

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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 and Public Works Crewmember Brandon Heinen.

Others present: Residents Paul Krause and Charlene Landing.

Consent Agenda

President Dohrwardt explained that the Village was notified late in the day that an interest payment on a bond issue was inadvertently missed. The due date of the payment was June 1. Clerk Depies explained that the payment has been scheduled with PWSB. Due to the lateness in the day and the need to get authorized for wire transfers the funds (\$53,137.53) are scheduled to be transferred Friday morning, June 3, 2022.

Clerk Depies stated that the minutes for the Board of Review are not verbatim. The verbatim recording of the meeting has been saved and is available should it be needed.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the May 17, 2022 Board of Review and May 17, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes as presented, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented including the aforementioned wire transfer of interest payment of \$53,137.53. Motion carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Charlene Landing, 245 St. Rose Avenue, stated that she was very disappointed in the condition of Freedom Park and the Village Hall property over the Memorial Day weekend. Stating that it was a disgrace to have Village property looking so poor when family and friends of residents were visiting over the holiday weekend. She stated that someone needs to be held responsible for making sure that this does not occur again in the future. She requested a call/response from the Director of Public Works when he returns from vacation.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt stated that the contractor on North Wilson Street damaged a sewer lateral while moving a curb stop which caused a sanitary backup at one property. The contractor has repaired the break and the lateral is functioning properly.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Board members reviewed the report.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Clerk Depies stated that Fire Chief Brian Weyker could not be in attendance at this meeting; however requested that Board members review and comment on the Grant Application so it can be completed. He also requested that a joint Finance and Public Safety meeting be scheduled to finalize said grant application.

President Dohrwardt stated that a meeting with the officials from the Villages and Towns of Fredonia and Belgium has been scheduled for June 14, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Belgium Town Hall.

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

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

Crewmember Brandon Heinen stated that he is in attendance at the request of Roger Strohm. Mr. Heinen stated that the sewer contractor for North Wilson Street should be completed in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Once that is completed curb and gutter and sidewalk will be installed. Trustee Haas expressed frustration due to this project continually being pushed back.

Trustee Long questioned if there is any news on Hillcrest completing the road. Mr. Heinen stated that the contractor was there yesterday doing some work. The road failed the initial compaction test; therefore they are digging out the soft areas and adding gravel.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

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

Insurance Renewal for Village Vehicles, Property & Worker's Compensation:

It was noted that: the address for Location 18 – Stoney Creek Park was incorrect; Location 21 does not have a Gazebo – the Gazebo was moved to Marie Krause park; the drivers list needs to be updated to include Clerk Depies, the full time AEMT, and any seasonal staff that operates our vehicles.

Trustee Haas stated that in 2023 he would like to see additional quotes not only from additional insurance companies but additional insurance agents as well.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the insurance program as prepared by Ansay & Associates, LLC with said corrections listed above for a policy term of June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Haas stated that he would like a statement added to the newsletter regarding the Village not paying for any sewer backup damage costs. Clerk Depies stated she will make adjustments to the newsletter to allow room for said statement.

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Trustee Haas stated that the county is reviewing a Resolution which will not allow any donations for any election related activity. He strongly supports this resolution and encourages others to reach out to County Supervisors to encourage their support as well.

Report of Personnel Committee

Trustee McLarty stated that the administrative position was discussed with a cost comparison between a 20 hour work week and a 32 hour work week with benefits and four different pay rates. Concerns were raised regarding funding this administrative position due to the upcoming cost of the full time Fire/Medic positions. A joint finance and personnel committee meeting is recommended.

Trustee Gehrke continues to work on the WRS enrollment and ETF Insurance information. Committee members approved a small expense to complete a cost study from ETF.

Report of Parks & Recreation/Technology Committee

Trustee Gehrke stated that members met at Fireman's park to create a plan on where things will be laid out for the Family Fun B4 the 4th event. Marketing material will be out soon.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-C Expressing our Appreciation to Jill Bertram for her years of service as Village Trustee:

Trustee Long stated that the list of committees is incorrect noting that Jill Bertram was not on Plan Commission or Architectural Control Board.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Long to table the Resolution to the June 16, 2022 Village Board meeting so it can be corrected. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-3 Regulating the sale, gift, possession and use of nicotine products, vapor products and electronic smoking devices:

Trustee Long stated that section F states that:

“No person shall possess, smoke, or otherwise use any nicotine product, vapor product or electronic smoking device in or upon any building premises owned, leased or used by the Village.”

He believes this is too restrictive and should not be included in the ordinance. If this was included that would mean that no one could even carry a pack of cigarettes with them in one of our Village parks.

Paul Krause questioned why the Village needs to have ordinance that mimics state statutes. It was explained that the Village needed to adopt the ordinance so the Marshal had enforcement rights in the Village.

Trustee Haas noted that this is also being reviewed by the County as there have been issues with vape pens in the high school. The County can adopt the ordinance; however they do not have enforcement rights without the Village adopting a similar ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to refer Ordinance 2022-3 Regulating the sale, gift, possession and use of nicotine products, vapor products and electronic smoking devices back to staff for further review. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding tree removal in Outlot 1 – Village Green:

Trustee Long noted that the trees in this outlot are dead and there is at least one tree that if it fell it could cross the road and possibly hit a car or pedestrian. There is a clause on the subdivision plans that indicates that the owners of the residential lots within the subdivision shall each own an equal undivided fractional interest in outlots 1 and 2; which means that all property owners would be responsible for the removal of these trees.

There was limited discussion as to how this tree removal should be handled and who should be responsible for the cost of said removal. Trustee Haas recommended a letter be sent to the property owners.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to refer the tree removal in Outlot 1 – Village Green to the Public Works Committee for discussion and recommendation. Motion carried (Trustees Haas and Paape – Nay)

Correspondence

None

Convene to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for personnel matters.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to convene to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for personnel matters at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to reconvene into open session at 8:47 PM. Motion carried.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Set meeting calendar:

Trustee Haas would like to create a calendar to have set committee meeting and board meeting nights. Trustee McLarty agreed stating that Personnel does not meet every month; however he is willing to have a set night for when it is needed.

Trustee Haas stated that there was interest in having Board meetings only one time per month, if that is to happen the Board needs to be more organized and stay on topic. Clerk Depies was concerned about having only one meeting per month due to the approval and payment of invoices.

Trustee Gehrke suggested to start by having set nights for committee meetings, see how that goes and in time possibly make changes to the Village Board meeting schedule.

Website update:

Trustee Gehrke stated that the agreement with Civic Plus has been signed and sent in. He will be the main point of contact with Trustee Abegglen being the second point of contact. Civic Plus has requested a meeting to discuss content and one to discuss design. The meetings will be approximately 60 minutes each and will be held via zoom; anyone is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies
Village Clerk