

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
December 2, 2021

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Josh Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: John Schommer & family, State Rep. Robert Brooks, Connor Carynski, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker and Melissa Depies.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the November 18, 2021 village board meeting, November 24, 2021 special village board meeting and the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list were approved on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comment**

Brooks asked Haas to comment about repairs to the covered bridge in the Town of Cedarburg.

**Commendation for John Schommer by Rep. Robert Brooks**

60th district of the Wisconsin State Assembly, Representative Robert Brooks presented Fredonia Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief John Schommer with a commendation for his heroic effort this summer to save a young man's life during a rare trench collapse that trapped the individual. John worked for two hours to free the patient. John said, "Everyone did their job."

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

Roger Strohm is spending time performing village clerk duties.

Dohrwardt is taking tax payments mailed to the village to the Fredonia Port Washington State Bank office for processing. Dohrwardt has talked with Ozaukee County treasurer, Joshua Morison, who is ultimately responsible for tax collection, and is OK with the process.

Dohrwardt spoke with Ozaukee County clerk, Julie Winkelhorst, about the 2022 spring election. Since Dohrwardt is not on the ballot he can handle the nomination papers. He will take a three hour course and be in the office until 5p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, which is the cutoff for turning in the Noncandidacy form.

Dohrwardt contacted WRS about retirement and insurance programs. They do not have representatives that would present at a meeting. It takes 4-6 weeks to process an application which must be done by November to begin the following January.

APPROVE POLLWORKERS FOR 2022-2023 TERM: After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the poll workers listed as presented, with a note that Judy Ruppel was listed twice, by Haas, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-S DELEGATING CLERK/TREASURER DUTIES TEMPORARILY: No resolution included in packet, approval considered later in the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2021-T AUTHORIZING 2022 DEBT SERVICE: After discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt 2021-T Approving 2022 Debt Service by Haas, seconded by McLarty, and carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-U AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON FREDONIA AVENUE LOAN IN 2021: After discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt 2021-U Approving Additional Principal Payment on Fredonia Avenue Loan in 2021 by Gehrke, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-V AUTHORIZING RICHARD ABEGGLEN AS SIGNER ON VILLAGE ISSUED CHECKS: On November 18, 2021 the Village Board gave authority to Abegglen to cosign checks and resolutions. After discussion, a **MOTION** to modify Resolution 2021-U adding Abegglen is authorized to cosign other documents the clerk/treasurer would cosign by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried.

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

Fire Chief Weyker stated that the new mobile radios have been installed in all trucks. He has possession of the old radios and has not received direction on what to do with them.

Weyker spoke about the Town of Saukville fire contract. He is scheduled to meet with the Saukville/Grafton fire chief on December 8<sup>th</sup> to review the 2022 fire contract. Liability insurance will need to be added. By consensus the village board gave Weyker approval to contact the village attorney to review the contract. *The Town of Saukville contract is to be added to the agenda for approval at the next village board meeting.*

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

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. By consensus, the board approved a carryover of unspent Village Marshall 2021 operating budget toward a future squad purchase.

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

APPROVE HARTER'S SANITATION AND RECYCLING CONTRACT: At the November 18<sup>th</sup> village board meeting an approval was given to request a seven year contract. The contract submitted by Harter's has been reviewed by the village attorney. After discussion, a MOTION to approve the contract contingent on incorporating the attorney's comments and changing the contract length to seven years to run from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2028, by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

APPROVE COLLIER'S CONTRACT TO REPRESENT FREDONIA IN SELLING INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY: A revised contract has not been submitted with a clarification of the commission structure. Add to the agenda for approval at the next village board meeting.

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

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed.

Changed the outside lab services to a company from Marshfield that already sends a courier to Cedar Valley Cheese. Fredonia costs are 50% lower than previously for lab work.

**Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer**

Strohm has been performing the duties he can.

**Report on Operations of Village by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor**

Haas said three County Board Supervisors recently resigned.

The county board is considering a Haas suggestion to have 6:00p.m. meetings and having a single monthly meeting.

Town of Cedarburg is requesting to have the cost of repairing the Covered Bridge shared with other municipalities. Haas does not support this.

**Finance Committee Meeting November 23, 2021**

A verbal report was given by Abegglen.

Discussed the Collier proposal.

Jason Bublitz, representing Midwest Precision Manufacturing, is looking into to expanding their presence in the industrial park to include Lot 7, recently purchased back by the village from the Rathsack's.

Guy & O'Neil expansion and coordinating with Collier was discussed.

The five year capital plan is being entered into a spreadsheet. It does not look sustainable especially with the cost of future fire trucks.

Discussing a payout for employees that do not have health insurance coverage through the village.

Discussed options for temporary clerk/treasurer coverage. Baker-Tilley, an employee from another municipality or Sandi Tretow.

APPROVE BAKER-TILLEY TO PROVIDE TREASURER SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE: After discussion, a MOTION to approve Baker-Tilley to provide Treasurer services to the Village including the General accounts, and

Water and Sewer Departments by Gehrke, seconded by McLarty – Yea: Gehrke, McLarty, Long, Dohrwardt, Bertram and Abegglen – Nay: Haas – Motion carried.

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to interview an applicant for the Clerk/Treasurer position on a **MOTION** by Abegglen, seconded by Gehrke and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session at 8:44p.m. on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Abegglen, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Clerk/Treasurer position and wage. **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, to proceed as discussed in the closed session and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Long  
Village Trustee