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FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

1. President Gehrke called the meeting to order at 7:05PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Trustees present: President Gehrke, Trustee Haas, Trustee Abegglen (via Zoom), Trustee Dohrwardt, Trustee Bartz, Trustee Meyle.
Trustees Excused: Trustee Paape
Staff Present: Administrator Jenkins, Chief Weyker, Supervisor Paulus, Treasurer Depies, Clerk Johnson
3. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
4. **Motion to Approve Minutes of November 2nd, 2023 Village Board Meeting and General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices** made by Trustee Haas.
Seconded by Trustee Bartz.
Passed by unanimous vote.
5. Report on Village Committees by:
 - a) **Planning Commission:** *President Gehrke stated that the Planning Commission set three public hearings to hear feedback on the rezoning of properties in the Hillcrest development. The Commission also recommended for Village Board approval the most recent TID #3 certified survey map.*
 - b) **Parks and Recreation Committee:** *Trustee Bartz gave an overview of the most recent meeting. She said plans for the Holiday Tree Lighting were finalized, highlighting a visit from Santa and Trustee Meyle's participation in the St. John's Choir performance. Clerk Johnson stated that all ten trees had been reserved to be decorated by local groups. The Committee also met with Brianna Bateman of River's Edge and discussed the Community Rivers Program proposal for a donation in support of shared community events. Winter Walk planning continues.*
 - c) **150th Anniversary Celebration Subcommittee:** *Trustee Bartz said the subcommittee has solidified the day-of schedule of events and continue to discuss potential vendors. Trustee Dohrwardt asked what she expected to find in the 1974 time capsule. Trustee Bartz was unsure what was in the time capsule.*

6. Report on Operations of Village by:

- a) **Village President:** *President Gehrke stated that he hasn't seen anything from Village realtor Jim Larkin regarding the Paulsen purchase of land in TID 3. He'd like administration to follow up. He stated that, in light of the upcoming holiday, he was thankful for the Board and staff.*
- b) **Village Administrator:** *Administrator Jenkins gave an overview of his filed report, highlighting the continued surveying work in TID 3 and a meeting with Hillcrest on the best use of fill to prep TID lots for development. He, Clerk Johnson, and Inspector Kison met to create a comprehensive commercial building checklist to distribute to developers in anticipation of increased commercial development in the TID. He has submitted the application for STP funding for work on Martin Dr. Digicorp is working with Microsoft on the upcoming changeover. He also stated that Friends of Fredonia, a separate nonprofit, has a full board and is up and running. He hinted at a good meeting with a potential corporate donor for the splash pad. He invited the Board, staff and family members to the Christmas Party scheduled for December 14th. Trustee Dohrwardt stated that a building checklist had already been created and directed staff to check files for it. Clerk Johnson stated she hadn't seen a checklist in her organization of files.*
- c) **Village Marshal:** *Marshal Davel was not present, report on file.*
- d) **Fire Chief:** *Chief Weyker added to his report to say that last month was Fire Prevention Month, and fire crews visited Divine Savior and St. John's schools as part of their outreach. He shared that he had an accepted offer from a third paramedic and continues discussions with a paramedic interested in part time hours. He stated the paramedic intercept unit has been put into service and utilized multiple times. Trustee Bartz asked if there were any changes he would like to make to that vehicle now that it's in use. He responded that the vehicle is great, that he has partnered with Belgium to make sure the vehicle is returned to the station after the paramedic is on the way to the hospital. He said that it is a good set up to get paramedics to the scene more quickly. He highlighted a dip in call volumes in September and October, but said that November has been busy. President Gehrke stated that the three hired paramedics are a reflection of the good work done by Fire and EMS and thanked the Fire Department and Trustee Haas for the success. Trustee Meyle asked about the two fire incidents mentioned in Chief Weyker's report. Chief Weyker responded that they were likely a car accident or a request for mutual aid. Trustee Meyle asked how cooperation between communities was going. Chief Weyker responded that the department does trainings with Belgium and Waubeka monthly. Trustee Meyle asked if mutual aid impacted call volumes. Chief Weyker explained the benefits of the Simulcast page system and how it helps get initial numbers of emergency response teams to the scene quickly. Trustee Bartz would like to see metrics from all three participating departments to show improvement over the years.*
- e) **Public Works/Wastewater Treatment Plant:** *Supervisor Paulus added to his filed report that the trees all have lights and the Village is waiting on two final trees to be donated. President Gehrke asked if the lights had all been tested, Supervisor Paulus stated they had and all were functioning. He told the Board that leaf pick up was going well.*
- f) **Clerk:** *Clerk Johnson apprised the Board of a communication from WEC regarding threats made to elections offices in other states. She followed the safety procedures advised by WEC and made sure to inform Marshal Davel and Treasurer Depies. At the next meeting she intends to bring a list of Election Inspectors forward for appointment. Administrator Jenkins highlighted the joint training of Chief Inspectors organized by*

Clerk Johnson.

- g) **Treasurer:** *Treasurer Depies stated that special assessments had been added to the tax roll and late notices for outstanding utility bills had been sent.*
- h) **Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor:** *Trustee Haas updated the Board on progress on the bid process for a brine shed in Port Washington. He voted against a 5.9% salary increase for County Supervisors. He felt that supervisors are civil servants and that after the botched EMS, a raise wasn't necessary or appropriate. A new salary resolution was to come back before the County Board for approval. Trustee Meyle asked how much supervisors are currently paid. Trustee Haas responded they are paid \$480.00 per month, and that a raise doesn't look good while residents are struggling. Trustee Haas shared that, after a long conversation with his wife, he has decided not to run for reelection to either the County Board or the Village Board. He will be finishing out both terms. He stated that he takes voting very seriously, and has given both positions everything he had. He's made lifetime friends in the six years he has served and is proud of his hard-won accomplishments. President Gehrke expressed gratitude for Trustee Haas's service at both the county and village level. Trustee Abegglen stated that he and Trustee Haas started out as rivals, but have become close friends. He said they had accomplished a great deal, in large part thanks to Trustee Haas. Trustee Dohrwardt said that Trustee Haas was a star of the previous board, in his opinion the best board the Village has had. Trustee Bartz stated she has learned quite a bit in her time serving with Trustee Haas and wished him the best. Trustee Meyle highlighted Trustee Haas's hard work and vigilance, evidenced by the integrity he displayed when voting against the County Board raise.*

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- a) **Motion to Approve Industrial Park CSM-23-4** made by Trustee Haas.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.
President Gehrke stated the CSM divides lots in TID #3 and that corrections were made to the signatory lines.
Passed by 6-0 vote, Trustee Paape excused.
- b) **Motion to Approve Addition to the Village of Fredonia Employee Handbook- Section Q Full Time Fire/Medic** made by Trustee Haas.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.
Chief Weyker stated this addition clarifies how the Village pays Fire/Medics. He stated that there were some growing pains as the Village navigates the new EMS program. He explained that paramedics work 24 hour shifts with 48 off in between, working a total of 106 hours every two weeks. Any overtime will be paid out on the second paycheck at the end of a 28 day cycle. Chief Weyker added that the way paramedics accrue vacation time has been addressed with the addition, making it equitable when compared to other staff. Treasurer Depies explained the math and highlighted the benefits of paying out overtime once per month. She stated if a paramedic works a holiday, 8 hours are added to the PTO balance. Trustee Dohrwardt asked if changes at the federal level has any impact. Treasurer Depies responded that the changes only affect salaried employees.
Passed by 6-0 vote. Trustee Paape excused.

8. Correspondence: none

9. Items for Future Consideration by Village Board: *Administrator Jenkins invited the Board to the holiday party. Treasurer Depies added that attendees should bring a dish to pass.*
- 10. Motion to Adjourn** made by Trustee Bartz.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.
Passed by 6-0 voice vote, Trustee Paape excused.