

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
November 6, 2014**

Present: Scott Ehaney, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Donald Dohrwardt and Lisa Dohrwardt. Also present: Jim Orr from Dixon Engineering, Mark Jaeger, Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow.

The public hearing on the proposed 2015 General fund, Capital, Debt Service, Fire Department, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility budgets was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Scott Ehaney. 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 16, 2014 village board meeting, and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills, the September Treasurer and Utility reports, and operator licenses for Elizabeth Bergmann and Alissa Nyland were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None

Presentation from Dixon Engineering on water tower maintenance

Jim Orr from Dixon Engineering was present to answer questions that were discussed at the October 16, 2014 village board meeting. The primary concern was the proposed interest rate charged over the five year contract. Orr stated the interest rate charged was five percent. There was discussion that five percent was high and three percent is more of a rate that is being charged at present from financial institutions and other sources. At the meeting, Orr received approval from his superior that a three percent interest rate would be acceptable for the contract. There was discussion about lettering on the tower. That does not need to be finalized at this time. A **MOTION** to approve Dixon Engineering for the water tower maintenance contract at a three percent interest rate by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-I authorizing the payment of \$164,450.38 of principal on the Martin Drive debt in 2015

Resolution No. 2014-I authorizing the payment of \$164,450.38 of principal on the Martin Drive debt in 2015 was approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Resolution No. 2014-J Adopting 2015 Budgets

Resolution No. 2014-J adopting the 2015 General Fund, Capital, Debt Service, Fire Department, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility budgets was approved on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

Unfinished business: Wasp nest at 330 Heather Lane

At the October 2, 2014 village board meeting, a citizen expressed concern over a large wasp nest located at 330 Heather Lane. Director of Public Works Roger Strohm mailed a letter to the property owner to remove the nest. The same citizen sent an email to village hall last week stating the nest was still there. Strohm will investigate.

Fredonia Avenue project update-approve change orders

Strohm received two invoices from PTS Contractors for water main break repairs that have occurred since the water main project on Fredonia Avenue started. One is for \$3,186.21 and the other is \$1,850.55. Strohm stated these were legitimate expenses and would like these change orders approved. Don Dohrwardt questioned if the contract addresses water main breaks if incurred by the contractor. Strohm will check. A **MOTION** to approve both change orders by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram and carried. Strohm stated granular backfill material continues to be imported, but should be done soon. The expenditures are close to \$20,000. There are other issues that have been surfacing such as a 7" rock in the 8" sewer, and manholes that will need to be excavated. Strohm will continue to update. Strohm will be meeting with the DNR next week to review the location by the wastewater treatment plant where fill has been hauled.

The contractors still anticipate being finished by Thanksgiving.

The Safe Water Drinking Loan Program is being processed with an expected June 2015 closing. A new borrowing resolution will need to be adopted to reflect the increased amount. The Public Service Commission agrees that a water rate study needs to be conducted.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

The topic of high school volunteers to assist senior citizens was tabled until the next meeting.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

Chief Schommer will have a presentation at the November 20, 2014 village board meeting on the self-contained breathing apparatus that the fire department needs to order. Schommer said the county conducted a heroin recognition class for the members.

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

WAGE RATE TABLE: Strohm presented a proposed wage rate table for public works employees. This was based on a rural water survey based on communities our size and vicinity. The proposed rates are intended to allow for advancement within the department as well as provide an incentive to keep good employees. A **MOTION** to approve the recommended wage rate table as presented by Buchholtz, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

SAFE WATER DRINKING LOAN PROGRAM: already discussed under Fredonia Avenue project update.

ACCEPT DONATION FROM PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK FOR ICE RINK: A proposal from Port Washington State Bank for an ice rink sponsorship was reviewed. The bank will donate \$3,000 and would like a five year sponsorship. They will provide a sign that the village will need to install. A **MOTION** to accept the \$3,000 per the bank's proposal by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

No report. Strohm stated the clarifier covers and end troughs are installed and are working nicely. Nelsen is working on cleaning the suspended solids dechlorination tank. Sludge hauling is expected to begin next week.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was omitted from the board packet, but will be emailed to village trustees on November 7, 2014. The November 4, 2014 election had 1,003 ballots cast out of 1,331 registered voters. 104 new voter registrations were also added on election day.

Agreement with Ozaukee County for use of meal site

A **MOTION** to approve the agreement relating to Ozaukee County's use of the Village of Fredonia Fire Department meeting room on Tuesdays in 2015, by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Report of Mid-Moraine Dinner Meeting – October 22, 2014

The report was reviewed.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed:

- League of Wisconsin Municipalities "Join League's Rapid Action Team".
- Letter from Ozaukee County Public Health Department concerning preparation in the event the Ebola virus is diagnosed here.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

- Employee compensation for 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer