

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
January 6, 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, Rick Abegglen, Dan Gehrke, Josh Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty.

Board members absent: Jill Bertram.

Staff/Official present: Fire Chief Brian Weyker, Marshall Mike Davel, Director of Public Work Roger Strohm, and Village Clerk Melissa Depies.

Other present: Hal Steffen, Jim and Katelin Sossong, and Ozaukee Press representative Connor Carynski.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the December 16, 2021 Village Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented with the addition of the \$150 to Trustee D. Gehrke for the popcorn machine. Motion carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Jim and Katelin Sossong, 210 North Milwaukee Street, stated that they would like to open a FFL Business out of their home. Director of Public Works Strohm stated that Village Ordinances currently do not allow this type of business; the Ordinance states that there can be no firearm sales 500 feet from a home.

Marshall Davel stated that this is unrealistic as anyone can sell a gun. Marshall Davel suggested that this ordinance be repealed.

Mr. Sossong stated that this will not be a store; the business will be a service type of business basically a transfer by appointment type of business.

President Dohrwardt questioned if there would be any ammunition sales. Mr. Sossong replied not at this time; however may be considered in the future.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward on this request. The request will be placed on future agendas for approval.

Hal Steffen questioned if there was any update on the Hillcrest Subdivision. Director Strohm stated that he met with Hillcrest representatives approximately 6 weeks ago and they indicated they were putting a plat together for January Plan Commission; however they did not accomplish that. There is one home in the subdivision that currently has no water or sewer.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt questioned if the Board members would be open to changing the Village Board meeting to Monday evening with an earlier start time; stating that the Village Clerk does not work on Friday's and a different meeting night would be better for timely composition of the minutes.

President Dohrwardt announced that Mid-Moraine Municipal Association is hosting a dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the American Legion Post in Germantown. The Village will pay for the Village representative if anyone would like to attend.

President Dohrwardt announced that Guy and O'Neill is welcoming Congressman Glenn Grothman in celebration of the Ozaukee County business of the year award and commemoration of their new manufacturing warehouse. The celebration will take place on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 11:30 AM. Attending are: Don Dohrwardt, Dan Gehrke, John Long, Roger Strohm, and Melissa Depies.

President Dohrwardt stated that information has been received from our representative from R&R Insurance stating that the waiting period for life insurance is 60 days for all employees.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to approve payment of \$50 per hour to Sandra Tretow for on-site training to the Village Clerk with a maximum of 10 hours. Motion carried – J Haas Nay.

Trustee McLarty stated that this training shall be done at the discretion of the Village Clerk and shall be done in a positive manner.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the updated Paramedic Intercept Agreement with the Village of Thiensville. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Weyker stated that LifeQuest Services does the billing for the Fire Department. It has been noted that the last increase in fees for services was done in 2017. Billing rates should be reviewed every two years to make sure all costs are being covered and fees are consistent with other area agencies. The proposed increase does include all supplies. Currently supply charges are added to the flat rate. LifeQuest is also recommending that the non-resident rate be eliminated and all patients be charged the same rate. It is anticipated that this rate increase will increase revenues on non-Medicare transports by approximately \$20,000.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the Fredonia Fire Department Ambulance rates as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Weyker stated that the Fire Department has a budget of \$8,500 to replace the 23 year old Thermal Imaging Camera. The camera has become unreliable and the older technology is no longer serviceable.

Fire Chief Weyker presented a quote from Dinges Fire Company for 3 Bullard-TXS Thermal Imagers for a total cost of \$9,405. He stated that one camera would be placed in each engine.

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve the purchase of 3 Bullard TXS Thermal Imaging Cameras from Dinges Fire Company for a total purchase price of \$9,405.00. Motion carried.

Marshall Deval stated that the Thermal Imaging Cameras are great tools for law enforcement as well, he indicated that the Police Budget could fund the \$905 that is over the budgeted amount.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Marshall Deval stated that that the report provided is the year-end information; however revenues may increase slightly.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

Motion by Trustee Gehrke, seconded by Trustee Haas, to approve two Underground Distribution Easements - Parcel 09-035-14-015.00 and Parcel 09-035-14-008.00 for We Energies to extend underground electrical facilities along the south side of Innovation Drive. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works Strohm provided a copy of the groundwater sampling results that were collected November 16–18, 2021 as provided by Ramboll US Consulting, Inc.

Director of Public Works Strohm stated that he was unable to use two days of his allotted vacation time and he is requesting to be paid out for those days. President Dohrwardt stated that Director Strohm has been filling in the office and been going above and beyond with the absence of a Village Clerk and is in favor of this request.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to approve a payout of 2 unused vacation days to Director of Public Works Roger Strohm. Motion carried.

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Director of Public Work Strohm stated that Waste Management has collected all empty carts; however the recycling carts on the West side of the Village had not been emptied. Harters will be collecting the recycling this week to get everything on track. Costs associated with this cleanup will be deducted from the final payment to Waste Management.

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

There was no report provided by the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Report by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor

Trustee Haas reported that:

- A Chamber event has been scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
- A resolution to complete a wage study was approved. Trustee Haas voted Nay.
- If a meeting is anticipated to have a lot of public input the meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.; this is decided at member's discretion. All other meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 a.m.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

The December 2021 Newsletter from Grota Appraisals was distributed to the Board. The Community Rivers Program – Year Two Mid-Year Impact report was also provided for review.

Trustee McLarty welcomed Village Clerk Depies and requested that the new Village Hours be put on the Web site and Facebook.

President Dohrwardt stated that one incumbent did not turn in a Declaration of Non-Candidacy or a Declaration of Candidacy therefore the deadline to turn in paperwork has been extended to Friday, January 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Depies
Village Clerk