

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
January 20, 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, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, John Long and Bill McLarty.

Board members absent: Dan Gehrke and Josh Haas.

Staff/Official present: Marshall Mike Davel, First Assistant Chief Chris Kunstmann, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, and Village Clerk Melissa Depies.

Others present: Ozaukee Press representative Connor Carynski.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to approve the January 6, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes as presented and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented with the addition of Ozaukee County Tourism Council and Assessment Technologies of Wisconsin. Motion carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None

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

President Dohrwardt stated that 5 members from the Village attended the open house at Guy & O'Neill. They gave a tour of the facility explaining their operations and their recent expansion. The open house ended with a ceremony and cake and coffee.

Trustee Long stated that representatives from Guy & O'Neill stated that a couple of the issues with attracting employees was places to eat and day care. He suggested the day care at St. Johns Lutheran Church. He gave contact information to Guy & O'Neill staff.

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

First Assistant Chief Kunstmann explained that the Length of Service Award (LOSA) program has helped with retention of volunteer fire fighters. Currently the department has 12 members with 20+ years of service. There are 29 eligible members for the program, the state will match \$420.54 per member into the program; therefore he recommended the Village also contribute \$420.54 per member for a total of \$12,195.66.

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to approve a contribution of \$420.54 per eligible member to the Length of Service Award Program and put any remaining funds into the reserve account. Motion carried.

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

Board members reviewed the report highlighting police activities as prepared by Marshal Davel.

Marshal Davel stated that a final 2021 report will be presented at the February 3 meeting.

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

Board members reviewed the report highlighting projects and other activities of the Public Works crew as prepared by Director of Public Works Strohm.

Director of Public Works Strohm reported that there was a water main break near the intersection of Milwaukee Street and Fredonia Avenue. Daves Excavating will be repairing the break on Friday, January 21.

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

Board members reviewed the report of the Wastewater Treatment plant as prepared by Director of Public Works Strohm.

Director of Public Works Strohm stated that the motor on the grit chamber had a lot of water in it when it was removed. The motor was dried, rehabbed, and reinstalled. There was also some wiring connections that were bad and repaired.

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

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

### **Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor**

Trustee Haas was not in attendance therefore there was no report.

### **Report of Technology Committee Meeting**

Trustee Abegglen reported that they are working on obtaining the security cameras for the Public Works building. They are anticipating 4 cameras which should cover all garages. Trustee Long stated that the new quotes are approximately \$500 more than quotes received last year.

Trustee Abegglen stated that they received a quote of \$5,000 per year from Civic Plus to build, maintain, and host a new website for the Village. Several communities in Ozaukee County use Civic Plus.

Trustee Long will be drafting a mission statement for the Technology Committee for review and approval.

Director of Public Works Strohm reported that the electronic sign out front is not working. Marshall Sign has indicated that it cannot be fixed and a new sign would cost approximately \$23,000.

### **Report of Architectural Control Board Meeting**

Trustee Long presented plans of the proposed improvements by Sippel Electric explaining that the existing drive through canopy will be removed, the windows will be raised, and bushes and landscaping will be added. The building will be gray with black windows, doors and roof. Sippel Electric will also be adding accent lighting.

Trustee Long also reported that there is a tree leaning on a house; John Derler will talk to the property owner.

It was reported that Graphic Studio building was purchased and remodeling is anticipated for Spring 2022.

### **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Bertram to approve Resolution 2022-B Authorizing Melissa Depies, Village Clerk/Treasurer as a signer on Village issues checks and documents. Motion carried.

President Dohrwardt thanked Trustee Abegglen for stepping in during the transition.

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to approve Resolution 2022-A Dedicating a portion of public lands as park road. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to approve an agreement with Ozaukee County to use the Village of Fredonia Firehouse for the meal program. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the request to change the meeting nights from Thursday at 7:00 PM to Monday at 6:00 PM. Trustee Abegglen indicated that he cannot

make a 6:00 PM start time due to family obligations. Trustee McLarty indicated that Mondays are family night. Trustee Long stated that there are 2 Mondays where camping may be a conflict however he believed he could attend the meeting via zoom. The issue will be further discussed and considered.

Trustee Long reported that the City of Sheboygan will be using ARPA funds to give employees raises and retention bonuses. He indicated that the League has new provisions for worker retention incentives. He suggested that the board consider this as a use of ARPA funds.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board**

Trustee McLarty questioned if the posting was for an Administrative Assistant was still active. He believes the Village should consider a full time Clerk, a full time Treasurer, and have each one cross-trained. He received applications for the position. Looking for direction so he can respond to the applicants.

President Dohrwardt stated that is not opposed to a full time Treasurer and/or Admin Assistant and he does not want to wait 3 or 4 months to fill this position. He believed it would be beneficial to receive training from Baker Tilly at one time.

Trustee Bertram did not believe that two full time people were needed. She suggested that the Personnel Committee meet to discuss.

Trustee Long questioned the status of the Ordinance change regarding gun sales. Director of Public Works Strohm stated that the Ordinance change requires two meeting notices before the Plan Commission.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies  
Village Clerk