to exceed \$30,000 for 2013. This amount is not in the budget, but is necessary as the existing equipment is becoming problematic. For 2014 budget, 400 meters would need to be purchased at \$110.00 each. There was discussion about what to do with the existing Orion meters and equipment. Also, tower location was discussed at the Fredonia Government Center, however; approval from the Fredonia Government Center Commission would be needed first along with approval from the Village Plan Commission. A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz to approve purchasing the Badger Galaxy starter kit, with tower located at Fredonia Government Center grounds or building, a handheld, and an annual maintenance agreement for \$1,000 per year – not to exceed \$30,000. There was discussion about options. The utilities committee has researched and feels the Badger Galaxy system would best suit the needs of the Village. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Don Dohrwardt to approve a 3% water and sewer rate increase effective at the beginning of the third quarter 2013 billing cycle. Motion carried with Bertram opposed.

Personnel Committee – January 10, 2013

Bertram stated the personnel committee met on January 10, 2013. The topics included building inspector compensation, employee compensation package, 2013 wages and a specific personnel issue – all of which were in closed session.

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Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employee compensation package, 2013 wages, building inspector compensation, and a specific personnel issue on a **MOTION** by Edbauer, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote. (Jaeger, Kunstmann and Schommer left).

Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session

Closed session adjourned and the meeting reconvened into open session on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discussion/decision: Employee compensation package

A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer to approve health insurance discontinuance and Medicare reimbursement agreement between the Village of Fredonia and Gary Buntrock and his spouse as discussed in closed session. Reimbursement will not begin until

February 1, 2013 as Buntrock's health insurance premium for January 2013 has already been paid by the Village. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer to approve two weeks paid vacation for the Director of Public Works as discussed in closed session starting in 2013 up until he starts accumulating more vacation days. Motion carried.

2013 Wages

A **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Lapicola to approve a 1.7% wage increase for all employees retroactive to January 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Employee Issue

A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Edbauer instructing the Director of Public Works to draft a letter concerning issues as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The letter from Baker Tilly regarding peer review results was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Don Dohrwardt stated the Village is on Ozaukee County's official 10-year highway plan for Fredonia Avenue engineering in 2013 and construction in 2014. Lapicola said that Roger Strohm should contact Bob Dreblow to advise the survey is done right of way to right of way.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Edbauer, and carried.