

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
November 17, 2016**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Jill Bertram, Lisa Dohrwardt, John Long, Ryan Mueller and Kris Roden . Also present: Randy Noll from Guy & O'Neill, Inc., Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the November 3, 2016 village board meeting, the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, the October Treasurer's Report, and the operator's license for Kirsten Loberg were approved on a **MOTION** by Mueller, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

None.

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

Don Dohrwardt presented information from the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad – EWCRC Counties which detail budgetary information concerning future improvements to this area. Don Dohrwardt stated that he spoke with representatives from Wisconsin & Southern Railroad concerning future industrial park area north of the Village adjacent to the railroad tracks.

Dave Ferris from Baker Tilly met this morning with Don Dohrwardt, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow to review information concerning the Village's financial forecast study that Baker Tilly is conducting. The finance committee will meet once a draft is provided.

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

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed.

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

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel left.

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

SEWER SURCHARGE FOR GUY & O'NEILL, INC.: Strohm stated that during industrial waste sampling, Guy & O'Neill exceeded BOD limits on one of three sampling days. Strohm discussed the results with representatives from Guy & O'Neill, and since this appeared to be an isolated incident, and there were no upsets at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, he is requesting the surcharge be reduced to \$400, which is the village's cost for the lab test. Randy Noll from Guy & O'Neill stated they have thoroughly investigated the matter and are unable to determine a reason for the high concentration. After discussion, a **MOTION** to apply a surcharge of \$400 only for this sampling at Guy & O'Neill by Long, seconded by Mueller, and carried.

Strohm stated that leaf collection in the village has been ongoing. Roden suggested that residents be made aware of the benefits of mulching leaves.

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

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Sludge hauling was finished yesterday. Long complimented on the more detailed reports provided recently by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The November 8, 2016 election had 1,259 ballots cast – an almost 89% voter turnout. Tretow provided statistical election information comparing the 2016 and 2012 presidential elections.

**Utilities Committee – November 8, 2016 meeting**

The minutes from the Utilities Committee – November 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

The committee recommends a 50 foot sludge storage tank in concrete and covered, along with a new pump house. The committee also recommends installing a UV system to eliminate many chemicals as well as reducing some tests. The second sludge storage tank, pump house and UV system will cost about \$1.5 million.

ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2017: The 2017 water and sewer budget expenses exceed potential revenues. The utilities committee recommends a 12% sewer rate increase effective the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017. After further discussion, the water utility will be operating at a deficit as well. It is unknown if the PSC (Public Service Commission) will allow a water rate increase. The soonest the Fredonia Water Utility may apply for a rate increase is January 1, 2017. A **MOTION** to increase water rates 3% effective 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017, and sewer rates by 12% effective the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017 by Long, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

**Joint Meeting with Fire Department Modernization Committee and Public Works Committee – November 10, 2016**

The minutes from the Joint Meeting with Fire Department Modernization Committee and Public Works Committee – November 10, 2016 were reviewed.

**Plan Commission – November 14, 2016 meeting**

The minutes from the Plan Commission – November 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

PLANS FOR 400' x 330' MANUFACTURING ADDITION FOR GUY & O'NEILL, INC., 200 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE: Don Dohrwardt stated the Plan Commission approved the site plan along with the stormwater management report that has an easement for the stormwater on the east side. The Developer's Agreement is a work in progress.

Don Dohrwardt stated the Plan Commission approved the site plan for the garage at 507 Fredonia Avenue if the east wall of the garage is in alignment with the east wall of the principal structure. The property owner does not want the garage placed in that location. She may decide to apply to the Board of Appeals.

**Recognition of business owners who make an effort to beautify their properties**

At the November 3, 2016 village board meeting, Long proposed the Village should recognize business owners who are making an effort to beautify their properties. Examples include: Guy & O'Neill, Inc., Tom and Jodi's Fredonia Inn, Heather Hambrecht with the old bank building and the former grocery store. Don Dohrwardt suggested a thank you in the next newsletter as well as a resolution for each property owner.

**Resolution 2016-J Adopting Village of Fredonia 2017 Budgets**

The public hearing for the 2017 budgets was held on November 3, 2016. A **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2016-J Adopting Village of Fredonia 2017 Budgets by Bertram, seconded by Mueller, and carried.

**Personnel Committee – November 15, 2016 meeting**

The minutes of the Personnel Committee – November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

**Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the Village Board will convene into closed session to discuss employment and compensation**

Per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the Village Board convened into closed session to discuss employment and compensation on a **MOTION** by Mueller, 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 Mueller, seconded by Long, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Fire Chief**

A **MOTION** to proceed as discussed in closed session by Mueller, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried with Bertram opposed.

**Public Works Employee**

A **MOTION** to post for the utility worker position with a wage as discussed in closed session by Mueller, seconded by Long, and carried.

**Temporary Snow Plow Driver**

A **MOTION** to proceed with a temporary snow plow driver at a wage discussed in closed session, and no benefits, by Mueller, seconded by Roden, and carried.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Mueller, seconded by Long, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer