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AGENDA

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00PM

Fredonia Government Center - Board Room
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin

1. President Gehrke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Board Members Present: President Gehrke, Trustee Paape, Trustee Haas, Trustee Abegglen, Trustee Dohrwardt, Trustee Bartz, Trustee Meyle.
Steff Members Present: Administrator Jenkins
Resident Present: Mike McNeerney, Todd A. Miller, Sherry McGlothlin, Justina Kabanuk, Patrick Brown, Ben & Michaela Lawonn, and Neal Gutermann.
3. Consent agenda:
 - a) **Motion to Approve Minutes of April 20th, 2023 Village Board Organizational Meeting and Village Board Meeting and Approve General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.
Seconded by Trustee Abegglen.
Passed by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comments: President Gehrke Clarified that there would be time for public comment regarding chickens later in the meeting.

Trustee Haas made a **motion to move agenda item 6(e) up to after "Public Comment"** to accommodate residents in attendance.

Seconded by Trustee Paape.

Passed by unanimous vote.

6 (e) Village of Fredonia Chicken Permitting Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Administrator Jenkins gave a **to-date summary of chicken permitting process**.
- b. **Opportunity for Comment Regarding Chicken Permitting Process**
President Gehrke acknowledged receipt of letters submitted to the Board by residents Justina Kabanuk and Lael Bartels in favor of allowing chickens in the Village.

- **Ms. Kabanuk, 220 N. Milwaukee St.** spoke in favor of chickens. She loves her chickens like pets. She stated that chickens are not loud at all, especially if compared to dogs.
- **Mr. McNerney, 702 Emmer Ave**, stated he has good neighbors with no issues. Chickens are important to his family to show where food comes from. Believes the Building Inspector should be enforcement authority, not the Marshal.
- **Mr. Miller, 704-710 Emmer Ave**, is a neighbor to chicken owners and has had no issues with their chickens. He thinks a blanket policy is unfair and permitting issues should be handled individually.
- **Sherry McGlothin, 221 Fillmore St**, was excited that her neighbors have chickens, and feels that they can be therapeutic to seniors.
- **Patrick Brown, 142 Fox Glen Rd**, can hear chickens in his neighborhood and feels concerned that a dog may go after them.
- **Ben Lawonn, 146 Fox Glen Rd**, said that the chickens in his neighborhood are loud and could potentially attract coyotes.
- **Neal Gutermann, 150 Fox Glen Rd**, also commented on the loud chickens in his neighborhood, and requested to know when exactly chickens became legal in the Village.

c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Chicken Permitting Process; and Ordinance Change-Amending The Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Chapter 168 Animals, 168-15 Regulating Domestic Fowl

Trustee Dohrwardt corrected the language in Option A to remove a section “upon notification of abutting neighbors”. He then gave background on the original intention of the ordinance, stating that residents should be able to build coops to the specifications provided for in the ordinance. President Gehrke and Trustee Paape desire enforcement of whatever ordinance the Board adopts, including stricter fines for noncompliance. Trustee Paape pointed out that predators have always been in Fredonia, and they are not the result of chickens. Trustee Haas researched like-municipalities and thought the chicken ordinance in West Bend was ideal to model the Village’s on: a building process for the coop, then the chickens themselves are licensed. Trustee Abegglen stated the current ordinance has inspection and enforcement in place. He has seen all kinds of predators in the Village, and also does not believe they are a result of chickens. Trustee Bartz asked that the enforcement and coop design be taken further and asked that chickens be required to be enclosed. Trustee Paape is uncomfortable with the Marshal acting as the enforcement officer. Trustee Meyle agreed, and stated that as a former police officer, he felt that the Building Inspector would be better equipped to enforce. Trustee Haas asked for what the penalty was for non-compliance. Administrator Jenkins clarified that the offense would fall

under the General Bond Schedule and that the citations would go through the circuit court.

Motion to Approve Option A, With the Removal of “Upon Notification of Abutting Neighbors” in Section C(1), and Raise the Annual Fee From \$15.00 to \$25.00 made Trustee Dohrwardt.

Motion Amended By Trustee Bartz to **change the number of complaints required to revoke a chicken permit from three in six months to three in a year.**

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Passed by Unanimous Vote.

5. Report on Village Committees by:

- a) **Parks and Recreation Committee:** Trustee Bartz reported on the minutes from the April 27th, 2023 meeting, highlighting the lack of applicants to the Summer Parks Program, community garden ideas, and electrical upgrades at Fireman’s Park.
- b) **Joint EMS:** Trustee Dohrwardt updated the Board. Discussions about joining Fire Departments will begin after the summer.
- c) **Finance Committee:** Trustee Haas informed the Board that the Finance Committee approved funds for the One-Ton Truck, and phasing out paying citizen board members in October.
- d) **Architectural Control Board:** President Gehrke updated the Board about the Precision Floor & Décor siding samples and approved the request as is. The Dollar General had a couple trees that an abutting neighbor requested be removed. The Architectural Control Board had no issues with the tree removal. Anderson Automotive has many vehicles stored on property. The Architectural Control Board is researching if the Village has any recourse.

6. Items for Discussion and/or Action:

A) Motion to Approve Quantum Mechanics Street Use Permit Application

made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Dohrwardt

Passed by unanimous vote.

B) Blake Buvid was introduced to the Board. He highlighted his work in mechanical engineering.

Motion to Appoint Blake Buvid to Plan Commission Vacancy, Term Ending 2026 made by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Seconded by Trustee Abegglen.

Passed by unanimous vote.

C) Motion to Reject Received Bids for Contract 2023-1 for “48in Storm Sewer CCTV Inspection and Culvert Relining at S. Milwaukee St & Wheeler Ave-Fredonia, WI” made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Bartz.

Administrator Jenkins presented the bids received for Contract 2023-1. He recommended rejecting the bids, saving the budgeted \$75,000, and revisiting the project next year.

Passed by unanimous vote.

D) Motion to Approve Paramedic Vehicle and Defibrillator Unit made by Trustee Bartz.

Seconded by Trustee Meyle.

Chief Weyker clarified costs for vehicle would be reimbursed by Ozaukee County funds.

Passed by unanimous vote.

E) Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-G: A Resolution Reallocating 2023 Budgeted Line Items-Q1 made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Abegglen.

Trustee Dohrwardt questioned why there were so many large changes.

Administrator Jenkins presented Resolution 2023-G to the Board, highlighting the new wage structure, movement of funds from the General Fund to more specific accounts, and payroll corrections. President Gehrke thanked Treasurer Depies and Administrator Jenkins for creating the report.

Passed by unanimous vote.

F) Motion to Approve Amending Ordinance 2023-3: Pertaining to the Composition of the Board of Review made by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

President Gehrke presented Ordinance 2023-3 to the Board.

Passed by unanimous vote.

G) Selection and Appointment by the Board of Trustees of a Board of Review-Alternate.

Motion to Appoint Trustee Bartz to the Board of Trustees of a Board of Review-Alternate made by Trustee Abegglen.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Correspondence:** President Gehrke asked for Board Members to RSVP to the Mid-Moraine Dinner on May 24th, 2023.

8. **Items for future consideration by Village Board.** Trustee Haas updated the Board on happenings at the Board of County Supervisors. \$1 million ARPA dollars moved from EMS fund to non-profit projects. He encouraged concerned residents to call their representatives. Trustee Paape updated the Board on the road tour to determine the condition of Village Roads, lateral issue, DPW generator and vehicle. Administrator Jenkins stated that Madison is taking up the state Budget and highlighted that the State was considering sharing 1% state sales tax by increasing Shared Revenue dollars. The Village could net up to \$120,000, and encouraged the Board and residents to contact their representatives to vote in favor.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** made by Trustee Abegglen.

Seconded by Trustee Meyle.

Passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted,