

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2022**

President Dohrwardt called the Village Board meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Staff/Officials present: Marshal Eric Leet, Fire Chief Brian Weyker, and Village Clerk Melissa Depies.

Others present: Ken Karrels, Tonya Wolfgram, Kendal Thistle, Paul Krause, and Ozaukee Press Representative Connor Carynski.

Due to Trustee Gehrke attending the meeting virtually all motions were voted on by a roll-call vote.

Consent Agenda

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

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Kendal Thistle, 228 North Wilson Street, stated that due to installation of sidewalk at this property he will be losing a parking space; therefore he would like to add an 11 foot wide parking slab on the north side of the garage. He has received a letter from the neighboring property owner authorizing a 2 foot setback. It was the consensus of the board to have this matter reviewed by Plan Commission.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

None

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Board members reviewed the report.

Marshal Leet highlighted the report stating that the average of arrest are up; this includes traffic citations. The radio changeover is going well. Staff is still operating with the old system; however all equipment is in place just waiting to go live with the county.

Staff is signing up to provide coverage for the Family Fun B4 the 4th Event. They are anticipating full coverage from 2:00 PM to the end of the event.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Fire Chief Brian Weyker stated that the grant application is now available and needs to be submitted on or before June 30, 2022. He is working on completing the application but believed it would be good to have a joint Public Safety/Finance meeting to review the final document before submission.

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.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

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

Clerk Depies stated that she is currently working on renewing the Liquor Licenses for all establishments in the Village. Current licenses expire June 30.

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Trustee Haas stated that the county is adopting an Ordinance regarding vaping; it has been discovered that students are putting THC into the device. Trustee Haas suggested that the Village also adopt an Ordinance regarding this issue. Violations would then be a municipal violation rather than a county violation.

Trustee Haas also noted that the County Board approved a full-time security officer at Port Washington High School and St. Francis in Cedarburg.

Trustee Haas stated that the EMS Grant submission will move very quickly. Applications are due June 30, 2022. It was again stated that a joint Public Safety/Finance meeting should be held to review the grant document before it is submitted.

Report of Finance Committee

Trustee Abegglen stated that the Finance Committee met and held discussion in closed session regarding plans and bids for the business park.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

Motion to approve payment to Ken Karrels, 137 Edmaro Street for sanitary sewer backup damage for an amount not to exceed \$6,842.27:

Trustee Haas stated that the Village Insurance Carrier has provided a statement indicating that the Village is not responsible. It was his opinion that we should honor that statement.

Trustee Long stated that the Village provides a service and our equipment failed; therefore the Village should pay for damages. Trustee Paape agreed.

Trustee McLarty stated that the statement from the Insurance Carrier states that even if the Village carried the rider, the claim still may have been denied.

President Dohrwardt stated that the homeowners should be responsible for insuring their own property. The Village should not be responsible. An insurance rider for this type of event is approximately \$5,000 per year; basically the Village would be paying for a backup every year regardless of having one or not. Over the last 25 years there has only been 3 claims for sewer backup damage. All 3 property owners had their own insurance coverage.

Trustee McLarty stated that the Village has an ordinance, 455-9, stating that they will not pay for damages.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Paape to approve payment to Ken Karrels, 137 Edmaro Street, for sanitary sewer backup damage for an amount not to exceed \$6,842.27. Motion failed (2 to 5). Long and Paape aye / McLarty, Dohrwardt, Abegglen, Haas, Gehrke nay.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Paape to approve payment to Ken Karrels, 137 Edmaro Street, for 1/2 the cost of the sanitary sewer backup damage for an amount not to exceed \$3,421.13. Motion carried (4 to 3). Long, Paape, Dohrwardt, and Abegglen aye / McLarty, Haas, Gehrke nay.

Current ordinance needs to be reviewed and updated. Notification needs to be sent to residents regarding private insurance.

Motion to approve an agreement with Trio Engineering for design of sidewalk installation on North Milwaukee Street:

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee McLarty to table approval of an agreement with Trio engineering for design of sidewalk installation on North Milwaukee Street until Director of Public Works Roger Strohm is available. Motion carried.

Motion to approve sidewalk inspection report:

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to table the approval of the sidewalk inspection report until Director of Public Works Roger Strohm is available. Motion carried.

Report of Personnel Committee:

Trustee McLarty reported that the committee discussed having two full-time positions at 32 hours per week for each employee and cross-training the clerk and treasurer positions.

Employee benefits were discussed: Wisconsin State Retirement/Insurance as well as conversion of Vacation/Sick time to PTO accrual system.

Motion to set wages for: Disc Golf help, Park Program Leader and Temporary Summer Help at \$12.00 per hour. Returning temporary summer help shall be paid at the rate of \$12.50 per hour:

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Abegglen to set the wages for: Disc Golf help, Park Program Leader and Temporary Summer Help at \$12.00 per hour. Returning temporary summer help shall be paid at the rate of \$12.50 per hour. Motion carried.

Report of Park & Recreation Committee:

Trustee Gehrke reported that there will be no parade due to security concerns. Donations are coming in and many of the costs have been covered. There will be no rain date, the event will happen rain or shine. Fireworks will be shot off in the same location as previous years, Oak Park.

Motion to approve an application and permit for fireworks at the Family Fun B4 the 4th Event on June 25, 2022:

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee McLarty to approve an application and permit for fireworks at the Family Fun B4 the 4th Event on June 25, 2022. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-3 Amending the Village of Fredonia code of Ordinances Title 132 Village Board Section 8(A) – Meetings and Section 13(A)(1) Meeting Agendas:

Trustee Gehrke stated he did not believe the board was ready to act on this at this time. He would like to see a schedule of meetings for all committee on regularly scheduled nights.

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Hass to have Village Board meetings return to the First and Third Thursday of each month to be consistent with current Village Ordinances. Motion carried (6-1 – Long Nay)

Correspondence

President Dohrwardt stated that the Village received notification of the 2022 Recycling Grant. Amount awarded was \$6,682.06.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Preliminary Assessment Resolution for sidewalks.
Committee Meeting Schedule.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Village Board – Thursday, June 2 / 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies

Village Clerk