

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
August 1, 2019**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Richard Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Karen Nenahlo, Barry Chavin, Curt Pitzen, John Depies, Jamie Harbison, Ken Hypki, Bob Lallensack, Tom Miller, Ron and Diana Schmit, Fuzzy Schommer, Annie Stadler, Kim Steffen, Ken Watry, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Linda Watry and Michael Wirth.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the July 18, 2019 village board meeting, the general fund, water, and sewer bills with the additional list of bills, and the operator licenses for Marlene Heimsch and Sierra Lange were approved on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None.

Presentation from Karen Nenahlo, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) regarding Fredonia-Newburg Nonpoint Source Watershed Restoration Plan Project

Karen Nenahlo, District Project Manager from Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, presented the village board with an overview of the Fredonia-Newburg Nonpoint Source Watershed Restoration Project. The village president, John Long, and village staff have been attending the meetings that have been held every other month to help identify watershed restoration activities that may result in cost effective improvements for local municipalities. The draft plan will be distributed for comment in early September. The final plan will be presented in November. Future meeting dates were listed in the handouts, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Questions and discussion with Barry Chavin and Curt Pitzen from Newmark Knight Frank regarding future industrial park proposal

Barry Chavin, Managing Director from Newmark Knight Frank (NKF), provided an in-depth explanation of the Buyer Agency Agreement that was supplied to the village board at the July 18, 2019 meeting. Also, the village board was supplied with the Business Park proposal prior to this meeting that was originally furnished to the Planning Commission members. The first phase is the acquisition phase, where NKF will identify and gather information on sites, contact owners, create strategies and negotiate. Abegglen stated the village board should perform its due diligence by contacting another agency or more. Dohrwardt stated an industrial park will add needed growth. Haas stated the Economic Development Committee should have input. Gehrke stated that he would help take a look, and that he would love to see more growth. Dohrwardt stated this topic will remain on the table.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Nothing further to report.

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.

UPDATE ON EMMER AVENUE AND LAWRENCE STREET: Strohm distributed handouts detailing communication between him and the contractor, Gulseth Construction. The delay in finishing the project is that one of the subcontractors is awaiting payment. Supposedly the check is in the mail. Having the contractor pay the subcontractor is the preferred outcome rather than acting on the performance bond, so the work could be finished quicker. Calling in the bond would most likely add a significant amount of time before the project may be complete. Haas stated some residents have complained since they are not aware of what is going on. This topic will continue to remain on future village board agendas until the situation is rectified. Construction updates will be posted on the village website.

Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Today was Ali Weston's first day as Administrative Assistant.

Tech Committee – July 18, 2019 meeting

The minutes from the Tech Committee – July 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed. The committee is interested in becoming a standing committee of the village rather than an adhoc.

Unfinished Business: Decision on water/sewer bill for Jamie Harbison, 349 S. Milwaukee Street

Harbison emailed the readings from the water softener showing the 33, 000 gallons and 326 service days. Since the water utility is regulated by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, there are very specific rules that need to be followed. The village re-read the meter after discovering the high consumption, performed a leak detection test, and sent the meter to a third party for testing, and it tested accurate. The village did its best to try to determine what was wrong and could not, but our equipment was not the issue. According to the PSC, the amount must be billed. Tretow will email Harbison tomorrow the contact information to the Public Service Commission. A **MOTION** to bill as the meter was read by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried unanimously. The meter is available for testing by another party if needed.

New Business: Request from Ken Watry to rename Freedom Park

Ken Watry submitted a written request to include the name Emmer in the name of Freedom Park. He feels that since that Eugene and Vera Emmer were philanthropists and donated much property to the village, their contributions should be recognized, and that his past requests to do this have been ignored. Annie Stadler read a letter from Al Krier expressing the same sentiments, and "It's the right thing to do". Ken Watry also read a letter from Dave Karrels, superintendant at Northern Ozaukee School District. Kim Steffen asked what the obstacle is the memorializing the Emmers. Stadler said the Emmer's had no family, and it would be sad to lose their legacy. A **MOTION** to rename Freedom Park to Emmer Freedom Park by Long. Bertram stated this should be referred to the Parks Committee for due diligence. Dohrwardt agreed that Parks Committee should look at, so it is done right. Dohrwardt called for a second to the motion. Motion failed for lack of second. After more discussion, a **MOTION** to refer renaming Freedom Park to the Parks Committee, seconded by Long, and carried unanimously. Gehrke suggested the audience members return when the Parks Committee takes up this matter.

Correspondence: TRA The Retirement Advantage Plan Sponsor Outlook – 3rd Quarter 2019 Newsletter

Correspondence was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer