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Mon-Thurs 7 AM-4 PM

Village Officials

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Daniel Gehrke (April 2025)

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Joshua Haas (April 2024)

Bruce Paape (April 2024)

Richard Abegglen (April 2024)

Donald Dohrwardt

(April 2025)

Tiffany Bartz (April 2025)

Kurt Meyle, Sr (April 2025)

Village Administrator

Christophe Jenkins

(262) 692-9125

Village Treasurer

Melissa Depies

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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

Mike Davel (262) 692-3179

Assessor

Catalis Appraisals

(262) 253-1142

Trash & Recycling

Harter's (833) 754-2158



Village President

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024!

As I reflect on my first nine months as Village President, I find myself struggling to put into words just how proud I am to live in this community and how much it means to me to serve in this capacity. Our Village is filled with so many wonderful people, and I look forward to fostering the relationships I've formed so far and continuing to create connections in 2024!

Looking ahead to 2024, the Village is set to break ground in the spring/summer months on the infrastructure development in the industrial park. We have had new businesses make substantial investments in our community and we are excited to welcome Paulsen Mechanical and Mirror Image to the industrial park and to the Village! There has also been positive momentum on the development of some of our residential parcels in the Village, and with luck we could soon have plenty of build-ready parcels for potential homeowners to choose from.

The newest nonprofit group in the Village, Friends of Fredonia Parks and Recreation, is busy planning some fun for us in 2024! Activities include a candle-lit Winter Walk at Marie Krause Park, the second annual MUDonia Kids Mud Run, and Fredonia's 150th Anniversary celebration this summer!

Speaking of Friends of Fredonia Park and Recreation, if you're looking for an easy way to volunteer in our community, this is an amazing opportunity to get involved with very minimal time commitments. Please reach out to Friends President Chris Jante for more information.

Finally, I'm looking forward to welcoming our new board members this spring! Thank you in advance for your dedication to our community, and I'm excited to work with you!





Village Administrator

Dear Residents,

2023 was an exciting year as we laid positive groundwork on a multitude of projects – including development in TID #3 Industrial Park, new recreational opportunities, and appropriate investment into road, utility, and capital projects.

Staff spent much of late summer and autumn finalizing the 2024 Operating Budget, which was reviewed, edited, and approved by the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees over a series of meetings in November. The 2024 Operating Budget is available on the Village website.

The Village Assessor, Catalis, will be conducting a village-wide revaluation in 2024. This a state-driven requirement when assessed property values fall out of compliance with the State of Wisconsin. We anticipate new assessment notices and information about the revaluation to be mailed to property owners in the Spring of 2024. If there are any specific questions about the revaluation, please contact Assessor Les Aherns at (262) 253-1142.

The Village President and I hope to see you at our next "Coffee with the Village" event set for Saturday, February 3 from 9:00-10:00 AM at Village Hall, where we are available to field questions, gather suggestions, and provide feedback. Happy New Year!

Christophe Jenkins, Village Administrator

Village Marshal

Winter has arrived and with it some reminders from your Marshal's Office!

First, winter parking restrictions are in effect and run through March 31, 2024. There is no parking allowed on any Village street from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. This restriction is designed with your safety in mind. In a snow event, there is a possibility that a vehicle will be plowed in if it is parked on the road. This can be avoided by parking off of the street. On occasion, we will grant parking permissions. If you truly need to park on the street overnight please call Village Hall or the Marshal's office at (262) 692-3179. Second, no matter how well our street department prepares, streets and intersections are likely to be slippery at times. Please drive slower during these winter months.....your ability to stop will be compromised. If you are driving too fast for the conditions and cause an accident you will likely be cited. It doesn't matter how slow you are driving.....if you can't control the vehicle, you're driving too fast. Lastly, if you have sidewalk associated with your home or business, you are responsible for clearing accumulated snow from the sidewalk. Our ordinance allows you 24 hours from the end of a

snow event to clear your sidewalks.

Marshal Davel

Plan your event today!

The Village offers large meeting rooms and beautiful parks for rent for private gatherings. The rental fee varies. Please fill out the hall rental application found here or the parks rental application found here and return to Village Clerk Michelle Johnson to schedule your event.

Fire Department

In 2023 the biggest news to report is that the Village of Fredonia Fire Department, in collaboration between the Belgium Fire Department, Waubeka Fire Department, Village of Belgium, Town of Belgium, Village of Fredonia, and Town of Fredonia; was able to upgrade our ambulance service from an EMT Advance level service to a Paramedic level service. This upgrade in service, now staffed 24/7 with firefighter/paramedics, is funded through grant money from Ozaukee County. This upgraded service will allow our own ambulance to provide a higher level of care and quicker response to the residents of the Northern Ozaukee County. We welcome our new Firefighter/Paramedics Josh VanNatta, Krystal Woda, and newest hire Casey Bielen to the team/communities.

The Village of Fredonia Fire Department, in collaboration with Belgium Fire Department recently received a grant \$10k from Compeer Financial to purchase traffic safety equipment that will better protect our responders. This grant funded an enclosed trailer to transport traffic safety barricades, cones, signs and other traffic safety devices meant to protect our responders while working on roadways.

We are always looking for additional volunteers, and if you are interested in joining the team, we have many different ways that you can help out and give back to the community. Training nights are every Tuesday evening at 7pm – stop down and take a look around.

Chief Weyker

Department of Public Works

Happy New Year from the DPW Crew! Here are some friendly reminders for the winter months:

- Do not blow snow into the street.
- Sidewalks need to be clear of snow 24 hours after a snow fall.
- Adopt a fire hydrant and keep them clear from snow.
- Keep furnace exhaust pipes clear of snow.
- Christmas tree chipping is scheduled Monday January 8, 15 and 22. Please remove all lights and decorations and place out by the curb by 8:00 AM.
- E-Recycling is available! 2500 pounds of ewaste has already been recycled at no cost to residents!
- Fredonia became a state certified water and wastewater lab in 2023. Fredonia can not only test our own samples, but can now

test other
wastewater plants
and private wells.
Call Village Hall
for more
information on
how to get your
well water tested!



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.



Inspection Services

The Village's Building Inspectors are working hard on closing out 2023 building permits. If you have an open permit that work has been completed under, please call Inspector John Derler at (262) 692-2039 for a residential inspection or Roger Kison at (262) 375-1349 for a commercial inspection.

Village Treasurer

Your **first tax payment** is due January 31 and payable at the following locations:

Fredonia Village Hall: 242 Fredonia Avenue Monday-Thursday 7:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Port Washington State Bank– Fredonia Branch 201 Regal Drive (Inside the bank lobby)

Monday— Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM— 12:00 PM

By Mail: Village of Fredonia, PO Box 159, Fredonia, WI 53021 **Online with Credit or Debit Card:** Click <u>here</u>, service fees may

apply

Drop Box: to the right of Village Hall front doors.

Your second tax payment is due July 31 and payable at the

Ozaukee County Treasurer's office. Melissa Depies, Village Treasurer

Village Clerk

The Clerk's department has been working on processing animal licensing, tax payments, and building permits.

Remember to license your chickens by January 31! Click here for application.

Preparations for the 2024 election cycle are full swing! Three candidates have turned in nomination papers and will appear on the April 2, 2024 ballot: incumbent Richard Abegglen, Natalie M. Eippert, and Jessica Franck. There will not be a Spring Primary this year. Click here for elections information.

April 2, 2024: Spring Election & Presidential Preference

August 13, 2024: Partisan Primary **November 5, 2024**: General Election

Sincerely,

Michelle Johnson, Village Clerk



Parks and Recreation/Friends of Fredonia

Residents are invited to attend the Village's Illuminated Winter Walk at Marie Krause Park. The event is scheduled for February 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM and will feature a candle-lit walk through lovely park trails, hot chocolate, and culminates in a toasty bonfire. Non-perishable food donations to the local pantry or monetary donations to the Friends of Fredonia are encouraged.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to congratulate the Friends of Parks and Recreation non-profit group for selecting their first official Board of Directors! This group hopes to be a vital partner in supporting parks and recreational activities in our community and providing an army of volunteers at our various events and causes.



Board President Chris Jante adds, "Friends of Fredonia gives the opportunity for every resident to get involved in the betterment of their community. Either by donating time or money, this new organization will break down barriers for people to easily get involved in major projects and events".



Utility Bill Payment Options

There are several easy ways to pay your water bill!

- 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 here.
- Online using a debit or credit card, click <u>here</u>.
 Service fees apply.
- At Village Hall during business hours.
- At Port Washington State Bank, Fredonia Branch.
- Consider paperless billing! Click <u>here</u> for application.

Dog Licenses

Is a dog license required? Yes. State law requires all dogs, 5 months or older, residing in Wisconsin, to have a valid, current year dog tag attached to their collar. Licenses are good for the calendar year, January 1st-December 31st.

What do I need to get a dog license? You must provide a copy of your dog's current Certificate of Rabies Vaccination, a self-addressed stamped envelope (if applying by mail), and your payment.

How much are dog licenses?

Neutered/Spayed: \$5.00

NOT Neutered/Spayed: \$10.00

Late Fee After March 31st: \$5.00 added.

Licenses may be obtained at Village Hall or through the mail.

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Trash Pick Up Trash & Recycling Pick Up



Holiday Observance

Jan 1st - New Year's Day

May 27th- Memorial Day

July 4th - Independence Day

Sept 2nd - Labor Day

Nov 28th - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25th - Christmas Day