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Mon-Thurs 7 AM-4 PM

Village Officials

Village President

Daniel Gehrke (April 2025)

Village Trustees

Jessica Franck (April 2026)

Natalie Eippert (April 2026)

Richard Abegglen (April 2026)

Donald Dohrwardt

(April 2025)

Tiffany Bartz (April 2025)

Kurt Meyle, Sr (April 2025)

Village Administrator

Christophe Jenkins

(262) 692-9125

Village Treasurer

Melissa Depies

(262) 692-9125

Village Clerk

Michelle Johnson

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Director of Public Works

Eric Paulus (262) 483-0275

Residential Building Inspector

John Derler (262) 692-2039

Commercial Inspector

Roger Kison (262) 375-1349

Village Marshal

Eric Leet (262) 692-3179

Assessor

Catalis Appraisals

(262) 253-1142

Trash & Recycling

Harter's (833) 754-2158



Village President

Greetings from your Village President!

Every year, the coming of spring brings with it the excitement of new beginnings, and we certainly have some changes to recognize here in the Village.

First, I want to start by expressing my gratitude to outgoing board members and staff. Josh Haas has served on the Village Board as a Trustee for six years and as our District 2 County Supervisor for four years. Bruce Paape has served as a Village Trustee for the past two years and will be serving as our District 2 County Supervisor starting later this month. If you see them around town, please thank them for their dedication to our community.

Also, beginning April 1st, Sergeant Leet, one of our own village Deputy Marshals, has officially been appointed as our new Marshal! Thank you to outgoing Marshal Davel for his many years of dedicated service to our community, and congratulations on a

well-deserved retirement!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our newly elected Village Trustees, Natalie Eippert, Jessica Franck, and incumbent Richard Abegglen. I look forward to working with them and thank them for their willingness to serve our community!

Daniel Gehrke, Village President



Village Administrator

Dear Residents,

The Village of Fredonia will be busy this spring on various projects that I am excited to share with you.

In our industrial park, along the corner of Hwy 57 and Meadowlark Drive, residents will see the construction of Innovation Drive, including grading, utility, and roadwork. This construction project is the beginning of a long-planned process that will make way for numerous new businesses to create footprints, bring jobs, and generate tax revenue right here in our village.

Also in the works is the planned reconstruction of Highland Ave. This project will not only address areas of paving defaults on this main thoroughfare, but repair and replace sorely outdated water and sewer lines.

The new joint paramedic program continues to improve response times and provide a higher level of service to the village and our municipal partners.

Finally, we have many exciting recreational events going on! Between our new Tuesday Tunes live music series, the second annual MUDonia Kids Mud Run, and our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we have many things to look forward to this summer, and I am honored to be a part of it!

Christophe Jenkins, Village Administrator

Village Marshal

Dear Residents,

My name is Eric Leet, and I am honored to serve you as the recently appointed Village Marshal. I grew up in Village of Oostburg, in Southern Sheboygan County. I spent much of my youth in this area of our state. After attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for a degree in Criminal Justice, I was hired as an officer for the City of Port Washington. I worked there for just shy of thirty years, serving in the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. In about 2008 or so I also began working as a Deputy Marshal for the Village of Fredonia. I am proud to be taking over the role as Village Marshal, and I look forward to continuing to

serve the residents of Fredonia in that capacity.

Respectfully, Marshal Leet



Utility Bill Payment

- Automatic withdrawal. Payment will be withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the due date of your water bill. An authorization form can be found on our website.
- Though the website, using a debit or credit card. Service fees apply.
- At Village Hall during business hours.
- At Port Washington State Bank, Fredonia Branch.
- Consider paperless billing! Application on our website.

Fire Department

Our ambulance service upgraded its level of care to Paramedic Level Care in June of 2023. We welcomed Josh VanNatta, Krystal Woda and Casey Bielen as our full time paramedics in 2023. We recently approved hiring area residents Dylan Wohlers and Nathan Rauch as part-time paramedics. This upgrade and hiring of staff were made possible through an Ozaukee County-funded EMS Grant. These full-time staff have allowed us to respond to and provide on-scene care 5-7 minutes faster in life saving emergencies. This service supports the Village of Fredonia, Town of Fredonia, Village of Belgium and Town of Belgium residents through a joint agreement.

The Annual Fredonia Fire Department awards banquet was held in March. We recognized members for their service to the Village of Fredonia. The evening was capped off with the presentation of our "Milton Eisentraut Award". This

award is given to the year's most outstanding firefighter and/or EMT, for service and leadership given to the Fredonia Fire Department – recipients this year were John Schommer (Fire) and Kyle Steffen (EMS/Ambulance). If you see these people in our

community, please thank them for their service.



Be safe, Brian R Weyker, Fire Chief

Assessment

To maintain compliance with the State of Wisconsin, the Village will undergo a revaluation for the 2024 assessment year. A revaluation is a complete and thorough review of all property assessments. During a revaluation year, all assessments are examined, and adjustments are made to guarantee that all property is assessed at 100% of market value.

As assessors, we are required to assign a fair value to each property that is in line with the current market and uniform with other properties. We are expecting a large change in assessed value for most properties. This change is due to the length of time between revaluations (the last revaluation was completed in 2008) and the strength of the recent real estate market. We have worked with Village staff and set a schedule of events for the 2024 assessment year.

- April 25, 2024: New assessment notices as well as an informational letter regarding the revaluation, Open Book and Board of Review meetings will be mailed to all property owners.
- April 25-May 14, 2024: Open Book conferences via telephone or by email will be held any time between the receipt of the new assessment notices and in-person Open Book.
- May 15, 2024: In-person Open Book conferences will be held between the hours of 9:00 AM - Noon and 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM at the Fredonia Government Center located at 242 Fredonia Ave.
- June 25, 2024: Board of Review will be held between the hours of 6:00 PM 8:00 PM at the Fredonia Government Center located at 242 Fredonia Ave.

If you have any questions or concerns after you receive your new notice of assessment please contact Eric Feavel from my office at eric.feavel@catalisgov.com or 262-253-1142.

Sincerely, Les Aherns, Catalis Appraisals



Village Trustee Profiles

Name: Richard Abegglen

Years in the Village: Lived here for 10 years. I have served as a Trustee for 6 of

those 10 years.

Profession: R&D Lab Manager/Engineer for a high-end refrigeration product

company.

Experience: I have been on the board for 6 years now. In that time, I have been chair of Public Safety, Finance, and Technology Committees. I pioneered the Tech Committee when I saw the need to bring the Village up-to-date with technological resources such as email, A/V, paperless packets, and streaming of public meetings, among other things. These updates saved thousands of printed pages and led to recreational events such as Movie in the Park.

Goals: My goals have been unchanged since year one: move Fredonia forward in growth and quality of living. Residential and industrial expansion is important

so we can continue to improve and expand the critical services we provide to the community. These services include, but are not limited to, top-notch fire and EMS, dynamic recreational programs, and local infrastructure. I am raising four children in this community and want to make this a great place for them and all other residents to live and grow!



Name: Natalie Eippert

Years in the Village: I have lived in the Village for seven years.

Profession: Lead Provider Enrollment Support Coordinator with Sun Life

Experience: I have experience in corporate training and onboarding. I will be taking a suicide prevention training in May and starting my masters in Organizational Leadership.

Goals: I have identified public safety, specifically speeding and careless driving in the village, as an ongoing concern. I would also like to see more outreach programs or resources for our aging community members and shut ins.



Village Treasurer

The Lottery and Gaming Credit is a credit that provides direct property tax relief to qualifying taxpayers on their property tax bills. To qualify for the lottery and gaming credit, you must be a Wisconsin resident, own a dwelling and use it as your primary residence as of January 1 of the year the property taxes are imposed. You may claim only one primary residence. The lottery and gaming credit cannot be claimed on any other property that is not the owner's primary residence.

If you are eligible for the credit as of January 1, 2024, you may use the <u>online portal</u> on the DOR's website to apply for the lottery and gaming credit.

The DOR reminds Wisconsin residents to check their 2023 property tax bill for the lottery and gaming credit. If you were eligible for the credit as of January 1, 2023, but your property tax bill received in December 2023 did not show the credit, you may still file a late claim online application with DOR by October 1, 2024 to receive the credit. You should have your property tax bill available while filling out the online form.

Parks and Recreation

Spring is right around the corner and that means the start of exciting events happening in the village!

- We are starting our summer music series "Tuesday Tunes" that will take place in Freedom Park the last Tuesday of each month May through August.
- We are excited to be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Fredonia! Committee members have been working hard on planning and are excited to celebrate Fredonia with you. Save the date June 29th!
- We will be holding the annual Mudonia Kids Mud Run again this year. Watch for future communication on how to sign up for the Mud Run!
- The Village Wide Rummage Sale is taking place on May 18th this year, thanks to Deb Pepin. If you are interested in learning how you can help keep the Village Wide Rummage sale going after 2024, please reach out to Deb: debpepin60@gmail.com.

Tiffany Bartz- Village Trustee



Public Works

Report an issue! The DPW would like to encourage residents to report issues such as broken branches, burnt-out street lights, park equipment issues or road concerns. Please email Director of Public Works Eric Paulus at dpwdirector@fredoniawi.gov to report an issue.

Important Dates:

- **April 1:** Branch chipping begins
- May 15: Hydrant flushing
- May 20-May 23: Bulk waste dumpsters
- June 24-25: Ozaukee County will be chip sealing Fredonia Ave. No parking either side of the street. Details to follow.
- Summer road maintenance is planned for Fir St, Balsam St, and Fraiser St. Details will be made public as they are known.



Summer Music Series



May 28th

Band: The Verdict

Food: Piña Cantina & Cocina

Sponsor: Brouillette

Chiropractic

July 30th

Band: JOW

Food: The Snack Shack **Sponsor**: Friends of

Fredonia P&R

June 25th

Band: Wingmen

Food: Fresh, Fast &

Delicious

Sponsor: Jen's Place

Aug 27th

Band: Tangle Foot Food: Boots BBQ

Sponsor: TBD - Could Be

You!

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS - DRINKS 6-9PM

Fire Volunteer Opportunities

We are always seeking volunteers that might be interested in becoming a Firefighter, EMT, First Responder, Ambulance Driver, or an Associate member. Please consider giving back to your community. Anyone interested can contact us by email

firchief@fredoniawi.gov, voicemail at the firehouse at 262-692-9973, visit our Village of Fredonia office, or like and

follow us on Facebook
@FredoniaFireDepartment.



E-Recycling Now Available!

A new, free service to Village residents provided by COM2, a registered recycler with E-Cycle, Wisconsin.

This service is located at 420 Wheeler Ave, and available to Village residents Monday-Thursday.

Please call (262) 483-0275 to make an appointment to drop off your e-waste.



Dog Licenses

Reminder that all dogs need to be licensed in the Village. After March 31 of each year a late fee will be assessed. To license a dog you will need to provide a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate.

\$10 for un-spayed or unneutered dogs

\$5 for spayed or neutered

\$5 late fee



Email Notifications

To sign up for email notifications and future newsletters, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Visit https://www.fredoniawi.gov/subscribe
- 2. Enter your email address in the two fields at the top of the page. The two entries must match.
- Check off the box for each topic you would like to receive communications about. There are four types of topics to select.
- 4. Check off the ReCaptcha box.
- 5. Press the blue "Subscribe Me" button.

You're all set! You'll be notified when items you have signed up for are posted to the website. Please note that you can unsubscribe at any time. You can return to the site and follow the steps above, but check off the blue Unsubscribe button instead, and there is an Unsubscribe option at the bottom of each email notification you receive.

