

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2008

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Short. Present: Joe Short, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, Larry Palm, and Larry Waskiewicz. Also present: Allen Neumann, Michael Davel, Mark Jaeger, Gary Buntrock, and Jo Ann Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

The minutes of the October 2, 2008, village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the additional list presented, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

September Treasurer and Utility Reports

Approval of the September treasurer and utility reports was postponed until the next meeting on a **MOTION** by Short, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Operator Licenses

Operator licenses for Rebecca Bonjean and Cassie Gaskell were approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.

Reconsideration of Motion Increasing Trustee and Village President Compensation

A **MOTION** was made by Palm, seconded by Dohrwardt, to reconsider the motion increasing trustee and village president compensation. Motion carried with Bertram opposed. Waskiewicz noted that the last increase in trustee compensation was seven years ago. If a 3% increase was added each year to compensation for board meetings, it would be \$53 instead of \$45. He stated that Fredonia is the lowest paid municipality in the area. Palm agreed that compensation should be reviewed but he was not sure that the timing was good. Dohrwardt noted that the increase will also affect citizen members of our committees. Paying by the meeting encourages attendance. A **MOTION** was made by Palm, seconded by Waskiewicz, to send this to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried with Bertram and Buchholtz opposed.

Resolution No. 2008-I Authorizing Loan for Village Hall

Resolution No. 2008-I approving the \$450,000 five year loan for village hall construction and authorizing the village president and village clerk to sign the agreement was adopted on a **MOTION** by Palm, seconded by Dohrwardt and carried.

Resolution No. 2008-J Requesting Financial Assistance for Stormwater Management and Designating Contract Person

A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-J requesting financial assistance for stormwater management and authorizing the Director of Public Works to act on the village's behalf. Motion carried.

Board of Appeals – October 1, 2008

Minutes from the October 1, 2008 Board of Appeals meeting were reviewed. The Board of Appeals approved a variance to construct a fence around a garbage dumpster in the front yard at 219 Lawrence Street.

Finance Committee – October 7 and 14, 2008

Minutes from the October 7, 2008 Finance Committee were reviewed. Short stated that the budget is currently balanced with the village portion of taxes remaining about the same or decreasing by 3% to 5% (if the assessed value increased 31% to 35%). Many requested capital projects were eliminated from the budget. Discussion followed on projects that were eliminated, roads that need to be paved, and revising the long range plans as needed.

Personnel Committee – October 9 and 15, 2008

Dohrwardt reported that the Personnel Committee is working on job descriptions for the part-time EMS positions and on creating a policy for the LOSA program.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Three quotes have been received for health insurance. They are:

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 9,682.44
Humana	8,667.91
Trilogy	6,888.38

After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, to change health insurance to Trilogy effective November 1, 2008. Motion carried.

DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE: Dental and life insurance was then discussed. Trilogy does not offer these options. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, to contract with Humana for dental insurance and to remain with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for life insurance and short term disability insurance. Motion carried.

Parks Committee – October 9 and 13, 2008

Buchholtz reported that the Parks Committee is currently working on the tree lighting ceremony which will be November 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works – October 9, 2008

No report.

Water and Sewer Committee – October 9, 2008

Bertram reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met and reviewed proposed budgets for 2009.

Plan Commission – October 6, 2008

Short reported that the Plan Commission approved the sign requested by the Lion's Club for the bike path, requested the sign along Hwy. 57 be removed, reviewed the business permit for 340 South Milwaukee Street and appointed Bob Rathsack as a member of the ad hoc Border Agreement Committee.

Storm Water Detention Pond – 607 S. Milwaukee Street

Neumann stated that he received the notice of funding dated September 23, 2008. The Village of Fredonia has 30 days to submit the *Environmental Hazard Assessment* form and 60 days to adopt the resolution. In December the DNR will issue an agreement with start dates for the project after January 1, 2009. The project could be bid, but contracts cannot be signed until after the agreement with the DNR is signed. Neumann stated that any date specific language required by the agreement would need to be added to the bid specs. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, to go to bid for the storm water detention pond as soon as the DNR approves advertising for bids. Motion carried.

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 noted that you would have to contact the municipal court for information on status of a claim.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was reviewed. Also submitted was the Facility Plan amendment. Buntrock noted that the DNR has sent an approval letter for the aeration system. An addendum has also been sent on the aeration system. Buntrock will be meeting with McMahan and Associates next Tuesday to compile a response to the DNR concerns about I/I problems. After the amendment is completed, the plan will be sent to the DNR for final approval. The village will then apply for Clean Water Funds.

Report from Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann reported that an agreement has been reached regarding the Martin Drive retaining wall that will allow a portion of the wall to be removed and rebuilt. The wall will be scanned to create a 3-D image when it is complete, one month later and again in spring. The general contractor will pay for this. Based on these findings, the wall could be scanned again at the direction of the village. A five year bond will be required from the contractor to cover these costs and the cost of possible wall replacement, damage to the street, sidewalk, etc. This agreement needs to be signed by the General Contractor. Work on the retaining wall is scheduled to being again on Monday.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- American Transmission Company letter – September 2008
- S.E.W.R.P.C. letter regarding 2007 Annual report
- Library referendum – November 4th election
- Email from citizen regarding Trick or Treat hours

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Palm, and carried.