

**FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Fredonia Government Center**  
**242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI**  
**February 6, 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, Scott Ehaney and John Long. Also present: Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Gary Buntrock, Brian Schommer and Jo Ann Wagner.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of January 16, 2014 village board meeting, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, the December treasurer and Utility reports, the special gathering beer license for Divine Savior School for April 16, 2014, the special gathering beer licenses for the Divine Savior Home and School Association for February 21, March 7 and 21, and April 4, and the operator's license for Jacob Dupey were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

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

None.

### **Fire Department Modernization Committee**

The report from the Fire Department Modernization Committee was reviewed.

**BID PROPOSALS FOR UPDATING FACILITY NEEDS STUDY:** Approval was given for going to bid for proposals for updating the facility needs study for the Fire Department on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried. The Fire Department Modernization Committee will meet February 17, 2014 to review the proposals.

### **Request by Fredonia Youth Baseball/Softball for Contribution**

The \$1,000 contribution to the Fredonia Youth Baseball/Softball as included in the 2014 was approved on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Long, and carried.

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

**VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT:** Lapicola presented an agreement that could be used with volunteers. He stated he added the first part, with the remainder being part of the Village of Hobart agreement. He does not want this to affect any other volunteers such as the fire department members. This agreement would hold harmless the village. Don Dohrwardt noted that statutory rights cannot be signed away. Lapicola stated the agreement could be reviewed by the village attorney. The insurance company expressed concern about a volunteer operating equipment. Lapicola stated he saw no problem with a volunteer who has a driver's license with no convictions driving a village vehicle. Lapicola stated the agreement will be postponed to the next village board meeting.

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

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

**AMBULANCE NAME CHANGE:** Chief Schommer stated that in 2002 the Ambulance Department was merged with the Fredonia Fire Department. All bills are paid through the Fredonia Fire Department checking account. As the department moves forward with a new ambulance and with the EMT's taking another step up, now would be the time for a name change. It would be a change in name only. Nothing else would change. Schommer noted he has nothing but respect for the people who started the ambulance, but it has been a part of the village for many years and a part of the Fredonia Fire Department for 12 years. Lapicola noted that Wally Thill has called him stating he did not want the name changed. Schommer noted Thill was one of the original members but has not once in the 19 years he has been chief been involved with the ambulance. Schommer noted he pulls four shifts each month as a driver for the ambulance and fills in during the day when they

need a driver. He also worked as an EMT for two years. Many members serve as fire fighters and EMT's. Schommer stated they need to re-write their EMS plan with the state. Schommer reiterated that nothing would change except the name. Don Dohrwardt stated that per Thill back when the ambulance became part of the village an agreement was made that the name would never be changed. Schommer stated he is not aware of any agreement. After further discussion this was postponed until the next meeting.

Don Dohrwardt questioned the protocol for calling the paramedics. He stated it seems like they are always called. Schommer stated they can cancel the paramedics if they are not needed. Dohrwardt then asked about the billing fees. Schommer stated he has a copy of the letter and will discuss it with the ambulance captain.

### [Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Don Dohrwardt questioned the decrease in revenues. Davel explained that although more citations were issued, less revenue was collected on warrants. The bond amounts have been increased for 2014.

### [Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Buntrock noted there are some questions about the Fredonia Avenue project. These will be discussed by the Public Works Committee and brought to the village board for approval. Discussion followed on the pond on South Milwaukee Street and possible discharge of osmosis and deionization water to the sewer. Each appraisal needed for the Flood Control Grant will cost \$2,100. Two appraisals are needed. Bertram questioned what the benefit is to the village for obtaining this land. The item was tabled until the next meeting on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Ehaney, and carried with Buchholtz abstaining.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02 AMENDING VILLAGE OF FREDONIA TREE

ORDINANCE: Ordinance No. 2014-02 amending the Village of Fredonia tree ordinance was adopted on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried with Buchholtz opposed.

Long questioned the plans for the overhead utility lines along Fredonia Avenue. Lapicola noted they are working with the utility companies and have sent them 30% plans. He noted some areas could be changed to having the power lines come in from the rear of the property.

### [Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager](#)

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. Buntrock noted the pre CMAR 2013 performance report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was submitted.

### [Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village](#)

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

ATTENDANCE AT IIMC CONFERENCE: The 2014 budget included funds for both the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to attend the 2014 IIMC Conference to be held in Milwaukee. Registration and mileage (or use of village vehicle) for the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to attend the 2014 IIMC Conference May 19 -22 was approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### [Utility Committee – January 29, 2014 Meeting](#)

The report from the Utility Committee meeting was reviewed. Long stated the committee recommended approving two RFP's – one for repair of the sanitary sewer main on Edmaro Street (with an alternate for repair of the sanitary sewer main on Wheeler Avenue) and one for hiring a consultant to review the facilities and processes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney to approve the Director of Public Works send out an RFP for Edmaro Street sanitary sewer repairs with Wheeler Avenue as an alternate. Motion carried. Long explained the lab at the WWTP should be expanded and additional sludge storage is needed. The plant is 30 years old and the processes should also be reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Long, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, to have the Director of

Public Works write an RFP for a consultant to review the processes and structures at the WWTP. Motion carried. Long noted they also discussed looking at the water rate structure. Currently the charge for water decreases as consumption increases. Before any changes are contemplated the committee will review the impact on high users.

### [Parks Committee – January 30, 2014 Meeting](#)

Bertram reported the Parks Committee reviewed the 2013 tree lighting. A report was made on everything used. The committee also discussed the pike path – they feel they should team up with the Public Works Committee on this. They also discussed installing the tee pads this spring for the disc golf course and possibly having a tournament this summer. The committee will do a walk through of the Parks this spring and will discuss where to put the playground equipment that was donated to the village. Bertram noted the Director of Public Works will be sending a letter to all businesses requesting donations towards the disc golf course. The business could “sponsor a hole”.

### [Donation from Chamber of Commerce for Holiday Decorations](#)

The Village Board previously approved spending up to \$100 on holiday decorations for the village hall. The Chamber of Commerce and Fredonia Area Garden Club have each donated \$25 toward the purchase of decorations. These donations were accepted by the Village Board on a **MOTION** by Ehaney, seconded by Long, and carried.

### [Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Meeting – January 22, 2014](#)

The report from Lisa Dohrwardt on the January 22, 2014 Mid-Moraine Municipal Association meeting was reviewed. Don Dohrwardt reported there have been many changes to TIF laws. He noted it is still an important economic development tool.

### [Correspondence](#)

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- Letter regarding ambulance services.
- Letter from Wisconsin Historical Society regarding addition of “Button Factory” to Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places.
- Reply from ETF regarding health insurance. The rate would be surcharged for 18 months. This was referred to the Finance Committee to review rates and benefits. A resolution would need to be passed before April 1<sup>st</sup> if the village wants insurance effective July 1, 2014.

### [Items for Future Consideration](#)

None.

### [Adjournment](#)

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried.