

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
January 7, 2016**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Jill Bertram, Lisa Dohrwardt, John Long, Ryan Mueller, Jeff Rodgers and Neil Wagner. Also present: Al Bruhn, Scot Roberts, Kris Roden, Gerry Weiland, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the December 17, 2015 village board meeting and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, and the special gathering beer licenses for Divine Savior School were approved on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Rodgers, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

None.

**Unfinished business**

**400 MARTIN DRIVE – HILL:** Strohm has been and will continue to remain in contact with the property manager as well as the tenant to keep this process moving until a mutually agreeable resolution is reached.

**755 TOWER DRIVE:** The letter delivered to the property owner on December 21, 2015 gave a January 15, 2016 deadline for clean-up. Progress is being made. Mr. Kohlmann stopped at village hall this afternoon and spoke with the clerk concerning his plans for finishing clean up before the deadline. Also, Mr. Kohlmann wishes to construct an additional building, but would like to negotiate the building permit fee as he feels the double fees charged on his last addition were in error. Don Dohrwardt asked Davel to see if the trailers are licensed. This topic will be placed on the next village board agenda for follow up.

**POSSIBLE UNSAFE LIVING CONDITIONS AT HOME ON MANOR DRIVE:** Don Dohrwardt provided information in the trustee packets on the HOME Consortium and the types of programs offered. The HOME Consortium's goal is to maintain the quality of the existing housing stock through low-interest housing rehabilitation loans. Examples of improvements include: roofs, plumbing and windows. The request for assistance must be initiated by the homeowner. The consensus of the board is to direct the building inspector to speak to the homeowner about the program along with the Village Marshal, so that the roof can be fixed.

**Report on Operations of Village by Village President**

Don Dohrwardt spoke about the recent snowstorm and how all nearby municipalities were dealing with the same problems of snow removal as our village.

**Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief**

No report.

**Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal**

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated he is working on closing out 2015 and completing his annual report. Davel will check into the car trailers at 755 Tower Drive tomorrow and let the clerk know what he finds. Davel left.

**Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works**

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. More detail on the snow removal was provided. Strohm stated a new law recently enacted where a contractor

doing municipal projects cannot be charged sales tax on their purchases. This should save money on future projects.

Strohm stated that he would like to put the small John Deere tractor up for auction on the Wisconsin Surplus website. There is also a trailer mounted compressor that has not been used that he would like to auction. Don Dohrwardt stated the compressor discussion should be placed on the next village board agenda.

Strohm stated there is approximately \$700,000 that will need to be paid on the Fredonia Avenue project after the remaining invoices arrive, and credits are applied. Don Dohrwardt stated the Finance Committee will meet once the numbers are solidified.

Scot Roberts stated the recent snowstorm made snow removal difficult. In some areas in the village, there is no room to put the snow. Discussion followed. Long suggested prohibiting parking on Fredonia Avenue from approximately Hill Street and east down the hill. There was also discussion about placing temporary no parking signs in that area if needed.

Strohm stated snow removal letters will be mailed. Long questioned if another plow truck should be budgeted for since both trucks are around fifteen years old. Don Dohrwardt stated that can be addressed at budget time.

#### **Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed.

#### **Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA OTHER METHODS (TELECONFERENCE, SKYPE, FACETIME, ETC.): Tretow provided information supplied by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities concerning this topic. The village board should adopt an ordinance stating this practice is permitted. The other important point to consider is that the person in another location would be able to hear everything that is said by everyone at the meeting, and likewise, all attendees at the meeting would be able to hear everything the person at the other location is saying. Tretow will check into costs and other points to consider and provide at the next village board meeting.

#### **Personnel Committee – December 21, 2015 meetings**

Mueller stated the Personnel Committee met on December 21, 2015 in closed session. There was one more candidate to interview. The Personnel Committee extended an offer of employment to Daniel Aikins for the Public Works position. His first day was January 5, 2016.

#### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- A. Lincoln Financial Group – Retirement Plan Leader Fourth Quarter 2015 Newsletter.
- B. Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting – January 27, 2016  
Don and Lisa Dohrwardt will attend. If anyone else wishes to attend, please let the clerk know by Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

#### **Items for Future Consideration**

Lisa Dohrwardt stated the Economic Development Committee needs to meet to organize the Fredonia Avenue road rededication party. Wagner asked the status of the “no parking” sign by Mr. Fritz’s. Strohm stated that he is waiting for more cooperative weather to either dig a pole, or paint.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Long, seconded by Bertram and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer