

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
December 16, 2021

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Dan Gehrke, Josh Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Excused: Jill Bertram. Also present: Connor Carynski, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker and Melissa Depies.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the December 2, 2021 village board meeting and the general fund, water and sewer bills were approved on a **MOTION** by Gehrke, seconded by Haas, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Policy for key employee waiver regarding insurance. After discussion, a **MOTION** to waive the insurance waiting period for key hourly exempt salaried employees, by McLarty, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Approval of 4 -10 work schedule for all employees. After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve a four day ten hour work schedule at the discretion of each individual department supervisor, by Gehrke, seconded by Haas, and carried.

Discussion of every week recycling. Discussion concluded that the garbage/recycling contract beginning in 2022 would remain as agreed to with recycling every other week.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Fire Chief Weyker provided a copy of the Fire Protection Services Agreement Between the Village of Saukville and Village of Fredonia Fire Department. A previous question about insurance has been covered. The contract for 2022 covers the same territory and price as in 2021. New is an agreement that the Fredonia ambulance will use the Saukville or Grafton paramedics instead of Port Washington's, which averages eight calls per year. After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the contract, by Haas, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Weyker was at a meeting with the other county fire departments concerning staffing. They scheduled a meeting with the county to ask for an allocation, out of the 4 million dollars the county is to receive for Covid relief, for 6 full time paramedic/firefighter positions that would be staffed 24 hours a day with one of those positions located in Fredonia. They would like this to be in place in six to eight months. The Fredonia full daytime EMT position would remain.

Hass thanked the fire department for their efforts on the recent fire that destroyed a neighbor's house on N Wilson St.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. At the last meeting the board approved a carryover of unspent Village Marshal's 2021 operating budget toward a future squad purchase, that amount will be \$6,000. Revenue from the municipal court will be over \$3,000 for 2021. About fifteen winter parking tickets have been issued.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

Cleaned up trees after wind storm, will be chipping next week.

APPROVE COLLIER'S CONTRACT TO REPRESENT FREDONIA IN SELLING INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY: Six month contract with broker commission 6%, 7% if co-broker & 2% if sold to protected buyers Guy & O'Neill, Laura Logan-Meadowlark Storage, Paulson Mechanical or Midwest Precision. Gehrke stated that these are very standard percentages in the realtor industry. After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the contract, by Haas, seconded by McLarty, and carried. Another **MOTION** approved Roger Strohm to sign the contract, by Haas, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

APPROVE SPRINT/T-MOBILE 5-YEAR CONTRACT FOR LEASE SPACE ON THE WATER TOWER: After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the contract, by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

Strohm has been performing the duties he can.

Report on Operations of Village by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

For future funding of six full time paramedic/firefighter positions the county is considering increasing the county sales tax.

APPROVE OF THE HIRING OF MELISSA DEPIES AS VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER: After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the hiring, by McLarty, seconded by Abegglen, and carried. Depies has been coming into the office some evenings to familiarize herself with the office. She was given verbal approval to sign up for training programs.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO SANDI TRETOW FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER:

Depies will begin full time employment on January 4, 2022 which is two days before the next board meeting. Depies will create a list of questions for Tretow. After discussion, a **MOTION** to table the authorization until the January 6, 2022 board meeting, by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried. *Add to the agenda for approval at the next village board meeting.*

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Gehrke has a list of citizens to be on a Chamber of Commerce Committee. He is considering calling a Parks Committee meeting in January to kick off the Chamber of Commerce.

McLarty thanked Depies for accepting the clerk-treasure position. He thanked Strohm for taking on clerk duties. Wished all a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Long
Village Trustee