

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2023 at 7:00PM

Fredonia Government Center - Board Room

242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin

1. President Dohrwardt called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Board members in attendance: President Dohrwardt, Trustee Paape, Trustee Haas, Trustee Abegglen, and Trustee Gehrke
Staff members in attendance: Administrator Jenkins and Clerk Johnson
Residents in attendance: Tiffany Bartz and Charlene Landing
3. Motion to approve Minutes of February 16, 2023 Village Board meeting and approve General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices made by Trustee Abegglen. Seconded by Trustee Haas.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. Public Comments
No public comment was made.
5. Items for Discussion and/or Action:
 - a) Motion to Approve Contract with Badger State Waste for Bio-Solid Hauling for 2023-2027 made by Trustee Gehrke. Seconded by Trustee Haas. Trustee Gehrke asked if there were any changes to the contract. Administrator Jenkins responded that there was no previously signed agreement.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b) Motion to Approve Building, Electrical & Plumbing Fee Schedules made by Trustee Paape. Seconded by Trustee Haas.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - c) Motion to Approve Joining the Intermunicipal Agreement By and Between the Village of Belgium, Village of Fredonia, Town of Belgium, and Town of Fredonia for the Provision of ALS Paramedic Level Services made by Trustee Haas. Trustee Haas commended Chief Weyker on his work. Seconded by Trustee Paape.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. Administrator Jenkins presented the existing chicken permitting process, and underscored the fact that currently only three households in the Village hold chicken permits. Trustee Gehrke explained that one of the residents applying for a permit had a diagonally abutting neighbor unwilling to sign the application.

President Dohrwardt stated that the Village ordinance lays out exactly the conditions under which the Village will allow chickens. He then questioned if the signature requirement was useful or fair. Trustee Paape asked who was responsible for inspecting the coops. President Dohrwardt stated that if neighbors had any issues with the coop or chickens they could contact the Marshal's office. Trustee Paape pointed out that it could take months for the Marshal to bring the coop into compliance. Resident Charlene Landing suggested not allowing chickens in the Village at all. President Dohrwardt responded that they are taxpayers, and that the Board wants to help residents do what they want to do in the right way. Resident Tiffany Bartz stated that she has heard complaints about chickens in her neighborhood. Administrator Jenkins asked about permit requirements: does the applicant need to have their signature notarized and should the applicant go through a building permitting process for a coop? President Dohrwardt and Trustee Haas agreed they would like to see the signature requirement removed. Trustee Paape wished to know if the Board decides that chickens will no longer be allowed will current chicken owners grandfathered in? Administrator Jenkins responded that if the Board changes the ordinance, the chicken owners would be in violation and no longer allowed to keep them. Trustee Haas is torn about if chickens belong in the Village. Trustee Paape state that he believes chickens shouldn't be allowed in the Village. Administrator Jenkins stated that he would bring a proposed amended ordinance and permit for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

7. Correspondence

President Dohrwardt asked that the Board send their RSVP to Clerk Johnson for the upcoming Mid Moraine Dinner Meeting.

8. Items for future consideration by Village Board. None.

9. Motion for adjournment made by Trustee Gehrke. Seconded by Trustee Haas
Passed by unanimous voice vote.