

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
November 20, 2014**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Lopicola. Present: Chuck Lopicola, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Lisa Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney and John Long. Also present: Daniel Paulus, Mark Jaeger, Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the November 6, 2014 village board meeting, and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, the October Treasurer and Utility reports were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

Daniel Paulus saw the agenda item concerning CDL test reimbursement for public works employees and expressed concern that the village would pay for this. This is not a standard practice and thought the employee should pay the expense as it benefits them. No other comments were received.

Approve contract for Dixon Engineering on water tower maintenance

There is no contract to approve yet.

Resolution No. 2014-K declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of Safe Drinking Water Loan proceeds (amended amount from Resolution No. 2014-G)

There is no resolution to approve as the total dollar amount is yet to be determined.

Fredonia Avenue project update-approve change orders

Strohm stated the project is almost complete. The contractor still has a little paving to do and some minor repairs which should be done next week. Some sidewalks need to be patched as well. Strohm explained that all valves on Fredonia Avenue along with side streets in proximity and pump houses have been replaced. Each intersection now has new valves.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITH PTS CONTRACTORS FOR WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIRS: There are two change orders for water main break repairs. One is for \$1,834.02 for a water main break that occurred on October 22, 2014 at Milwaukee Street and Fredonia Avenue. The other is for \$1,271.76 for a water main break that occurred October 23, 2014 at the village hall pump house. A **MOTION** to approve both change orders for water main break repairs by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Report from Village President on Operations of Village

Lopicola has been in contact with Blake Peuse from Northern Ozaukee High School regarding high school students helping elderly with snow shoveling and other yard work. Blake Peuse has some students who are willing to help. Residents should contact village hall, and Sandi will contact Blake Peuse. It was suggested the village website should have information on this program as well as the electronic sign located at the Fredonia Government Center.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

Chief Schommer presented a quote from their supplier for the self-contained breathing apparatus. The current equipment is over twenty years old and replacement parts are difficult to locate. The new air bottles last 45 minutes versus the 30 minute bottles that the department currently has. The department has applied for FEMA grants over the past several years, but has been denied. Schommer stated the parts list out at over \$160,000,

so he feels the quote of \$115,165 is acceptable. The equipment has a 6-8 week lead time with an expected January-February 2015 delivery. Don Dohrwardt stated the funds will come from the contingency account from the general fund in 2015. A **MOTION** to have Fire Chief Brian Schommer order the self-contained breathing apparatus for \$115,165 per the quote dated 10/29/2014 by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried.

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

Strohm stated that the 2015 budget includes funds for a water rate study. Since the state loan closes on June 30, 2015, and the PSC (Public Service Commission) requires a rate study be done, the rate study needs to start as soon as possible. Strohm received a quote from Baker Tilly for approximately \$5,000. Strohm planned on sending out an RFP, but was doubtful a significant savings would be found from other firms. The consensus of the board was to present a quote with a final number at the next village board meeting.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

No report. Strohm stated the sludge hauling started last week. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of it was hauled and then hauling stopped. The cold weather conditions have slowed the process. Strohm contacted the contractor who will resume and finish next week.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer on Operations of Village

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Parks Committee – November 13, 2014

Bertram stated the ice skating rink, disc golf and tree lighting were discussed. The Lion's Club expressed interest in making a parks donation.

Tree Board – November 14, 2014 meeting / Arbor Day Celebration

Lapicola talked about the Arbor Day Celebration held at Stoney Creek Park. Two people from the DNR were in attendance. A tree was planted, but more trees will be planted next week if the weather gets warmer. Bob Solms requested to be removed from the Tree Board. The village qualifies as a Tree City USA again.

Personnel Committee – November 20, 2014 meeting

Buchholtz reported that the committee recommends reimbursing employees for CDL tests. A rating system for new applicants was discussed and will continue to be worked on by the committee. The personnel committee also recommends removing the .15/hour raise for exams with more general pay increases that are merit and length of service based. The employee handbook needs to continue to be cleaned up and updated.

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board will convene into closed session to discuss employment and compensation

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employment and compensation on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session

A **MOTION** to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

One year review of public works employee

A **MOTION** to proceed as discussed in closed session by Buchholtz, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

Wages for 2015

A **MOTION** to approve wages for 2015 as discussed in closed session by Buchholtz, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

At this time, the village president requested the board go back to agenda item 11C and there was no objection.

REMOVE EXAM RAISE IN LIEU OF NEW WAGE RATE TABLE: After discussion, a **MOTION** to remove the .15/hour raise upon passing exams for public works employees effective January 1, 2015 by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt and carried.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

The finance committee will need to meet to review the expenditures for the Fredonia Avenue watermain project and decide on a repayment schedule to the general fund. This should be ready to present to the village board for approval at the December 18th, 2014 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Long, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer