

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 18th, 2023

Fredonia Government Center - Board Room

242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin

1. President Gehrke called the meeting to order at 7:06PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Board members in attendance:** President Gehrke, Trustee Paape, Trustee Haas, Trustee Abegglen, Trustee Dohrwardt, Trustee Bartz, and Trustee Meyle.
Staff members in attendance: Administrator Jenkins, Clerk Johnson, Marshal Davel, Sargent Leet, and Director of Public Works Paulus.
Residents in attendance: Trustee McLarty, Trustee Long, Michael Berry, Jesse Schubert, Representatives from Guy and O'Neil, the Fredonia Adult Day Center, the Lions Club, the American Legion, and a member of the press.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a) **Motion to approve minutes of May 4, 2023 Village Board Meeting and approve General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices** made by Trustee Abegglen.
Seconded by Trustee Haas.
Passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Public Comments:** none
5. **Presentations**
 - a) President Gehrke presented Trustee Long and Trustee McLarty with Resolutions expressing the Board's gratitude for their dedicated service during their tenures on the Village Board.
 - b) President Gehrke read the Memorial Day 2023 Resolution.
 - c) Sargent Leet thanked donors for their generous contributions towards the Marshal's Defibrillators Fundraiser. He stated that he was unsurprised by the generosity of the Village's civic groups.
 - d) Jesse Schubert presented Officer Leet with a \$100 donation to the Marshal's Office General Fund
6. **Report on Operations of Village by:**
 - a) **Village President:** President Gehrke reported that community outreach continues as summer ramps up and highlights exciting developments in the business park.
 - b) **Village Administrator:** Administrator Jenkins highlighted portions from his submitted report: the Village has been busy processing all kinds of permits and updating Village finances in Workhorse. He attended a BOR training with President Gehrke and Clerk Johnson, had a meeting with Ehlers regarding debt restructuring, and conducted a road tour with Director Paulus and Trustee Paape to assess the condition of Fredonia's

roads.

- c) **Village Marshal:** Marshal Davel reported that they conducted a routine dog search at the high school with nothing of note discovered. He also announced his retirement, effective March 31, 2024.
- d) **Fire Chief:** Chief Weyker was not present. Report as filed.
- e) **Public Works/Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Director Paulus had nothing to add to his filed report.
- f) **Clerk:** Clerk Johnson mentioned the great usage stats received from the Village's website vendor for the month of April, and added Administrator Jenkin's data from Facebook interactions.
- g) **Treasurer:** Treasurer Depies was not present. Report as filed.
- h) **Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor:** Trustee Haas urged constituents to reach out to their representatives regarding the use of remaining ARPA funds at the county level. The County Board approved funds for non-profit projects and Trustee Haas is unsure if enough remains to fully fund Fire and EMS programs.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action:

a) **Motion to Approve Detailed Cost Analysis of Fire/EMS Program**

made by Trustee Bartz.

Seconded by Trustee Haas

Administrator Jenkins stated that the County requested a specific breakdown of estimated costs for the EMS program and how the municipalities would fund it without state or county support.

Passed by unanimous vote.

b) **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2023-4 Amending § 575-108 in the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Pertaining to the Zoning Administrator** made by Trustee Abegglen.

Seconded by Trustee Meyle.

Administrator Jenkins stated that the current Zoning Administrator was Building Inspector John Derler. He pointed out that he was already doing most of the work outlined in the ordinance. Trustee Dohrwardt observed that this request is "housekeeping".

Passed by unanimous vote.

c) **Motion to Approve Community Insurance Corporation Policy for Property, General Liability, Automobile and Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$91,174.00** made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Administrator Jenkins has completed rebidding insurance policies for the Village. He found that the lowest bid was still with the current agent, but with a new carrier: CIC. Administrator Jenkins pointed out cost savings identified in the new policy, including in auto and general liability.

President Gehrke asked why cybersecurity and umbrella coverage had been removed. Administrator Jenkins responded that the Village would

still have coverage, but now covered under General Liability.
Passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Motion to Adjourn into Closed Session Pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (Offer to Purchase)** made by Trustee Abegglen.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Paape: Aye
Trustee Haas: Aye
Trustee Abegglen: Aye
President Gehrke: Aye
Trustee Dohrwardt: Aye
Trustee Bartz: Aye
Trustee Meyle: Aye

Passed by unanimous vote.

9. **Motion to Adjourn into Closed Session Pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". (Village Administrator Contract Approval)** made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Abegglen

Roll call vote:

Trustee Paape: Aye
Trustee Haas: Aye
Trustee Abegglen: Aye
President Gehrke: Aye
Trustee Dohrwardt: Aye
Trustee Bartz: Aye
Trustee Meyle: Aye

Passed by unanimous vote.

Adjourned into closed session.

10. **Motion to adjourn into open session** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Passed by unanimous vote at 8:11PM.

11. **Motion to approve offer to purchase** as discussed in closed session made by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Passed by unanimous vote.

12. **Motion to approve Village Administrator's contract** as discussed in closed session made by Trustee Abegglen.
Seconded by Trustee Dohrwardt.
Passed by unanimous vote.

13. **Correspondence:** None

14. **Items for future consideration by Village Board:** none.

15. **Motion to adjourn** made by Trustee Paape.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.
Passed by unanimous vote at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle T. Johnson, Village Clerk