

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
July 16, 2015**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Lisa Dohrwardt, John Long, Jeff Rodgers and Neil Wagner. Also present: Al Bruhn, Mike Desmondez, Diane Dommer, Laurie Haggith, Duane and Jackie Plier, Judy Ruppel, Wayne and Jerelyn Sprague, Rob Wetor, David Arndt from Ruekert-Mielke, Matt Bednarski from Graef, Jay Schnorenberg, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Jason Nelsen, Brian Schommer, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the July 2, 2015 village board meeting, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with an invoice from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$1,015.00, the June Treasurer's Report, and operator licenses for Carrie Jentink, Brijesh Viradia and Darshankumar Patel were approved on a **MOTION** by Long, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

None.

**Presentation from Ruekert-Mielke on Mid Moraine Water Quality Collective**

David Arndt from Ruekert-Mielke and Matt Bednarski from Graef presented a power point on assistance for local municipalities concerning two upcoming rules for stormwater and wastewater – TMDL (total maximum daily load) of total suspended solids and phosphorus. The Mid Moraine Water Quality Collective is a group of fourteen municipalities in Ozaukee and Washington counties along with Ruekert-Mielke and Graef and other non-governmental organizations to improve water quality and have connections to grant programs. The \$2500 fee includes educational activities to better understand regulatory requirements and schedule, building a compliance strategy and consensus regarding implementation. Any costs specific to the Village of Fredonia would be invoiced separately. Strohm recommends the Village joins this group. The consensus of the board is to have a proposal for the August 6, 2015 village board meeting.

**Mary Renzaglia, 400 Martin Drive, to discuss grading plan at assisted living facility**

Jay Schnorenberg, contractor for assisted living facility at 400 Martin Drive, stated the hill in front with the two poles was going to be removed, but due to excessive cost, he is asking the new sidewalk be installed around the hill. Don Dohrwardt stated the appearance of the hill is unsightly as is, but if landscaped properly, it could look nice. The consensus of the board is if the hill can be turned into a feature, that would be acceptable. Don Dohrwardt requested that Schnorenberg develop a plan for the hill and report back to the village board.

**Ordinance 2015-01 Repealing and Re-creating Section 9 Chapter 1 of the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Water Utility Rates and Regulations**

The water rate increase approved by the Public Service Commission in April 2015 revealed that updates and changes need to be made to the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances. A **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 2015-01 by Long, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried unanimously.

**WEFTEC (Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference) September 28-30, 2015, at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL**

John Long stated the WEFTEC has 1,000 booths and uses about half of McCormick Place. There are machines set up that are as large as the village board room. The exhibition is free - the village would have to provide transportation and meals. A **MOTION** to send John Long and Roger Strohm to WEFTEC with mileage and meals by Buchholtz, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

**Report from Village President**

USE OF VILLAGE OWNED LOT ON SOUTH MILWAUKEE STREET: Don Dohrwardt stated there is approximately four acres of village owned land on South Milwaukee Street just north of the Mike Paulus farm. Currently, this is a lot the village owns and mows the grass. Don Dohrwardt spoke with the Paulus' to see if they may be interested in ~~planting~~ **farming** some of this lot rather than ~~paying for us to mow us~~ **mowing** it. The consensus of the board is to have Don Dohrwardt pursue this with the Paulus'.  
8-6-15 s.t.

OUTLOT ON SOUTH MILWAUKEE STREET AND HEATHER LANE: Don Dohrwardt stated the village owns a 30' x ~~50~~ **140' (8-6-15 s.t.)** piece of land on the corner of South Milwaukee Street and Heather Lane. Don Dohrwardt has spoken with the adjacent property owner who lives at 322 S. Milwaukee Street to see if she was interested in the village giving her that piece of land via quit claim deed. When the property ownership changes, it would be a corner lot and on the tax roll rather than having a strip of land that the village mows. The consensus of the board is to have Don Dohrwardt follow up with the property owner.

**Report from Fire Chief**

The report from the fire chief was reviewed.

**Report from Village Marshal**

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated Fredonia Avenue is patrolled more heavily. Judy Ruppel asked if any tickets are being issued for people speeding and travelling Fredonia Avenue when people have no business on there during construction. Davel stated 20-25 stops have been made so far. Some warnings have been issued and a few arrests.

**Report from Director of Public Works**

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

QUOTE FOR SAMPLER AT WWTP: The sampler that was purchased in 2013 has been causing problems since it was received. A quote from Manning Environmental for \$1,740 is to replace the current sampler. The quoted sampler is a peristaltic sampler versus the other which was a vacuum style. It will be consistent with the other equipment at the plant, and easier to troubleshoot. A **MOTION** to purchase sampler from Manning Environmental as quoted for \$1,740 by Bertram, seconded by Rodgers, and carried.

QUOTE FOR NEW LOCK SYSTEM AT VILLAGE HALL: Earlier this year, the public safety committee recommended swipe style or keypad style locks for the two office doors at village hall. Strohm received a quote from Stevlin's Hardware for \$3,777 which includes locks and programming. The consensus of the village board is that it would be less expensive to re-key the locks every few years.

**Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

Nelsen stated the biotower is one half out of service. This is to see how the wastewater treatment plant will react and give Strand Associates (the engineering firm who is working on the needs study) information. There have been no problems with this.

**Report from Clerk-Treasurer**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Tretow stated Ashley Fairbanks has submitted her resignation effective August 7, 2015. Applications for the part-time administrative assistant position are being accepted through July 24, 2015.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT VILLAGE HALL: Tretow stated the current phone system has been acting up and unreliable. Two proposals were received, and they were comparable in features. The main concern is that a caller be able to easily notify public works in case of a water or sewer emergency after hours. Both phone systems can route voice messages to a cell phone and/or email. After discussion, a

**MOTION** to purchase a new phone system at village hall from Spect Communications for \$3,171 by Long, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### **Fredonia Avenue Update**

**GRADES BETWEEN FREDONIA GOVERNMENT CENTER AND WILSON STREET:** Strohm stated curb and gutter is moving west along with driveway approaches. A problem was detected in the area between the Fredonia Government Center and Wilson Street where some driveways have too steep of a slope to the curb and gutter. The engineering firm, Ayres and Associates, identified profile change differences between the 60% and 90% plans but never pointed this out to anyone. Options to remedy this are: 1) obtain permission from affected property owners to go on their property and lessen the slope of their driveway, or 2) remove curb and gutter from the Fredonia Government Center to Wilson Street and change the grade of the road. Many residents affected by this expressed frustration that they are not able to access their driveways, and they do not want steep sloped driveways. Discussion followed concerning blame for the error and who should pay to fix the problem. The consensus of the neighboring residents is they want their driveways left where they are, and the curb and gutter should be removed and fixed properly. The costs for the two options are: Option A cut into existing driveways to lessen slope for \$23,478, Option B remove 900 feet of curb and gutter, raise valves, inlets and manholes and install more road base to proper elevation for \$68,823. Since Fredonia Avenue is a county road, and Ozaukee County is the lead agent in the project, the county is wanting to go with option A. If the village wishes to go with Option B, the cost may need to be entirely funded by the Village. Discussion followed concerning the village should not be financially responsible for the error. Seeking reimbursement for these additional costs may need to be obtained by obtaining legal counsel. A **MOTION** to choose Option B for \$68,823 to pull out all curb and gutter, put road grade back to what it was previously and will seek reimbursement of engineering error through legal counsel if necessary by Long, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously.

**RETAINING WALLS THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR SOME PROPERTIES THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THEM.** Strohm stated he made an assessment of where retaining walls will be needed, where there are currently none. The cost will be approximately \$90,000. The consensus of the board is that the public works committee should do a walk through and make recommendations. This will be placed on the next village board agenda.

### **Discussion of Street Party upon completion of Fredonia Avenue**

The consensus of the village board is to postpone this discussion for now.

### **Park Committee – June 29, 2015 meeting**

Bertram stated a new park plan needs to be completed to be able to apply for grants. The original park plan was done approximately twenty years ago and it has been modified several times. A **MOTION** to begin process of budgeting and planning of creating a new park plan by Bertram, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- A. The Retirement Advantage – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Newsletter Plan Sponsor Outlook
- B. KerberRose Governmental Perspectives: Making the Budget Document Easier to Understand.
- C. Email from Advanced Disposal responding to questions on proposed trash/recycling contract.

**Items for Future Consideration by village board**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Buchholtz, seconded by Rodgers, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer