

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
April 2, 2020**

Call Public Hearing to order by President Don Dohrwardt at 7:00 p.m. regarding a proposed Resolution Authorizing the Vacation of Village Park Dedication in Certified Survey Map No. 3833, located in the Village of Fredonia, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin that has been on file in the office of the Village Clerk, Fredonia Village Hall, for a period of 30 days commencing February 28, 2020 for public inspection in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 236.41. The proposed Resolution will be presented to the Village Board of the Village of Fredonia on April 2, 2020 to hear all interested parties and act on the resolution. If passed by the Village Board, the Village will present the resolution to the Ozaukee County Circuit Court for an order of vacation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 236.43. Due to COVID-19, the public hearing was agendized to request public comments via email. An email from Patrick O'Brien, 529 Emerald Hills Drive was read voicing concern that wording of the notice was confusing, and the village should not be conducting public hearings during a pandemic. Hearing no other public comments, the public hearing was closed.

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Joe Schneider, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes from the March 19, 2020 village board meeting and the general fund, water and sewer bills with an additional invoice to Intab for \$165.43 for election related material were approved on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by McLarty and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None.

**Request from American Legion Warren Kane Post 410 to consider a resolution concerning the Memorial Day Observance in the Village of Fredonia**

Joe Schneider, Post Adjutant with American Legion Warren Kane Post 410, presented a request for the Village to consider and adopt a resolution concerning the Memorial Day Observance in the Village of Fredonia. The Legion is asking that in the event of an absence of a functioning Veteran's organization, the Village shall make an effort to hold an annual observance and continue the maintenance of the Veteran's Park and Memorial. Discussion followed concerning that this would be an event that we will always do, and this needs to be supported. After, a **MOTION** to accept the resolution presented by the American Legion Warren Kane Post 410 by Abegglen, seconded by McLarty, and carried.

**Report on Operations of Village by Village President**

**RATIFY PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING VILLAGE OF FREDONIA STATE OF EMERGENCY IN REGARDS TO COVID-19 DATED MARCH 17, 2020:** This proclamation was reviewed at the March 19, 2020 village board meeting but not agendized. A **MOTION** to approve President's Proclamation Declaring Village of Fredonia State of Emergency Dated March 17, 2020 by Long, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

**RATIFY PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDERING SUSPENSION OF LATE FEES ON WATER AND SEWER BILLING BUE TO COVID-19:** The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the agency that regulates the village's water utility, ordered that late fees be suspended during the State of Emergency. With assistance of the village attorney, the proclamation was created to suspend late fees on water and sewer billing until May 1, 2020 unless earlier rescinded by

proclamation or resolution. A **MOTION** to approve President's Proclamation of Public Health Emergency Ordering Suspension of Late Fees on Water and Sewer Billing due to COVID-19 with an end date of May 1, 2020 if necessary by Long, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

**RATIFY PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDERING WAIVER OF REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY DUE TO COVID-19:** The Proclamation was created to allow certain requirements of remote attendance of village meetings be waived for 60 days or shorter. Dohrwardt stated the current policy requires a quorum to be physically present to have a meeting. Abegglen stated we are not prepared to conduct meetings remotely for all members and public. Lengthy discussion followed. After, a **MOTION** to refer this matter to the Tech Committee to come up with a solution by Abegglen, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

**ORDINANCE 2020-04 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 132 CHAPTER 4 PERTAINING TO STANDING COMMITTEES:** This ordinance was presented at the March 19, 2020 village board meeting. It consolidates the Public Works and Utilities Committees, removes the Cable TV portion of the Utilities Committee, and adds to the Tech Committee. Also, the Tech Committee will be a permanent committee rather than adhoc. A **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 Amending the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Title 132 Chapter 4 Pertaining to Standing Committees by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried.

**Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief**

No report.

**Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal**

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

**Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works**

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

**ORDINANCE 2020-05 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION CHAPTER 558 TITLE 1 REGARDING WATER RATES:** At the time when the Village was going through the ordinance recodification process, there was a miscommunication with General Code about the water fees, and a portion of the water ordinance was left out. This ordinance adds those portions back into our code. A **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 2020-05 Amending the Village of Fredonia Code of Ordinances Section Chapter 558 Title 1 Regarding Water Rates by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

**FORCE MAJEURE NOTIFICATION FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION REGARDING FREDONIA GRIT SYSTEM UPGRADE DUE TO COVID-19:** The letter from Staab Construction was reviewed. There is a punch list of items that remain from the grit upgrade project, but due to COVID-19, it may take a little longer to complete.

**Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Dohrwardt commented on the chart of gallons pumped versus gallons treated, and how this needs to be monitored. Again, there is about twice the amount of water treated versus pumped.

**Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. For the Spring Primary and Presidential Preference Vote, so far 438 absentee ballots have been issued – 144 of those were those who voted in the Clerk's Office. The Fredonia Area Chamber of Commerce notified the office that due to COVID-19, the date of the rummage sale will be postponed from May until sometime in September.

**Personnel Committee – March 27, 2020 meeting**

The Personnel Committee met to discuss employee updates due to COVID-19. They also discussed extending one temporary summer help position to begin the end of April and continue until the end of leaf collection. This would add approximately \$3500 to the budget but could be offset by the salary in the budget from the previous wastewater treatment plant employee. A **MOTION** to allow hiring of part-time seasonal help in the public works department by Haas, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

**Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee – March 31, 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee – March 31, 2020 meeting were reviewed. The committee is working on a two-unit condo ordinance that could be allowed as appropriate anywhere in the village. The Planning Commission will need to review and comment on this as well. Gehrke commented on the basement requirement, and that many condos are built on slab. Long will check into. After discussion, a **MOTION** to refer with modifications on basements as discussed to the Planning Commission by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried.

**Resolution 2020-E Authorizing the Vacation of the Dedication for Village Park Purposes in Certified Survey Map No. 3833**

This resolution pertains to the public hearing held prior to the beginning of this village board meeting. There was discussion about the uncertainty of development of land by Hillcrest at this point due to COVID-19. Dohrwardt commented the land would remain village property for now. The lack of public comments and not being able to attend due to safer at home restrictions made the village board members feel that it would not be appropriate to take action at this meeting. A **MOTION** to table action until such time a proper public hearing can be held by McLarty, seconded by Long, and carried.

**Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) the village board will convene into closed session to deliberate the purchase of property in downtown Fredonia**

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) the village board convened into closed session to deliberate the purchase of property in downtown Fredonia on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session**

A **MOTION** to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session by Gehrke, seconded by McLarty, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A **MOTION** to proceed as discussed in closed session by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

Gehrke spoke about the Fox 6 story on Guy & O'Neill, and how they are working 24/7 making sanitizing wipes during the pandemic, and that we should recognize them in some way. Maybe the Economic Development Committee can put something together. Bertram commented about there being some complaints about the Disc Golf course that people are not adhering to the six-foot social distancing rule. Strohm stated that signage has been made and is being put up. Long stated the next phase of wastewater treatment plant upgrades design is on hold with Strand, but it may be a good idea to check with them for a price in case we are eligible when grant funds come up.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer