

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
October 16, 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, John Long and Scott Ehaney. Also present: Mike Davel, Mark Jaeger, Jason Nelsen, Brian Schommer and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the October 2, 2014 village board meeting and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried. The September Treasurer and Utility Reports were not available to be approved. They will be placed on the November 6, 2014 village board agenda.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None

Unfinished Business: building permit at 755 Tower Drive

The building permit was picked up and paid for within the timeframe set by the village board at the October 2, 2014 meeting.

Approve Dixon Engineering for Water Tower Maintenance Contract

A spreadsheet from Dixon Engineering was presented with dollar amounts for each contract year. The spreadsheet was hard to read and decipher. Lapicola questioned the totals and thought the rate of interest charged seemed exorbitant. He also asked for clarification on the amount paid by carriers. Discussion followed about other details such as: should the name Fredonia be on the tower as there is an additional fee for that, and the color of paint to use. A **MOTION** to put block lettering on the tower by Long, seconded by Bertram with Long, Bertram, and Lisa Dohrwardt voting aye, and Lapicola, Don Dohrwardt, Buchholtz and Ehaney voting nay. Motion failed. A **MOTION** to approve Dixon Engineering for the water tower maintenance by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long. Ehaney stated that the interest amount needs to be known and agreed upon beforehand. More discussion followed. Don Dohrwardt withdrew his motion. This topic will be on the next village board agenda with more information from the Director of Public Works.

Report from Fire Chief

Fire Chief Brian Schommer stated that the fire department was notified from FEMA that the grant application for the SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus) was denied. These air masks need to be replaced in 2015. Also, the heart monitor will need to be replaced soon. The fire department members are planning to raise the \$30,000-\$35,000 needed for a new monitor. The anticipated delivery date for the new ambulance is mid-April 2015. The current ambulance will be advertised now so potential buyers can budget for it. Delivery would not take place until our new ambulance is in service. Schommer is working to get final numbers for the SCBA purchase and would like to have delivery in February if possible.

Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated the traffic problems on Martin Drive that were discussed at the October 2, 2014 village board meeting have improved. Six citations were issued for failure to stop, 19 speeding citations and one felony drunk driving. The speed board and temporary signs have also helped. The biting dog has been removed and is now living in another municipality. Trick or Treat in the village will be Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Davel and Schommer left.

Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Discussion on the tractor purchase is tabled until the next meeting. The Gravely lawn mower had a hydraulic pump replaced recently, and now the other side's pump is causing problems. It has been costing more to repair and needs to be replaced. Strohm has a quote to purchase a new zero turn mower for \$4,100

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including the trade in of the Gravelly. A **MOTION** to purchase the new zero turn mower not to exceed \$4,100 by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Nelsen is waiting for Sabel Mechanical to get the new trough installed and operational. The sludge storage tank will be emptied soon, and the new contractor (Badger State Waste) will be hauling the bio-solids. Strand Associates conducted a walk-thru for the needs study. Nelsen left.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the clerk-treasurer was reviewed.

Architectural Control Board – October 1, 2014 meeting

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board – October 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Don Dohrwardt stated that Guy & O’Neill is building an entrance canopy and making other improvements in front of the former Kenro building. The permit to build a new garage where the previous was destroyed by fire on St. Rose Avenue was also approved.

Personnel Committee – October 2, 2014 meeting

The minutes from the personnel committee were reviewed. The committee recommends adopting the proposed wage rate table that was presented by the Director of Public Works. The consensus of the board is to table this until the next meeting when the Director of Public Works is present to answer questions.

Finance Committee – October 9, 2014 meeting

The minutes including a recap of 2015 budget were reviewed. The 2015 water budget includes funds to conduct a rate study to determine deficiencies, what projects are planned and how much water rates need to be increased. A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt to approve going to bid for proposals for the water rate study, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Public Safety Committee – October 9, 2014 meeting

The minutes from the Public Safety Committee – October 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed. The committee would like the Director of Public Works investigate a keypad lock with data logging capabilities for both office doors at village hall. There was discussion about changing the lock to the records room at village hall. A **MOTION** to have the Director of Public Works change the lock to the records room where only village president and clerk-treasurer have a key by Buchholtz, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried. The public safety committee continues to look at the possibility of security cameras at the wastewater treatment plant.

Correspondence

The correspondence from Schmitz Ready-Mix regarding potential concrete allocation was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by village board

Lapicola sent letters to several “Dollar Stores” welcoming development in the village. He received a call from the CEO of Dollar General indicating interest. John Long stated that he will not be at the next village board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer