

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

President Dohrwardt called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Don Dohrwardt, Dan Gehrke, Bill McLarty, John Long, Rick Abegglen, Josh Haas, and Bruce Paape.

Staff/Officials present: Village Clerk Melissa Depies, Village Marshal Mike Davel, and Public Works Crew person Brandon Heinen.

Others present: Residents Sandi Tretow and Charlene Landing.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the October 20, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes, and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Charlene Landing, 245 St. Rose Avenue, stated that Village Code states that residents are not allowed to have leaves at the curb for more than 72 hours prior to collection. Many residents are not following the ordinance. She stated why have an ordinance if it is not going to be enforced. Trustee Abegglen responded that the ordinance may need to be changed. Residents rake leaves when time and weather allows. Crews collect leaves on a rotating basis between the east and west side of the Village, this rotation may not work with weather and residents schedules.

Ben Wood and Isak Fruchtman, Strand Associates, indicated that they would like to be considered to assist the Village with engineering needs. Strand has done plan and stormwater reviews for the Village in the past.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt had nothing to report.

Report on Operations of Village Administrator

Board members reviewed the report.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Board members reviewed the report.

Marshal Davel stated that there will be a Veterans Parade on Tuesday, November 8. The parade will begin at Waubedonia Park, head east on Fredonia Avenue, go past the school and loop back. Officers Wolff and Hurda will lead and follow the parade.

There was discussion on a designated parade route and how the Village should handle parades in the future.

Marshal Davel reported that Mr. Watry is requesting a conditional use permit to sell cars on the vacant property on Fredonia Avenue; therefore no action will be taken to remove the cars until after the Plan Commission meeting.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Fire Chief Weyker was not present, there was no report.

Report on Operations of Village by Public Works/Wastewater Treatment Plant

Board members reviewed the report.

Crewperson Brandon Heinen reported that there have been an abundance of leaves. The crew hauled 39 dump truck loads out to the Paulus farm plus several loads to the staging area by the shop. This was only the West side of the Village. Mr. Heinen stated that the push and scoop system is much faster and there are less breakdowns due to unwanted debris in the leaf piles.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

Board members reviewed the activities report as prepared by Village Clerk/Treasurer Depies.

Clerk Depies stated the office has been very busy with in-person absentee voters and getting things ready for the upcoming election in addition to the day-to-day activities of the Village.

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Supervisor Haas reported that Mequon is moving their dispatch center to the county. He also noted that the County Budget passed. Everything is running smoothly.

Report of Park & Rec Committee – D Gehrke

Trustee Gehrke reported that the tree lighting event will be held November 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Freedom Park. There will be a small camp fire, NOSD Choir, and a visit from Santa. Village Clerk Depies will investigate obtaining trees for volunteers to decorate.

The committee began the planning process for the Fun B4 the 4th event.

The Fire Department will be celebrating their 100th anniversary next year. They are planning a celebration event for August 19th; there may be some collaboration with the Village and Fire Department for a joint event.

Consideration is being given to show one of the movies in January or February in the school.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

Adopt Ordinance 2022-6 Amending Section 132-4 Standing committees:

Trustee Abegglen does not believe that the Technology Committee should be removed. This committee is more than just a budgeting committee.

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to adopt ordinance 2022-6 Amending Section 132-4 Standing committees leaving (7) Tech committee in the ordinance. After limited discussion this motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to table adoption of Ordinance 2022-6 Amending Section 132-4 Standing committees to the December 1, 2022 Village Board meeting. Motion carried 6 to 1. Trustee Gherke Nay.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-I Establishing wages for the Village President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Fredonia

President Dohrwardt stated that this resolution will change the way the Village Board is paid. Rather than being paid per diem for meetings Village Board members will receive an annual stipends – Village President \$6,000 and Village Trustees \$2,000.

Trustee Haas stated that he does not agree with the dollar amounts being proposed. He noted that 2017 was the last time Village Board pay was addressed.

Trustee McLarty does not believe that board members should receive blanket pay. President Dohrwardt stated that there is a stipulation in place stating that Board member must attend 2/3 of the meetings.

Trustee Haas stated that the Village President should not be paid three times what a Trustee receives.

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Paape, to table Resolution 2022-I Establishing wages for the Village President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Fredonia to the December 1, 2022 Village Board meeting. Motion carried 4 to 3. President Dohrwardt, Trustees Long and Gehrke - Nay

Discussion regarding appointing Village President as active chair of the Architectural Control Board

President Dohrwardt stated that this will allow the Village President to step in at the Architectural Control Board or any other committee to make up a quorum if needed.

Sandi Tretow stated that this is already part of the Village Code. Trustee Haas stated that it is not. There was discussion with no action taken.

Correspondence

Response from Senator Duey Stroebel:

Trustee Paape suggested writing a charter resolution that the board could send to the state.

President Dohrwardt stated that the Village wants information prior to the group homes moving in so that police and fire can be notified.

Representative Robert Brooks will be in attendance at the December 1, 2023 meeting. Trustee Long stated that all North Wilson residents should be invited to attend so they can ask questions and state their concerns. Trustee Paape stated that the group home administrators should also be invited.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Trustee Long stated that there were some items missed in the proposed budget.

1. Tuck pointing the north side of the Marshal office: Tuck point and then cover with vinyl siding to protect it so it last longer.
2. Roof repairs of the Marshal office/well house: \$50,000 slated 2025 – roof in very bad condition should be done sooner. Mr. Heinen state that the roof in the well house does have very bad leaking issues during heavy rains and snow melt.
3. Sidewalk to Dollar General: Sidewalk in this area is slated for 2025. Trustee Long stated that with the new development of Dollar General this sidewalk should be done sooner so people can safely walk to the store. Trustee Abegglen stated that when sidewalks were discussed and scheduled Dollar General was not an issue.
4. Fire House Canopy over service door: Trustee Abegglen stated that this item was not separated out in the capital budget. Funds were mixed in with the regular maintenance budget.
5. Technology Committee: Trustee Long stated that each year the Village budget included another area for security cameras and they were not included. Trustee Abegglen stated that the cameras were omitted due to other budgeting requirements. Trustee Long stated that the DPW wanted a stronger camera to read license plates.
6. Fire Department Paramedic page: the grant monies and expenses should be listed and tracked.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies
Village Clerk