

**Fredonia Village Board Meeting
May 21, 2009**

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, Mark Edbauer Sr., Chuck Lopicola and John Rudolph. Also Present: Mark Jaeger, Eric Leet, Mary Schommer, Allen Neumann, Gary Buntrock, Larry Palm, and Doris Dommer.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

The minutes of the May 7, 2009 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz. Short stated that under Parade Route he wants it stated that Buchholtz spoke with Larry Palm and that no decision was made regarding the parade route. Dohrwardt objected to this addition because he feels that if we want every statement made included in the minutes we then need to have the minutes done verbatim. Dohrwardt stated that the Ad-Hoc Celebrate Fredonia Committee doesn't have the authority to change the parade route; they can only recommend it to the Village Board. A vote was then called for and the motion to approve the minutes carried.

Payment of Bills (John Rudolph arrived)

The General Fund, Water and Sewer bills along with the additional list were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Treasurer and Utility Reports

The Treasurer and Utility Reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.

Citizens Comments

No comments were received.

Unfinished Business – Sewer Lining

Buntrock stated that he has contacted four companies regarding the sewer lining project. He figures we need approximately 4,000 feet of lining of 8" pipe which could range in price anywhere from \$21.15 per foot up to \$36.50 per foot. He has received a quote from Insituform Technologies. If he receives quotes from the other companies he will bring them to the board. Buntrock stated that he has entered into an agreement with Great Lakes T.V. and Seal at a cost of \$2,501 to do some root cutting and closed circuit televising inspection for protruding tap and mineral deposit removal on various problem sewer lines within the village. They will also grout shut the big leak in the sanitary sewer on Fredonia Avenue by Mr. Fritz's. There is a charge of \$900 for this but Buntrock does not want to wait to have this leak repaired. This sewer section can still be lined with the rest of Fredonia Avenue when those bids come in. Buntrock stated that he has talked with Kari Dennis at McMahan about going out for bid for the sewer pipe lining work and the raw sewage pumps with bid opening prior to June 30th. He feels that if we wait until after June 30th it might be difficult to get competitive bids from contractors as there will be a lot more work available after that. The consensus of the Village Board is to move forward with the project even if we don't know yet about the stimulus money. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to approve the contract with Great Lakes T.V. and Seal for the work as discussed at a cost of \$2,501, seconded by Lopicola, and carried.

Report from Fire Chief on Operations of Village

The written report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

Report from Village Marshal on Operations of Village/Revised Bond Schedule

The written report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to approve the revised Mid Moraine Municipal Court Bond Schedule as presented, seconded by Rudolph, and carried. A picture of the display that Le Roy Momper made containing the first known uniform and equipment used by the Village of

Fredonia Police Department and owned by Police Chief Art Polzin from November 1958 to March 1970 was shown. Deputy Marshal Leet stated that Marshal Davel suggested that this be displayed at the FGC as more people will have the opportunity to see it here than at the police station. This will be referred to the FGC Commission. Leet also thanked Bertram for her assistance in getting the window at the Marshal's office painted with the Fredonia Police Department emblem.

Report from Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager on Operations of Village

The April 2009 WWTP report was reviewed. The April upset at the plant is reflected in the report. Buntrock has not seen a response on that yet from the DNR, nor does he have anything concrete on what caused this upset.

Report from Director of Public Works on Operations of Village

The written report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Neumann stated that as of June 1st Tom Sheppard will have been employed by the village for six months and has received a positive review. At the time of his hire he was told that he would receive a 50c per hour raise after a positive six month review. Neumann also reported that he has received the Water and WWTP exam results taken by the Public Works employees. They were successful on six out of eight exams and will therefore be eligible for a raise for obtaining their certifications. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to refer Sheppard's six month review and the results of the public works employees certification exams to the Personnel Committee, seconded by Lopicola, and carried. Neumann informed the board that Wondra Excavating was at the Guzikowski site the past two days installing the silt fence and stripping the topsoil. They will be using the clay for the pond liner from the hill on the north side of Martin Drive on property owned by Mastercraft. Neumann reported that they rented a router for two days and a tar kettle for two days for crack-filling. They accomplished sealing over 10,000 lineal feet of cracks and used approximately 3,000 pounds of material in the two days. A bid was received from WE Energies for the electrical installation for the proposed shop addition. Neumann will make two footprints of the building addition, one if it was connected to the existing building and one if it is a separate building to figure out which way is the best way to proceed. Lopicola questioned if we have received any bids on the South Milwaukee Street project. Neumann replied that he has not yet received any bids and will be making some follow-up calls as the bids are due next Thursday. He did receive a listing from Payne & Dolan on asphalt prices, which are somewhat lower than they have been.

Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Short stated that Jo Ann Wagner is in Chicago attending the IIMC Conference this week.

Report from Celebrate Fredonia Committee – May 11, 2009 Meeting

Short stated that there was no meeting held due to the resignation of the four Celebrate Fredonia Committee members. Short, Tracy Kunstmann and Marie Peterson met and stapled the rummage sale flyers together. Dohrwardt made a **MOTION** to postpone action on the resignations of the four Celebrate Fredonia committee members and the future of Celebrate Fredonia until the next board meeting, seconded by Rudolph, and carried. Dohrwardt stated that he doesn't want to lose the committee members who have been valuable to the village and to the Celebrate Fredonia event in past years over a misunderstanding. Rudolph stated that it was unfair that information may have been withheld from the board when the discussion and vote came before them on the parade route at the last meeting. Rudolph and Edbauer both said that if they knew it was going to cause a hardship the discussion and votes might have been different.

Report from Parks Committee – May 11, 2009 meeting

Buchholtz reported that a walk through of the parks was held at their May 11th meeting. There were maintenance items noted at a few of the parks that need to be taken care of. They are adding a few trees, picnic tables, grills and garbage cans to some of the parks. Rudolph stated that Wicks Lumber is donating the material for the high school technology class to build garbage can enclosures for all the parks. These enclosures will

make it look nicer and help keep animals out of the garbage. Disk golf hoops will also be added at the Marie Krause Park. Designs for the parks signs have been submitted but we have not yet received a cost estimate on them. Neumann stated that they have had a lot of inquiries and questions about the Stoney Creek Park Pavilion project. Bids are due by June 11, 2009. Rudolph stated that the mold test results came back safe for the Stoney Creek Park building. Neumann reported that the trees for the parks are tagged and reserved at Fransee's Nursery. Bertram questioned if they could look at purchasing a bigger tree for Children's Park because there are no other shade trees and it is very open at that park. Rudolph stated that trees are usually priced at \$100 per inch of width and that a larger tree will be more costly. Bertram will see if she can find a bigger tree at a reasonable cost. There was also a suggestion of finding someone who would be willing to donate a larger tree. Edbauer stated that there is a dead tree at Stoney Creek Park that needs to be taken down. Neumann replied that he will schedule to have the tree removed.

Report from Parks Committee–May 18, 2009/Fredonia Farmers Market Guidelines

The Fredonia Farmers Market Guidelines were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lapicola, seconded by Rudolph, and carried. Short stated that the Fredonia Government Center Commission is meeting on May 26th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Farmers Market. Buchholtz is in support of the FGC Commission allowing the Farmers Market to be held at the FGC parking lot. Short replied that the FGC Commission may have concerns about agreeing to this. Dohrwardt feels that it falls under the criteria to allow it to be held here and that there will most likely be residents from both the town and village of Fredonia participating in the market. Bertram feels that the residents of the village and town of Fredonia will benefit from having a community Farmers Market held at the FGC because the building was built with the taxpayers' money and should be able to be used by the taxpayers.

Report from Fredonia Government Center Commission – May 6, 2009 Meeting

Short reported that they discussed the bid specs for the lawn and landscaping services at the FGC which are due by May 27th. The FGCC discussed the neighbors concerns of tree limbs and debris falling in their yard. They also talked about the FGC Donation Plaque and reviewed the list of donors. Buchholtz stated that a resident suggested that the sign from the Maple Lawn Soccer Club be displayed at the FGC with a picture of the Maple Lawn School building and a history of the school. This would need to go before the FGCC if it were to be displayed in any of the common areas. Bertram suggested another possibility would be to donate the sign to the Americanism Center.

Architectural Control Board – May 13, 2009 Meeting

Dohrwardt reported that a deck permit was approved for 350 Emerald Hills Drive and an egress window, deck and fireplace were approved for 407 Emerald Hills Drive. The Ethics Ordinance was reviewed and signed by the Architectural Control Board members.

Personnel Committee – May 18, 2009 Meeting

Bertram reported that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the building inspector's salary. They are recommending \$20.09 per hour and that he also be paid on a per hour basis for attending Architectural Control Board meetings. A **MOTION** was made by Dohrwardt to pay John Derler \$20.09 per hour as the Building Inspector, seconded by Lapicola, and carried. A **MOTION** was made by Edbauer to pay John Derler an hourly wage of \$20.09 to attend Architectural Control Board meetings, seconded by Rudolph, and carried.

Certified Commercial Building Inspector

Short stated that he has contacted Roger Kison who is a Certified Commercial Building Inspector and he is interested in working for the village. If we do not hire someone who is certified for commercial inspection we will need to send plans to the state for approval. This could be a costly and time consuming process. On April 21st the Ozaukee High School Booster Club submitted plans to add onto and remodel the existing concession stand on the school district site. Because Tom Johnson had already notified the state that he was resigning from the village, he could not approve the plans. Discussion was held

on hiring Mr. Kison as interim commercial inspector until John Derler becomes a certified commercial inspector. A **MOTION** was made by Lapicola to hire Roger Kison as interim certified commercial building inspector at \$23.10 per hour, seconded by Rudolph, and carried.

Renewal of Police Disability Insurance

A quote from Chubb insurance for \$1,600 for Police Disability Insurance was reviewed. This includes \$50,000 covered injury death benefit and \$500 maximum weekly total disability benefit. Three other quotes were received from Provident using different coverage amounts at a cost of \$1,701; \$1,336; and \$1,626. The board questioned if the Chubb quote included impairment benefits. A recess was taken at 8:20 p.m. to allow the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to look for the current insurance policy with Chubb. The meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m. No additional information was found. The policy renewal is due by May 29th. Deputy Leet talked with Marshal Davel and stated that the policy is provided as a bridge for Workers Comp insurance if they would get hurt while on duty at the Village of Fredonia. A **MOTION** was made by Rudolph to renew the Police Disability Insurance Policy with Chubb Insurance for \$1,600, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.

Guidelines for Obtaining Legal Advice

Lapicola feels that the village spent too much money on legal fees in the past year and that we owe it to the residents to be prudent with our spending. He added that the village could possibly reduce the need for lawyers by discussing it at the board level and reaching a resolution with less legal advice. He is suggesting that for all issues that are not an emergency, board approval should be required prior to seeking council. Emergency situations would require approval by a board member or the village president. The call to the attorney would then need to be discussed at the next board meeting. The Village Marshal would be exempt from this and he may call the attorney as needed. Lapicola noted that the Fredonia Government Center incurred the most legal fees in the past year. The \$3,464 cost includes both the village and town's share. The 11-22-08 incident cost the village \$1,737, which Buchholtz feels could have been resolved without attorney involvement. The EMS/Firefighter Association sign was another issue that incurred costly legal fees. Lapicola feels that a solution to the sign could have been accomplished by working together. Short replied that in retrospect he feels that the EMS/Firefighter Association should have been responsible for the attorney fees. Lapicola asked that the board members review the guideline draft that he has prepared and make any changes or suggestions for discussion at the next board meeting.

Correspondence

- Northern Ozaukee School District Board Members.
- Note from Pastor Wayne Ahrens.
- We Energies letter regarding time of use savings at 246 Fredonia Avenue.
- Mid- Moraine Municipal Association dinner meeting May 27, 2009 – Short will attend.
- 2008 Village of Fredonia Financial Report – from Virchow Kraus for next meeting.

Board of Review – June 9th 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, June 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Short stated that he has received a complaint from a resident about a registered sex offender living at 200 Martin Drive. This will be sent to the Public Safety Committee.

The Fredonia Government Center donation plaque is on the Tuesday, May 26, 2009 FGCC meeting agenda and will also be on the June 4th village board meeting agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Lapicola to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Rudolph, and carried.