

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
November 7, 2013

Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Donald Dohrwardt, and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Mark Jaeger, Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm, and Jo Ann Wagner.

The public hearing on the proposed 2014 General fund, Capital, Debt Service, Fire Department, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility budgets was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Lapicola. No comments were received.

Adjourn Public Hearing and Call to Order Regular Village Board Meeting

Receiving no comments the public hearing was closed and the regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the October 17, 2013 village board meeting, and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills including the additional list were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None

Resolution No. 2013-E Adopting 2014 Budgets

Resolution No. 2013-E adopting the 2014 General Fund, Capital, Debt Service, Fire Department, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility budgets was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

PROCEDURE TO FILL TRUSTEE POSITION: Lapicola enumerated several options regarding the vacant trustee position. He noted the position could be eliminated, it could be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term, or it could be filled by election in April for the remainder of the term. Lapicola recommended the position be filled by election. Ehaney felt it would be confusing to have two year terms and a one year term for village trustee on the same ballot. He suggested applications be solicited and the position be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term. Discussion on soliciting applications for the trustee position followed. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to solicit for applications for the vacant trustee position. Bertram expressed an interest in filling the vacant trustee position to expire April 2015. Her current term expires April 2014. With board approval Dohrwardt withdrew his motion. Discussion followed on the procedure which would require Bertram to resign from the village board before she could be appointed to the vacant trustee position. A **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Bertram, to fill the remainder of the vacant trustee position created by the resignation of Mark Edbauer by appointment. Motion carried. Buchholtz noted that a resolution of appreciation for Mark Edbauer should be added to the next village board agenda.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

Chief Schommer stated the Open House on October 13 was successful. Hose testing has been completed with three 50' lengths of hose not passing. The pressure relief valve has been replaced on the ladder truck. One new firefighter was recruited in October.

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. Dohrwardt questioned the 18% water loss for the third quarter. Strohm stated he is monitoring the situation and is

waiting to see what the last quarter brings. The loss is the difference between the water pumped and the water billed.

NEXTEL LEASE TERMINATION AGREEMENT: Strohm reported the attorneys have agreed on the termination agreement although the Nextel corporate office needs to approve it.

HEATHER LANE STORM SEWER PROJECT: Strohm stated the storm sewer project on Heather Lane at South Wilson Street was included in the 2013 budget. Four bids were received with GO Contractors low bid at \$28,900. The completion date for the project is November 30, 2013. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to award the storm sewer contract to GO Contractors in the amount of \$28,900 with completion by November 30, 2013. Motion carried.

APPROVE WORK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO PATCH POTHOLES: Strohm stated that a few property owners have approached him requesting the village to patch potholes in their driveway and parking lot. Lapicola noted that a release form would need to be signed by the property owner releasing the village from any liability and noting the work is not warranted. A temporary construction easement should also be obtained. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to approve minor work projects by the village crew on private property that serves the public such as patching potholes in driveways and parking lots. Motion carried.

ADDITION OF FILL AT LOT WEST OF POST OFFICE: Strohm reported that excavation has started on the CBRF at the intersection of Martin and N. Milwaukee Street. He has calculated that 1600 cubic yards of fill will be needed at the lot west of the post office. If fill is available from the CBRF construction, Strohm stated that he would like approval to accept the fill in the lot west of the post office. Lapicola noted that legal street equipment would need to be used for moving the fill and the village would need to be indemnified. Strohm stated he would need a dozer to push the soil and prepare the site. Lapicola stated silt fence will need to be installed. A **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the Director of Public Works to do what is necessary to fill and compact the soil at the lot west of the post office. Motion carried. Lapicola noted the cost of a culvert for the lot will be about \$900.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

No report.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

POST OFFICE SITE FOR POSTING NOTICES: Official notices need to be posted in three places. Currently Associated Bank is one of the posting places for the village. The Fredonia office of Associated Bank will be closing in January. The Fredonia Post Office has agreed to be a posting site for official village notes. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the Fredonia Post Office as a posting site effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Employee Contribution Towards Health Insurance

Various options to require employee contributions towards health insurance were discussed. Coverage provided through the state health insurance plan requires a 12% contribution by the employee. Wage increases will mitigate to a certain extent the impact on the contribution requirement. Discussion followed on employee input and which committee should review – Personnel, Finance, or Committee of the Whole. Buchholtz commented that when hiring, we say the village provides a great benefit plan. Discussion followed on wage increases, contributions towards health insurance, and cost of health insurance. A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Lapicola, to send this to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- Notice of public hearing on amendment to “Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035”.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

- Employee compensation for 2014.
- Information to citizens on timeline for delivery of trash and recycling carts and date of first pickup using carts.

Dohrwardt commented that the county board finalized its levy with a 3.81% increase.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.