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## **FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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.  
Staff members present: Administrator Jenkins, Clerk Johnson, Marshal Davel, Treasurer Depies, Paramedic Van Natta, Firefighter Courtright.  
Public present: Family members of Paramedic Van Natta and Firefighter Courtright, Jennifer Walsh and family members, Representative from CRS Brian Stracke.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Consent Agenda:  
**Motion to Approve the Agenda with a Change in Agenda Item 9C from "Contract" to "Letter of Acknowledgement"** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.  
Seconded by Trustee Bartz.  
Passed by unanimous vote.  
  
**Motion to Approve Minutes of August 3rd, 2023 Village Board Meeting, General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices, Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for OWSBA for Movie In The Park on September 8, 2023 and Class B Combination Liquor License Application from Jen's Place, LLC Agent: Jennifer Welch, 504 Fredonia Ave, Fredonia WI, 53021** made by Trustee Abegglen.  
Seconded by Trustee Haas.  
Passed by unanimous vote.
6. Presentations
  - a) Clerk Johnson administered the oath of office to Paramedic Josh Van Natta Paramedic.
  - b) Clerk Johnson administered the oath of office to Firefighter Joseph Courtwright.
  - c) Administrator Jenkins presented the Village of Fredonia Strategic Plan.

*President Gehrke added that the priorities identified through the planning process aligned with discussions and decisions made at the committee level. He was encouraged to see that the Board is moving in the direction that community members want.*

- d) **Commercial Recreation Specialists Representative Brian Stracke** gave a Splash Pad Presentation.

*President Gehrke asked if the Village could utilize staff and donated labor to cut back on costs. Mr. Stracke stated that CRS could do as much as the Village would like, and assist Village contractors if necessary. Trustee Haas asked how many square feet the splash pad would be at the \$300,000 estimate. Mr. Stracke responded that \$300,000 was average cost for a flow through splash pad. Trustee Paape expressed concern about dogs near children playing at the splash pad and asked how much water would be used. Mr. Stracke said there were no sanitary concerns relating to animals and that a flow through system would not use more than 50,000 gallons per day. Mr. Stracke extrapolated the costs over 15 years. Trustee Meyle asked if the splash pad would be a free service to residents or if municipalities charge. Mr. Strack said most were free to residents, but that it was the Board's decision. President Gehrke asked if the splash pad would be on a timer. Mr. Stracke responded that there are timers and staff can easily control access. Trustee Dohrwardt asked if waste water would be returned to the plant. Administrator Jenkins responded that the water would go to the storm sewer, and Mr. Stracke outlined different drainage options.*

7. Report on Village Committees by:

- a) **Parks and Recreation Committee:** *Trustee Bartz gave an overview of the most recent meeting, including debriefing the Mud Run and ideas for next year. Movie in the Park was successful and dry. The committee began making tentative plans for next year's events and park upgrades. Trustee Paape asked what the cost of Movie in the Park is to the Village. Trustee Bartz responded that generous sponsors cover cost to the movie rights, the Tech Committee sets up donated equipment, and that there is no cost to the Village.*
- b) **150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Subcommittee:** *President Gehrke stated that he, a group of citizens, and Trustee Bartz met to begin planning the event. They picked June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to hold the event. They discussed putting a time capsule in the Marshal's building, a craft fair, and games. A future meeting will be planned.*
- c) **Technology Committee:** *Trustee Abegglen said the committee met to discuss Movie in the Park and to start planning to replace microphones in the board room. They met with a vendor and Village staff will follow up for quotes.*

8. Report on Operations of Village by:

- a) **Village President:** *President Gehrke updated the board on the progress Hillcrest had made in laying storm sewer, curbs and gutter. Trustee Dohrwardt asked if anyone was inspecting that work. President Gehrke said they would make sure an engineer inspected.*
- b) **Village Administrator:** *Administrator Jenkins added to his report to say that staff had been working closely with the auditor, resulting in line item changes. The CIP list has been approved by the Finance Committee. He stated that he was further along in the budgeting process than he expected, but was waiting on numbers from the state and requests from department heads. He would present an overview early September. He*

thanked the DPW for the support with the Mud Run and updated the Board on clarifier repairs, street repairs, and the SCADA system installation. He attended an economic development meeting for Ozaukee County. Mirror Image has almost finalized their developer's agreement. Trustee Meyle asked when Mirror Image was planning to begin construction. Administrator Jenkins responded that they planned to build at the same time the Village was beginning construction.

- c) **Village Marshal:** Marshal Davel added to his report by saying that he felt pets should not be allowed at the splash pad site. He stated that parades were very difficult to staff and suggested utilizing the same route of the Fire Department's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade when planning the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Trustee Paape mentioned that he'd heard reports of speeding on Fredonia Ave and asked where the Marshal planned to move the speed signs. Marshal Davel responded the Village would need to purchase a new speed sign if they wanted one installed permanently at that location. President Gehrke asked if it was effective to move speed signs around the Village. Marshal Davel responded his preference was to have permanent signs, as they do provide some deterrent. Trustee Bartz asked if the sign on West Martin had been repaired. Marshal Davel responded that parts had been purchased. Trustee Meyle asked for clarification on the arrest records in Marshal Davel's report. He clarified that the numbers represented were for the entirety of last year and that currently they have had roughly the same number of arrests as last year.
- d) **Fire Chief:** Chief Weyker was not present, report on file.
- e) **Public Works/Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Director Paulus was not present. Report on file.
- f) **Clerk:** Clerk Johnson added to her filed report by encouraging the Trustees to send any interested individuals to Village Hall to apply to work the polls in 2024.
- g) **Treasurer:** Treasurer Depies stated that the office was catching up.
- h) **Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor:** Trustee Haas continued to express frustration that Paramedic funds are still being debated, and explained committee-level activity and that a proposed \$325,000 one-time payment could be made to the Village. Trustee Haas stated this amount is insufficient to run the EMS program. He petitioned the County Board to move the day time meeting on September 6 to an evening meeting to allow more people to attend, and is hoping it will pass at the Executive Committee meeting. Trustee Haas clarified that it would cost over \$700,000 to fund the program over three years. Trustee Paape asked if the proposed dispatch center could utilize these grant funds. Trustee Meyle stated the government exists to protect the people, and EMS protects the people. Administrator Jenkins updated the Board on what the Village has spent on the program and that they have yet to see any reimbursement money. Trustee Haas stated that they haven't be reimbursed because they don't have it figured out yet. Trustee Haas encouraged phone calls to the Executive Committee and the County Administrator to advocate for the Village.

9. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- a) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-M: A Resolution to Approve 2023 Q2 Line Item Corrections** made by Trustee Haas.  
Seconded by Trustee Abegglen  
Administrator Jenkins explained these changes were a result of the recent audit. He gave an overview and pointed out the large increase in the water line item that were repair items. All funds balanced except water, which the Board addressed at a previous meeting by approving a rate increase.  
Passed by unanimous vote.
- b) **Motion to Adopt the Village of Fredonia Strategic Plan** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.

Seconded by Trustee Haas.

Passed by unanimous vote.

- c) **Motion to Approve Contract Letter of Acknowledgment with Commercial Recreation Specialists for Splash Pad** made by Trustee Abegglen.

Seconded by Trustee Bartz.

*Administrator Jenkins stated that this letter starts a relationship with CRS. They would work in tandem with Parks and Recreation to create the design and determine final costs. He clarified that no tax payer dollars would be spent on the project, instead using ARPA dollars and a fundraising campaign to pay for it. He suggested that spring of 2025 was an appropriate timeline for fundraising. Trustee Haas asked if CRS would design the splash pad without charging a fee if the Village decides not to build. Mr. Stracke responded that they would design without an upfront cost, and if the Village went with another vendor there would be a small design fee. Trustee Haas stated that he had a shorter time frame in mind and that funds should be raised by and that the \$100,000 should go to road maintenance. He suggested September 2024 as a deadline. Administrator Jenkins asked for two holiday cycles as folks tend to be more generous at that time of year, suggesting January 31, 2025. Trustee Dohrwardt suggested putting an alternate plan into the CIP list for these funds. President Gehrke stated that the Board should give fundraising a shot, explaining that the Village would collect letters of commitment and donations of labor instead of cash. Trustee Haas asked to state on the record that no tax payer dollars would be spent on the splash pad. Trustee Paape asked the Board to refrain from using social media.*

Passed by 5-2 vote.

President Gehrke: Aye

Trustee Paape: Nay

Trustee Haas: Aye

Trustee Abegglen: Aye

Trustee Dohrwardt: Nay

Trustee Bartz: Aye

Trustee Meyle: Aye

10. **Correspondence:** *President Gehrke stated that Mid Moraine was holding two meetings in September, one to select Legislative Committee on September 13, and the dinner meeting on September 27. There is no deadline to RSVP.*
11. **Items for Future Consideration by Village Board:** *Trustee Paape asked what this agenda item means, and reinforced the importance of investing in public safety and infrastructure. He stated that he doesn't believe the splash pad will happen. He also questioned where the funds for the amphibious vehicle went. Administrator Jenkins stated that the amphibious vehicle wasn't on the CIP list just approved by the Finance Committee. Administrator Jenkins clarified that it is the role of the Finance Committee to approve the CIP list, which, in turn would be part of the full budget approved by the Village Board. President Gehrke clarified that the "Items for Future Consideration" were items that the Board wishes to consider at a future meeting.*
12. **Motion to adjourn** made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Abegglen.

Passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54PM.