

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2022**

President Dohrwardt called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Board members absent: Bill McLarty

Staff/Officials present: Village Clerk Melissa Depies, Director of Public Works Roger Strohm, Village Marshal Mike Davel, and Fire Chief Brian Weyker.

Others present: Ozaukee Press Representative Linda Fausel, resident Sandi Tretow.

Consent Agenda

President Dohrwardt stated that there is one additional bill for approval.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to approve the July 7, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes and the July 14, 2022 Special Village Board meeting minutes, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented including the additional list provided, and a Temporary Class B License for Fredonia Fire/EMS Association-July 23, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt had nothing to report.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Board members reviewed the report.

Marshal Davel stated that many of the officers have been on vacation and/or working special events at their full-time positions; therefore time spent is the Village was down slightly.

Trustee Paape stated that St. Johns will be hosting a car show and was wondering what the fees would be to have police presence at the event. Marshal Davel stated that he has calculated this for another department and the cost is \$60 per hour with a 2 hour minimum. It is possible that the police may show a presence at the event but not stay the entire time for no cost.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Discussion/Update on EMS Grant – County Funding:

Fire Chief Weyker stated that the Fire/EMS Grant was submitted in June and has been approved by the County Board – Public Safety Committee. Final approval will be done by the full County Board in August. He noted that the County is determining how to issue the funds; currently the plan is to issue funds for year one and when a sustainability plan is submitted then the funds for years 2 and 3 will be released.

Chief Weyker also noted that the Village will need to submit an annual report on how the funds were spent to the County Board; this is being requested just to ensure that the grant monies are spent appropriately.

Discussion/Update on EMS Grant – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Villages of Fredonia and Belgium and Towns of Fredonia and Belgium:

Fire Chief Weyker stated that the Memorandum is an agreement between the 4 municipalities in the northern section of the county. The memorandum formally establishes a Joint EMS Working Group which is comprised of each municipality's Chief Executive Officer, Administrator, Fire Chief and/or Deputy Chief to establish the necessary framework to which they can sustain financial responsibility of the currently county funded Paramedic level service.

A sustainability plan needs to be developed and approved by all 4 Municipalities and submitted to the County for approval in May 2023.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Paape, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Villages of Fredonia and Belgium and the Towns of Fredonia and Belgium. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Discussion/Update on EMS Grant – Ambulance Licensing Progress:

Staff met with Medical Director, Dr. Steven Zils regarding licensing. There are different levels a department can request. The department is looking at a flexible staffing level license, which is available to municipalities under 10,000 population. This level of licensing will allow the department to run the ambulance based on staff available. If no paramedic is available at the time of a call they can operation as and AEMT only unit.

Fire Chief Weyker stated that staff will be talking with the Technical Colleges to try to recruit any graduating paramedics. There has also been discussions and interest in training some of the volunteers currently on the department.

Fire Chief Weyker stated that he is investigating the option of hiring an EMT/AEMT level person now with the requirement to have the paramedic license within 16-18 months.

Discussion/Update on EMS Grant – Job Description:

Fire Chief Weyker stated that the Village needs to develop a job description for the Fire/Medic as well as create a pay scale for the Fire/Medic as well as an EMT and AEMT.

President Dohrwardt questioned if the county was going to have a consistent pay scale for all municipalities in the county to follow. This would help the Village retain the Fire/Medic for a longer period of time.

Chief Weyker indicated that Port Washington, Saukville, and Grafton have all been working towards similar pay scale. He suggested that Fredonia do the same.

Town Chairman Tom Winker has requested another joint meeting the week of August 22 to discuss this further.

Approval to purchase a Zoll Autopulse Machine (Mechanical CPR aid):

Fire Chief Weyker explained that the Autopulse Machine is a piece of equipment that will do Automatic Chest Compressions without interruptions, and can provide chest compressions in tight spaces where CPR may not otherwise be possible. The Autopulse Machine is \$17,500 and was not budgeted for in the 2022 budget; however a grant has been applied for.

The Fire Department will also be receiving \$24,390.23 from the American Rescue Plan Act. This is a one-time increase to the Emergency Medical Service Funding Assistance Program (FAP). \$12,195.12 was just received this month. If the grant is not received the Department proposes to utilize the money received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion by Trustee Paape, seconded by Trustee Haas, to purchase a Zoll Autopulse Machine for a cost not to exceed \$17,500. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Gehrke thanked Chief Weyker for what they do the quick response to the recent alarm at the Fredonia Government Center.

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.

Director Strohm reported that BCMI (the concrete contractor) will be doing the curb and gutter and sidewalk work on North Wilson Street in the next two weeks. Trustee Haas requested to have the large equipment moved so there is better traffic flow.

Director Strohm stated that the wells were tested for PFAS. There was no detection; however the EPA recently lowered the PFAS detection limits to 0.004 parts per trillion and the Wisconsin State lab of Hygiene is not able to test to those limits at this time. The Village was under the previous limits as well.

Trustee Paape questioned if there was an issue with water pressure. Director Strohm stated that everything is running at proper levels, there should be no issues with water pressure.

Director Strom reported that there is a sinkhole forming at the intersection of South Milwaukee Street and Wheeler Avenue. This is caused by the metal culvert rotting out; therefore the culvert will need to be replaced.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk/Treasurer

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

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Trustee Haas reported that the county has 5 million dollars for the Fire/Medic program; however grant requests came in at 5.8 million. If the County raises the levy limits to meet all requests a referendum will be needed.

Trustee Paape questioned if the Village could use the ARPA funds to fund the Fire/Medic position after the grant funds are used. Clerk Depies stated that the ARPA funds need to be expended by the end of 2024. The spending timeframe is the same for the ARPA money as the grant funds.

Trustee Haas noted that grant recipients must track and record all spending of grant funds.

Report of Technology Committee

Trustee Abegglen stated that the Technology Committee met to test the movie equipment. All equipment checked out good with no issues.

The Logo and the website were also discussed. A mockup of the website was displayed on the screen for review and input.

President Dohrwardt stated that he is very happy with the logo and the look of the new website. He also stated that the blend/transition of the yellows and greens is smoother than what appears before the committee.

Trustee Abegglen stated that the committee is looking into purchasing a .com domain for the Village. Clerk Depies stated that the Village should consider a .gov domain instead. She stated that there are requirements coming to have a .gov email.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

Motion to approve new logo design with the "Y" in your being capitalized:

Motion by Trustee Paape, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the new Village Logo design with the "Y" in your being capitalized. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2022-D Banning the acceptance of donation and grants from any non-governmental entity for the administration of Village of Fredonia elections for the 2022-2024 Village board Term be adopted:

Trustee Haas stated he is uncomfortable with anyone accepting funds for election purposes; the Village continues to try to market the Village, sell homes, vacant lots, and industrial land. It would be improper for donations to be made to anyone for election purposes. He just wants to make sure that everything is done correctly, fairly, and held to election standards.

Trustee Haas noted that the Resolution is restricted to this election and this board.

Motion by Trustee Paape, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to adopt Resolution 2022-D Banning the acceptance of donation and grants from any non-governmental entity for the administration of Village of Fredonia elections for the 2022-2024 Village Board term. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Correspondence

None

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

None

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Paape, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies
Village Clerk