

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
March 15, 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, Bill McLarty, John Long, Jill Bertram, Josh Haas, and Rick Abegglen.

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

Others present: Ozaukee Press representative Connor Carynski, President of the Lakeshore ATV/UTV Club Tom Bierenbaum.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Abegglen, to approve the March 1, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes as presented and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills as presented. Motion carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

President Dohrwardt stated that due to the April 5 Election he is recommending that the next two Village Board meetings be held Tuesday, March 29 and Tuesday, April 19. The normal meeting cannot be held on election day as the Clerk must be available at the election and attend the Village Board meetings and per Village Code the new trustees are sworn in on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election.

Trustee Abegglen stated that the Developers Agreement was discussed at Finance and he was unsure if it could be finalized by March 29; and the 3 weeks between the March 29 meeting and the April 19 meeting may be too long of a time gap.

Motion by Trustee Gehrke, seconded by Trustee Bertram, to schedule the next two Village Board meetings for Tuesday, March 29 and April 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

Marshal Eric Leet reported that winter parking is still in effect; however officers are using discretion on ticketing. Complaints and hours are tracking as normal.

Marshal Leet also reported that the Village of Fredonia is on track to receive an award of \$5,000 for the Safe Cities Program. Trustee McLarty commented this is great news and thanked the officers for the work they do.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Fire Chief Brian Weyker explained that the County Board will be meeting on March 16 to review the Firefighter/Medic Proposal. The County Board will be considering a resolution that would establish an EMS grant program using ARPA funds to hire Fire Paramedic personnel countywide. It will also set aside funding for the consolidation study and funding for startup supplies and equipment.

Chief Weyker stated that there will be funding available for fire station improvements, such as a sleep room. The Fredonia Fire Station could potentially use one of the offices and convert that into a sleep room. The cost to cover beds and lockers will also come out of the Cares Act money from the County.

President Dohrwardt questioned if there are enough fire/medics to fill the 18 open positions in the county. Chief Weyker responded that there definitely are not enough; therefore municipalities need to be competitive with wages and benefits.

Trustee Abegglen was concerned about sustainability. Chief Weyker stated that a consolidation study is being completed. A plan for future funding must be in place by July 2023 to give guidance for year 4.

President Dohrwardt stated that it will be necessary to be able to offer Wisconsin Retirement and State Insurance to be competitive.

Chief Weyker stated that hiring and AEMT with the requirement of obtaining a Paramedic license within one year will be an option. He also noted that training hours to obtain an AEMT license will be increased in 2023.

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 of Public Works Strohm reported:

- ✓ North Wilson Street project is scheduled to start in early April.

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 continues to work on a possible county wide Fire/EMS system. He also reported that the motion for term limits for the Executive Board failed. The vote was 6 to 14.

Report of Public Works Committee

President Dohrwardt reported:

- ✓ Phil Bzdusek from Strand & Associates attended the Public Works meeting and presented 3 alternatives to upgrade the Ferric injection system. Work needing to be done includes: Phosphate sensor; flow paced pump, SCADA programming and wiring. The current chemical storage room will also need reconfiguration. These improvements will be the final phase of plant upgrades.
- ✓ Pinnacle Engineering Group has submitted a bid to facilitate the removal of the wetland designation on the Industrial Park lot on S Milwaukee Street.
- ✓ Public Works approved the purchase of the Ventrac Attachments, a 72" mower and a three point hitch.
- ✓ It was agreed that the Village would not apply for the grant as the grant requirements would cost the Village more than the grant dollars received.

Report of Plan Commission

President Dohrwardt stated:

- ✓ The Plan Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 2022-2 amending the Village Code of Ordinances Section 575 Zoning code Title 52 removing firearms from the restrictions.
- ✓ A Public Hearing for the conditional use permit for the building located at 111 Fredonia Avenue was set for April 4, 2022.

Report of Parks and Recreation Committee

Trustee Gehrke reported:

- ✓ July 23 and August 20 will be the dates for Movie in the Park.
- ✓ The Warrior Tailgate event is scheduled for August 13.
- ✓ Lisa Dohrwardt is requesting a possible program for children with special needs.

- ✓ The Park and Recreation Committee recommended to not proceed with the Hometown Visitors Guide this year.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

ATV/UTV Route Proposal:

President Dohrwardt questioned if the Board was ready to make a recommendation on this proposal or if it should be directed to another committee for review and recommendation.

Trustee Haas stated that Marshal Davel did a nice job at reviewing and creating a report on this subject. It was his recommendation that the Village not move forward with the proposal.

Trustee Long stated that he has concerns with the use of ATV/UTVs on Village roads. He stated that Fredonia Avenue, the main street in the Village, does not have a bike lane and somewhat narrow. He does not believe that it would be appropriate for ATV/UTVs to be allowed on Village streets.

Tom Bierenbaum, President of the ATV/UTV Club, stated that the use of these vehicles has been approved in Random Lake and Belgium. To date there have not been any issues reported. The ATV/UTVs must follow the same rules as any other vehicle, generally they are the same size as small car, and can travel the 25 mph speed limit.

Marshal Leet stated that he has concerns with the use of ATV/UTV vehicles on the streets. He stated that this was originally designed for the more northern counties of the state. Ozaukee County has higher traffic volume with higher speed limits; therefore this use should not be allowed. Motorists in Ozaukee County are not accustomed to sharing the road with these types of vehicles.

Trustee Haas was not in favor of this proposal for the Village.

Motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the ATV/UTV Proposal as presented by the Lakeshore ATV/UTV Club. Motion failed with a 6 to 1 vote.

Approve Ordinance 2022-2 Amending the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Section 575 Zoning Code title 52 Business Conditional Uses and 575 Attachment 1:4(8):

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee McLarty, to approve Ordinance 2022-2 amending the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Section 575 Zoning Code title 52 Business Conditional uses and 575 Attachment 1:4(8). Motion carried.

Approve proposal for professional services from Pinnacle Engineering Group, Brookfield, WI for Wetland Delineation for an amount not to exceed \$6,400.

Director of Public Works Strohm stated that Pinnacle Engineering Group will prepare the necessary documents, exhibits, and applications for the required Wetland Fill/Impact Permitting with both the WDNR and USAGE. This includes the required Alternative Analysis and other follow-up information requested by the agencies. The fee for this work shall not exceed \$6,400.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Gehrke, to approve the proposal for professional services from Pinnacle Engineering Group, Brookfield, WI for a Wetland Delineation for an amount not to exceed \$6,400. Motion carried.

Approve purchase of a 3 point hitch and a 72" finish mower from Waldschmidt's Town & County, Menomonee Falls, for \$7,500.

Motion by Trustee Gehrke, seconded by Trustee Long, to approve the purchase of a 3 point hitch and a 72" finish mower from Waldschmidt's town & County, Menomonee Falls, WI for \$7,500. Motion carried.

Approval of Application for Temporary License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages for Divine Savior Catholic School.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Bertram, to approve the application for Temporary License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages for Divine Savior Catholic School. Motion carried.

Developers Agreement – Business Park

President Dohrwardt stated generally the Village Board takes the recommendation of the Finance Committee on such issues. He requested that the Board authorize the Finance Committee to approve the Developers Agreement once finalized without needing to come back to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee McLarty, seconded by Trustee Haas, to authorize the Finance Committee to finalize and approve the Developers Agreement with Meadowlark Storage LLC. Motion carried.

Approve article for Hometown Visitors Guide.

Trustee Gehrke stated that the Park and Recreation Committee has recommended to not participate in the Hometown Visitors Guide this year.

Motion by Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Bertram, to deny the placement of an ad in the Hometown Visitors Guide and only include the article if there is no cost to the Village. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Trustee Long stated that the Architectural Control Board was meeting on March 16 to review and approve a new house being built by Steinke Development on Wenzel Street. The approval allows Director of Public Works Strohm to approve the elevation for the home.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Abegglen, seconded by Trustee Bertram, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:
Melissa Depies
Village Clerk