

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
April 9, 2015**

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, Don Dohrwardt, Lisa Dohrwardt, Scott Ehaney and John Long. Also present: Danuta Luza, Tom Hagle, Neil Wagner, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the March 19, 2015 village board meeting, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list were approved on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

OPERATOR LICENSE: A **MOTION** to approve the operator license for Karen Olson by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

OPERATOR LICENSE: Based on the recommendation of the village marshal, the operator license for Steven Scherf was denied on a **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried with Buchholtz abstaining.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

Tom Hagle along with Danuta Luza presented a broken coil spring from Luza's minivan indicating the condition of Fredonia Avenue was to blame for the damage. Hagle requested the village pay for the repair to Luza's vehicle. Discussion followed. Lapicola empathized with Luza, but indicated the village is not responsible for the repair. Hagle and Luza left.

Resolution 2015-E expressing appreciation to Gene Mayer for his 50 years as a volunteer firefighter

A **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2015-E expressing appreciation to Gene Mayer for his 50 years as a volunteer firefighter by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.

Fredonia Avenue Update

Strohm stated detour signs are up, and pavement grinding will begin tomorrow. The placement of a temporary stockpile of millings was discussed. Strohm feels the wastewater treatment plant would be the best location versus the Marie Kraus parking lot. The millings will be used for road base. The consensus of the board is to put the millings at the wastewater treatment plant.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH AYRES ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION STAKING AND OBSERVATION SERVICES: The amendment to agreement is \$47,400 less than the previous agreement. Ozaukee County has already approved. A **MOTION** to approve the amended agreement by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried.

Report from Village President

Lapicola presented information on the use of volunteers, which was the same as when reviewed in the past. Lapicola stated that volunteers are vital to the village, and the approach should be "how do we make this happen"? Lapicola suggested using sign-in sheets, be supervised, and sign a volunteer form.

Report from Fire Chief

Fire Chief Brian Schommer stated the ambulance was out of service for 2-1/2 days in the past two weeks. One day was for a blown tire on I-43, and the other 1-1/2 days was for a wheel well that needed repair. The ambulance has been advertised since January, and one

bid came in for \$20,000. A bid is also expected on a trade in. Schommer questioned if the bid for \$20,000 be accepted or wait. Don Dohrwardt stated we should wait a few weeks, and let the other bidder know that we will get back to them.

Report from Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated the speed board will be placed on Martin Drive by Monday at the latest. Patrol will also be increased on Martin Drive during Fredonia Avenue reconstruction. Davel left.

Report from Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SUGGESTED REVISION TO WATER MAIN EXTENSION RULE: Strohm stated the public hearing with the Public Service Commission to increase water rates will be held Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fredonia Government Center board room. The public service commission staff questioned if the village would prefer to use their suggested water main extension rule, or continue to use ours. Strohm suggests adopting what the Public Service Commission staff recommends. Discussion followed. A **MOTION** to adopt changes recommended by public service commission staff for water main extension rule contingent upon Public Service Commission approval by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

UPDATE ON WATER TOWER: Strohm stated there has been discussion between Dixon Engineering and one of the cellular utility companies over maintenance charges. Strohm recommends moving work on the water tower from April until October. Strohm would like permission to speak with the village attorney concerning this issue. A **MOTION** to allow the Director of Public Works to contact the village attorney concerning the water tower issues by Lapicola, seconded by Don Dohrwardt, and carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING BUCKET TRUCK FROM GRAFTON: Approval has previously been granted to purchase the bucket truck. Grafton has their new truck and the other one is now available for the village. A **MOTION** to approve the purchase for \$12,000 by Lapicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION: The DNR Stewardship grant program is now available to submit applications. Strohm is interested in submitting a grant application for projects such as looping the bike path, restroom or community facilities at Marie Kraus Park etc. Lapicola mentioned the walking trail by Partridge Lane also. A **MOTION** to authorize the Director of Public Works to submit and accept stewardship grants for projects by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Strohm stated the heavy rains yesterday and today are not causing any problems at the wastewater treatment plant.

Long questioned the status of the Mayer property survey. Strohm stated a survey was done, and that the Mayers were pleased with it.

Long asked if anything was being done about the power poles on the corner of N. Milwaukee Street and Martin Drive. Strohm stated that he has not had any correspondence lately, but will follow up.

Buchholtz asked if any signs were going to be put up that local businesses are open during the Fredonia Avenue construction project. Strohm stated the contractor is required to put up signs that are provided. Generally, businesses are to supply their own signs. Strohm will follow up.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO BOARD OF REVIEW DUE TO ACT 228: The State Senate has approved Act 228 where some changes could impact the way Board of Review is conducted starting in 2015. One of the changes is that it may not be mandatory that one must appear in person at Board of Review (except for medical reasons). The Board of Review may allow testimony via telephone or by written statements. This is now at the discretion of the Board of Review. A **MOTION** to keep current policy of property owners appearing in person (except for medical reasons) at Board of Review by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

DISPOSITION OF CELEBRATE FREDONIA ACCOUNT: There is \$2,055.61 in the Celebrate Fredonia account that has been carried from year to year since 2011. The auditors recommend board action whether the account should be kept or dissolved. A **MOTION** by Don Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola to close out the Celebrate Fredonia account and transfer to the general fund. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee – April 9, 2015 meeting

The Personnel Committee met April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in closed session.

Unfinished Business – Disc Golf Volunteers

A memo from Dan Bertram along with a list of volunteers who have been helping at the Disc Golf course was submitted. A suggestion from Dan Bertram was organizing a picnic for the volunteers rather than determining a dollar amount for each person. The consensus of the board was to follow up with Dan Bertram on organizing a cook out for the disc golf volunteers.

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Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session

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

Six month review of Administrative Assistant

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

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed:

- A. Invitation for Advocates of Ozaukee's 35th Anniversary.
- B. Email from Mid Moraine Municipal Association regarding dates to remember. Lisa Dohrwardt would like to attend the dinner meeting on May 27 and would like the clerk-treasurer to attend as insurance will be discussed.

Items for Future Consideration by village board

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Ehaney, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer