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FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 4th, 2024 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. Trustees Present: President Gehrke, Trustee Paape, Trustee Haas, Trustee Abegglen, Trustee Dohrwardt, Trustee Bartz, Trustee Meyle.
Staff Present: Administrator Jenkins, Clerk Johnson
Public Present: Member of press
3. **Public Comments:** *Trustee Bartz solicited volunteers for the Illuminated Winter Walk on January 20th at 6:00PM at Marie Krause Park.*
4. **Motion to Approve Minutes of December 7th, 2023 Village Board Meeting and General Fund, Water and Sewer Invoices** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.
Seconded by Trustee Haas.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. Report on Village Committees by:
 - a) **Joint Review Board:** *Trustee Abegglen provided an update on the meeting of the JRB, stating that the Citizen Member remained the same. The JRB reviewed the TID #3 annual report and adjourned.*
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
 - a) **Motion to Approve 2022 and 2023 Updates to Village Code of Ordinances by General Code, Not to Exceed \$12,000** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.
Seconded by Trustee Abegglen.
Clerk Johnson explained that this was a budgeted expense to update the changes made to the Village's Code of Ordinances over a two-year span. The estimate was what she anticipated, given the changes to the clerk-treasurer position made in 2022.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b) **Motion to Approve BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Application in the Amount of \$106,100.00 for the Purpose of Financing the Purchase of a Skid Steer and Pickup Truck** made by Trustee Dohrwardt.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.

Administrator Jenkins explained that there were two groups of borrowing accounted for in the 2024 budget. The purchase of equipment was not eligible under the larger bond. Staff researched rates at local banks and found the most competitive rate, 6.25%, was with a State Trust Fund loan. Trustee Dohrwardt asked if there was a prohibition to refinance in the future. Administrator Jenkins responded that there was not. Trustee Dohrwardt asked if both vehicles would be billed in 2024. Administrator Jenkins said they would be. He then shared a graph exhibiting projected debt service. Because there had been questions on social media about raised taxes, he wished to illustrate that the Village was paying down enough existing debt to take on more without an impact to the taxpayers. Trustee Meyle asked why the Village was borrowing for a budgeted expense. Administrator Jenkins responded that the budget had planned on borrowing for these items.

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

c) Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-01 to Borrow Funds and Levy Tax in the Amount of \$106,100.00 for the Purpose of Financing the Purchase of a Skid Steer and Pickup Truck made by Trustee Haas.

Seconded by Trustee Bartz.

President Gehrke introduced Resolution 2024-01 which was included in the packet:

FORM OF RECORD

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Trustee _____ and were read to the meeting.

By the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed, and,

By the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipality as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), school district or technical college district.)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of **Fredonia**, in the County(ies) of **Ozaukee**, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of **One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred And 00/100 Dollars (\$106,100.00)** for the purpose of **financing the purchase of skidsteer and pickup truck** and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within **10** years from the 15th day of March preceding the date the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of **6.25** percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there shall be raised and there is levied upon all taxable property, within the Village of **Fredonia**, in the County(ies) of **Ozaukee**, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the Village of **Fredonia** by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except **financing the purchase of skidsteer and pickup truck** without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the president and clerk of the Village of **Fredonia**, in the County(ies) of **Ozaukee**, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered, in the name of the Village to execute and deliver to the Commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the Village pursuant to this resolution. The president and clerk of the Village will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapter 24 Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the clerk of this Village forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

Passed by unanimous roll call vote:

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

6. **Correspondence-** *President Gehrke shared the invitation to Mid Moraine Municipal Association dinner on January 24th, 2024.*
7. **Items for Future Consideration by Village Board:** none.
8. **Motion to Adjourn** made by Trustee Abegglen.
Seconded by Trustee Meyle.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned 7:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle T. Johnson
Village Clerk