

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
February 17, 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, Jill Bertram, Josh Haas, and Rick Abegglen.

Staff/Officials present: Marshal Mike Davel, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, and Village Clerk Melissa Depies.

Others present: Ozaukee Press representative Connor Carynski, members of the ATV/UTV Club Tom Birenbaum, Ryan Birenbaum, Bob Hubing, Town of Fredonia Chairman Lance Leider and Former Town Clerk Bob Eichner.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the February 3, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes as presented and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented. Motion carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Tom Birenbaum, President of the ATV/UTV Club handed out a proposal requesting that the Village of Fredonia establish the local streets as ATV/UTV routes. They requested to be placed on a future agenda after the Board has had an opportunity to review the proposal.

Presentation: Tom Lubner – Primecast Advertising Inc. / Electronic Sign

Tom Lubner, Primecast Advertising Inc. provided a packet of information that quoted 3 different digital signs: ThinkSign (40X140); ThinkSign (64X224); and Watchfire (36X126). All signs are wireless technology and include a temperature display. The main difference in the signs is size and resolution. The Watchfire sign is slightly smaller; and will therefore need a frame around it. The ThinkSign will fill the entire spot available.

Director of Public Works Roger Strohm stated that the sign will need 25 amps of electrical service. No upgrade to electrical service needed, what is servicing the existing sign will support the new sign as well.

Trustee Abegglen questioned if the wireless service would be secure. Mr. Lubner responded that service would be tied to the office; therefore would be secure.

Trustee Abegglen questioned how user friendly the system would be. Mr. Lubner stated that the system is very user friendly and pretty flawless is use.

Trustee Long questioned if the sign will need a stand-alone computer. Mr. Lubner replied the software can be installed on any existing computer.

Former Town Clerk Bob Eichner suggested notifying the County that this is an approved wireless site.

Town Chairman Lance Leider questioned if there can be more than one user assigned to program the messages. Mr. Lubner indicated that he would need to double check however did believe it would be an issue.

Mr. Lubner stated that the ThinkSign provides 25 inches of LED display and is a much better quality. Delivery would take about 2 or 3 weeks. The Watchfire is 24 inches of LED display and would take 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. Service and parts for both signs are generally same day or next day delivery.

President Dohrwardt questioned if the light emitting from the sign would be a nuisance to the residents that live across the street. Mr. Lubner replied that the sign does have a photo eye so the brightness can be dimmed at night. It can be dimmed down to 8 to 10 percent brightness. He did not believe it would create a nuisance for those residents.

President Dohrwardt was concerned about vandalism since the LED bulbs were out front. Mr. Lubner stated that historically vandalism has not been an issue with any of the signs. Trustee Long stated that future intent is to put a camera on the sign and a camera on the Village Hall building.

Town Chairman Lance Leider stated that he has the authority to approve the purchase so this project can move forward. President Dohrwardt would like to refer the purchase to the Fredonia Government Center Commission for approval. It was noted that the purchase would require half down at time of ordering and the remainder to be paid once the sign is installed. All costs would be split equally between the Town and the Village.

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Long, to schedule a Fredonia Government Center Commission meeting to discuss and approve the purchase of a digital display sign from Primecast Advertising Inc., Grafton, WI. Motion carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt explained that he was contacted by the Community Outreach Manager with Family Sharing of Ozaukee County requesting a location to set up a mobile food pantry program. The truck is self-contained; they would simply park the truck, service the people and then pack up.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to allow Family Sharing of Ozaukee County to utilize the parking lot at the Fredonia Government Center for a mobile food pantry program. Motion carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

The Fire Chief was not present – there was no report.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

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

Marshal Davel reported that Officer Eric Leet did a presentation to the residents of Forest Haven regarding various scams focusing on telephone scams.

Marshal Davel also stated that he would like to review and comment on the ATV/UTV proposal.

Trustee Bertram noted that there was a break in at the beauty shop and another incident where a chair was thrown through a window at the auction house in Waubeka. She questioned if the two incidents were related. Marshal Davel stated that the Sherriff's Department handled the burglary; only a small amount of money was taken. He did not believe the two incidents were related.

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:

- ✓ The Village has experience a watermain break on Martin Drive between Fillmore Street and Lawrence Street. Crews dug where the water was coming up however was unable to find the break; therefore a leak locator needed to be called.
- ✓ Crews have begun water meter replacement activities.
- ✓ Hillcrest Builders has begun the water and sewer extensions as needed.

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.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

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

Village Clerk/Treasurer Depies requested permission to attend a Municipal Treasurers Workshop as well as Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Certification training. Board members thought it was a good idea and requested that the training information be placed on the next agenda for formal approval.

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Trustee Haas reported that the County has received \$17.3 million in ARPA funds. The County has been investigating the use of said funds to fund Fire and EMS personnel for the next 3 years; however there are concerns with how these positions will be funded once the ARPA funds are gone.

A radio tower is being erected on County Trunk Y to aid in radio communications with Fire and EMS personnel. The tower will also host cellular equipment to alleviate local dead spots.

The bus running from Ozaukee County to Milwaukee may be ending. There is not enough riders to justify the cost.

Report of Plan Commission

The minutes of the Plan Commission meeting were distributed for review. A public hearing will be scheduled for a zoning change to allow the sale of firearms out of a home. An extra territorial plat for Kevin and Donna Stageman was approved.

Report of Comprehensive Plan

Director of Public Works Roger Strohm stated that he is trying to get demographic information for the Village. He also noted some communities have responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire that was created.

Report of Technology Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Technology Committee meeting were distributed for review. Trustee Abegglen stated that the Technology Committee reviewed the sign proposal and recommended the ThinkSign as well. Proposals for the cameras for the garage were reviewed and recommended for approval.

The mission statement for the Technology Committee was reviewed and adopted.

Future items for discussion will include: Website hosting by CivicPlus; broadcasting meetings via U-Tube and/or Facebook Live.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

Further Discussion regarding changing of meeting dates from Thursday nights: Trustee Long requested this item be placed on the agenda so summer plans could be made. Clerk Depies noted that she originally requested the change stating that a Thursday evening meeting not only interferes with possible long weekend plans she is exhausted by Thursday. She noted that she has been working 45+ hours Monday – Thursday to get everything done.

All weeknights were again discussed noting that the Town utilized the building on Wednesday nights, elections could interfere with Tuesday nights, however the meeting could be moved in those cases, Monday nights may require location change due to elections. It was the consensus to have the March meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday on a trial basis.

Motion by Trustee Gehrke, seconded by Trustee Haas, to schedule Tuesday March 1, 2022 and Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the Village Board meetings. Motion carried – Trustee McLarty Nay.

Approve Riveredge Nature Center-Community Rivers Program-\$3,500:

Director of Public Works Strohm stated that the Village has been part of this program for the past 2 years. The program provides good activities for our residents to take part in.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve an agreement with Riveredge Nature Center Community Rivers Program for a cost of \$3,500. Motion carried.

Approve Symbiont to continue to support Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technical services-\$5,000:

Director of Public Works Strohm stated this is a budgeted service. GIS does provide and store valuable information pertaining to the sanitary sewer system.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve a contract with Symbiont for 2022 GIS Support and Technical Services for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Trustee Gehrke stated that he will be having a citizens meeting to discuss summer activities. This will not be an official governmental meeting.

Director of Public Works Strohm stated that he has received several calls regarding the old day care building on the corner. The most recent was from someone wanting to utilize the building as a “Sober House”. A place for women to go temporarily after rehab while they get reintroduced to the society and get themselves back on their feet. They have requested to be on the next Plan Commission agenda.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies
Village Clerk