

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**January 2, 2014**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Lapicola. Present: Chuck Lapicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Donald Dohrwardt, Lisa Dohrwardt, and Scott Ehaney. Also present: John Long, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Brain Schommer, Roger Strohm, and Jo Ann Wagner.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the December 19, 2013 village board meeting, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, and the operator license for Gloria Finnegan were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

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

No comments received.

### **Village Trustee Appointment**

Three applications were received for the vacant village trustee position. Long stated he has been involved for many years on village committees. He stated he does his homework before a meeting and will offer valuable input. He has also been a firefighter and worked for a municipality. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to concur with the village president on the appointment of John Long to fill the vacant village trustee position. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Swear in Village Trustee**

John Long was sworn in as village trustee. Lapicola noted that Long will serve in the committee positions vacated by Mark Edbauer.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 AMENDING EROSION CONTROL ORDINANCE:**  
Ordinance No. 2014-01 amending the Village of Fredonia erosion control ordinance was adopted on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

**USE OF VOLUNTEERS:** The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Frequently Asked Question on use of volunteers was discussed. Lapicola stated a stipend for lunch and gas would be provided. Lapicola noted he will write an agreement to be signed between the volunteer and the village. Ehaney questioned if the insurance company has been contacted regarding liability with the use of volunteers. Lapicola stated this will be the next step. Buchholtz questioned if background checks will be performed. Lapicola stated they will be run by the village marshal. Strohm stated there will be “bugs” to be worked out but it is good to get free labor. He noted that some of the employees are leery about the program. He wants committed volunteers and would schedule times for them to work. Don Dohrwardt questioned if they would be covered by workers comp.

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

Schommer noted December was a slow month. A committee has been formed to start the process for purchasing an ambulance. Specifications should be ready by April or so.

**CONTRACT WITH WAUBEKA FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, to approve the contract with Waubeka Fire Department for 2014. Motion carried. Dohrwardt commented that he will not make a motion to approve the contract next year unless there is an increase in compensation.

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

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated the new officer will be sworn in next week and will come to the next village board meeting.

## **Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village**

EMAIL FROM DNR REGARDING POND ON S. MILWAUKEE STREET: The email from the DNR regarding the pond on South Milwaukee Street was reviewed.

COST ESTIMATES FOR PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS: The cost estimate from Ayres and Associates and the estimate compiled by Lapicola for the underpass under Fredonia Avenue for the bike trail was reviewed. Don Dohrwardt questioned if this will be grant eligible as it is bike path related. Lapicola felt everything except the culvert would be grant eligible. Lapicola stated Weiland and Watry are willing to grant right of way easements. He will contact Ansay about obtaining an easement from him.

APPOINT AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUBMITTING MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT APPLICATIONS: Strohm stated flood control grant applications can be submitted. He has identified four possible projects. After discussion all four projects – resize culvert under Fredonia Avenue by railroad, purchase floodplain property along proposed bike trail for trail and restoration, purchase of Watry fill site for bike trail, and purchase of 504 and 508 Fredonia Avenue to redevelop area, were deemed grant worthy. A **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to appoint the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative for submitting Municipal Flood Control grant applications. Motion carried.

COMPOST AFFECTED BY IMPRELIS HERBICIDE ACCEPTED AT LANDFILLS: Correspondence from the DNR noted that trees and yard materials affected by Imprelis herbicide will continue to be accepted at landfills through calendar year 2014. This herbicide was commercially used. The Village has not used it. Lapicola noted a sign should be added at the compost pile stating nothing is accepted that has been treated with Imprelis. Lisa Dohrwardt noted that this should also be added to the newsletter.

LETTER FROM DNR REGARDING REISSUANCE OF WPDES PERMIT: The letter from the DNR regarding the reissuance of the WPDES permit was reviewed. Strohm stated he expects the phosphorous limits to be about half of what they are now.

TREE PLANTING GRANT FROM AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY: A \$500 grant for planting trees has been received from American Transmission Company. Don Dohrwardt questioned the “comply with ATC’s maintenance standards”. He also noted that a budget amendment will be needed.

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

No report. Lapicola noted the *Modern Pumping Today* has the results of a nationwide survey showing 68% of water and wastewater industry professionals have had issues with VFDs, 70% have replaced, repairs or serviced VFDs in the last two years, 42% of these VFDs were under five years old, 32% disputed manufacturer claims of VFD cost savings, and 50% are open to an alternative to VFDs. He recommended that the Director of Public Works and WWTP Manager look at alternative pumps. Long stated VFDs are good. Running a generator caused noise in the system which creates a spike in the system. There are ways around it. With a soft start it ramps up speed. This doesn’t save energy but uses less current. Strohm noted other changes were made at the WWTP at the same time the VFDs were added. Long noted that blowers normally use about 60% of the electricity at a WWTP. You can save money by using smaller blowers when possible. Strohm noted they will look at the blowers next. Lapicola noted it is something for the Utility Committee to explore.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

SVRS TRAINING: The village hall will be closed January 14, 15 and 16 as the Clerk and Deputy Clerk attend the Statewide Voter Registration System training.

## **Mid Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting – January 22, 2014**

Don and Lisa Dohrwardt will attend the January 22, 2014 Mid-Moraine Municipal Meeting.

## **Correspondence**

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- The 2012 Annual Report from S.E.W.R.P.C. is available.
- The letter from Sprint regarding the termination of the Nextel lease agreement.

## **Items for Future Consideration**

Lapicola noted the state has changed the law regarding bow hunting within a municipality. He stated a municipality can no longer regulate bow hunting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Long, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.