

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
December 19, 2019**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Dan Benson, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Brian Weyker.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the December 5, 2019 village board meeting and the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list of bills and the November Treasurer's Report were approved on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Nothing additional to report.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

The November financial report for the fire and ambulance was reviewed.

WAUBEKA FIRE CONTRACT: The proposed three year contract for fire protection services in sections of the Town of Fredonia was reviewed and discussed. There are no changes to the service area. The annual payment increases 1.5% per year. A **MOTION** to approve the Waubeka Fire Contract as presented by Haas, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

TOWN OF SAUKVILLE FIRE CONTRACT: The proposed one year contract for fire protection services in sections of the Town of Saukville was reviewed and discussed. The contract payment is 1% higher than last year. After discussion, a **MOTION** to accept the contract with the Newburg Fire Department by Bertram, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH TOWN OF BELGIUM: The draft contract was presented to the village board on December 5, 2019 and has been agreed to by the Town of Belgium. The contract calls for \$3,750 per year for three years, and will be re-evaluated after that time. It is based on average number of calls at \$150 per call. A **MOTION** to approve the contract for ambulance services with the Town of Belgium by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH VILLAGE OF BELGIUM: The draft contract was presented to the village board on December 5, 2019 and has already been approved by Belgium's village board. This contract is for three years for \$18,000 per year, and will be re-evaluated after that time. The contracts for the Town and Village of Belgium will be used to offset the cost of hiring a full-time EMT. After, a **MOTION** to approve the contract for ambulance services with the Village of Belgium by McLarty, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Weyker stated a committee is working on researching a new engine and hopes to have information for the village board in the next month.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

APPROVE CARRY-OVER OF FUNDS TO 2020 FOR SQUAD PURCHASE: Davel is requesting \$4,000 of unspent 2019 police operating funds towards the purchase of a new

squad in 2020 or 2021. This would put the allocated funds so far at \$34,000 plus \$10,000 in the 2020 capital budget. After a **MOTION** to carryover \$4,000 towards squad purchase by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

Davel spoke about the porch pirate who was tagged and fined and credited citizens for identifying the individual, and Officer Dan Wolff.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

APPROVE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTRACT: Strohm stated each year the village signs a contract with WE Energies for the street light decorations. After discussion, a **MOTION** to have the Director of Public Works sign the WE Energies holiday lighting contract by Long, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

DISPOSITION OF 97 CHEVY PICKUP: Strohm stated that Brandon Heinen, public works employee, would like to buy the 97 Chevy pickup truck for \$500. This is the truck with the crane. The transmission is shot, it does not go into reverse, and the brakes are in bad shape. Strohm stated the sewer utility has a pickup truck budgeted for in 2020 to replace this one. Discussion followed concerning putting the truck on Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction or putting a for sale sign on it. After, a **MOTION** to sell the truck to Brandon for \$500, and if he changes his mind, put the truck for sale on Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction by Gehrke, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Strohm stated that Strand Associates came in and offered some improvements that could help at the wastewater treatment plant. They feel that we are on the right track. Sludge hauling may have to wait until spring.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

RESOLUTION 2019-O AUTHORIZING DEBT SERVICE FOR 2020: The 2020 debt service budget is \$258,033 which includes principal and interest payments for the Fredonia Avenue Loan and the fire station loan. A **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2019-O Authorizing Debt Service for 2020 with the corrected December 19, 2019 date by Long, seconded by Haas, and carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-P TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 2019-M AND REPLACE TO AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING FROM THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING UPGRADES AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: At the November 7, 2019 village board meeting, the entire loan application along with preamble and resolution for borrowing from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands was reviewed and approved along with Resolution 2019-M. The paperwork was mailed to the State and was returned to reword the resolution to be adopted that was in the loan application, rather than our Resolution 2019-M. The original resolution referred to using revenues from fees, rather than tax levy. After further discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2019-P to repeal Resolution 2019-M and Authorizing the Borrowing of Needed Funds for Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Removal Project from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin(attached) by Long, seconded by Gehrke, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Personnel Committee – December 16, 2019 meeting

The Personnel Committee met on December 16, 2019 in closed session.

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board will convene into closed session to discuss employee performance and compensation

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employee performance and compensation on a **MOTION** by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At this time, the audience was excused and John Long recorded the minutes:

8) Adjourn from Closed Session – Motion Abegglen – 2nd Haas– carried 9:02pm

9) 2020 Wages

- Proceed with wages for all but Brandon Heinen, Mike Kroeger & Rick Rabuck as discussed in Closed Session – Motion Abegglen – 2nd Gehrke – carried
- Proceed with wages for Brandon Heinen, Mike Kroeger & Rick Rabuck as discussed in Closed Session – Motion Abegglen – 2nd Gehrke – aye Abegglen, Gehrke, Long, Dohrwardt & Bertram – nay Haas - carried

10) Correspondence

- Grota Appraisals LLC December 2019 Newsletter and Year in Review
 - Dohrwardt stated the Mascipinto property will be in the next phase of county foreclosures which are estimated to be completed in fall 2020.
- ATC American Transmission Company: Letter regarding plans for a rerate to the 138kv electric transmission lines between Willow Valley Road and Cedar Sauk Road. No comments.

11) Items for future consideration by village board.

- Business & People recognition
- Tech Committee to proceed with remote call in and meeting recording & broadcast
- Mission Statements for Committees and Boards
- Santa thank you of \$50
- RV and trailer parking on streets
- School permit for driveway from Emerald Hills Drive

12) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm on a motion by Gehrke – seconded by Haas and carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer