

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
January 16, 2020**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Dan Benson, Brandon Heinen, Chris Kunstmann, Mike Davel, Brian and Luke Weyker and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes from the January 2, 2020 village board meeting and the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list of bills, the December Treasurer's Report and a parking lot permit for Laurie Haggith were approved on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None.

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

Dohrwardt stated this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the United States – the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote and participate in democracy.

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

The December financial report for the Fire Department Ambulance was reviewed.

**APPROVE FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE:** Fire Chief Weyker presented information on the 2020 Pierce Enforcer Pumper. There is \$80,000 in the 2020 capital budget for the down payment. The remaining \$471,847.46 of \$569,055 will be paid annually for eight years at 3.38% interest or paid earlier if the village sees fit. This unit will replace #662, the current supply pumper that is 25 years old. Ladders will be removed from the old unit and placed inside the new. To proceed with the lease, the resolution from PNC Finance needs to be adopted, and the lease agreement needs to be signed. The village attorney should review the lease agreement. Haas questioned what will be done with the old unit. Weyker stated that it will be sold on auction as there is no trade in value. We can expect to receive around \$25,000 for it. Dohrwardt stated this is the first time the village is taking the route of a lease, and said we will need to see how this works before doing again. The proper route is to involve the Public Safety and Finance Committees. Weyker agreed and said this was done to avoid the February 1<sup>st</sup> price increase. Weyker stated an engine and the ladder truck will be up for replacement in approximately eight years, and budgeting should be strategized. A **MOTION** to proceed with the fire truck lease purchase as presented with the documents furnished contingent upon village attorney approval by Long, seconded by Abegglen, and carried unanimously.

**2019 LOSA CONTRIBUTION:** Kunstmann presented information on the 2019 LOSAP for the fire department ambulance. He presented options including state match contribution, using the entire 2019 LOSA contribution budget; and using the budget including the reserve funds. Last year, 37 members were eligible for a contribution whereas 27 members are eligible in 2019 for a contribution. This is due to members not meeting the training requirements – 48 hours for fire department and 24 hours for EMT's annually. Ample notice was given, and 86.5 hours of training were provided. Three new members will receive contributions this year. After discussion, a **MOTION** to continue with past practice of matching the state contribution for all eligible members for the 2019 LOSA and put excess in the LOSA Reserve account by Long, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

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

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated the new bond schedule will be effective June 1, 2020. Once he receives, he will forward to the village board.

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

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

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Heinen reported the plant is running within limits of our permit, grit collection training has been taking place and is excited to get it running. Better ways to handle grease at the wastewater treatment plant is being investigated.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

UPDATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FORM: Wisconsin Ethics Commission form ETHCF-1 was distributed to village board members who are not running for re-election in 2020. The form needs to be signed and returned to the village clerk.

**Planning Commission – January 6, 2020 meeting**

Dohrwardt stated the Planning Commission met to learn about the proposed new development in the Village Green subdivision. They also reviewed and recommended the Watershed Plan.

RESOLUTION 2020-A ADOPTING FREDONIA-NEWBURG AREA WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN FOR VILLAGE OF FREDONIA, WISCONSIN: The Watershed Plan has been worked on for over a year by the area stakeholders with help from MMSD (Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District). The details of the plan have been provided at Planning Commission and Village Board meetings as well as an emailed link and hard copies at village hall. The Planning Commission recommends adopting the plan. After discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2020-A Adopting the Fredonia-Newburg Area Watershed Restoration Plan for Village of Fredonia, Wisconsin by Gehrke, seconded by McLarty, and carried unanimously.

**Tech Committee – January 13, 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the Tech Committee – January 13, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

BOARD ROOM CONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY: The quote from Conference Technologies for board room conferencing technology was reviewed. Since this building is shared with the Town of Fredonia, the committee recommends sending the quote to the Fredonia Government Center Commission to obtain buy-in from the Town before proceeding. The committee recommends having a company take care of servicing rather than staff or committee members.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: While the cameras were not a budget item, the committee recommends moving forward with the quote of \$6,600 for installation of surveillance cameras at the wastewater treatment plant. Savings from wages and benefits will offset the costs. Haas expressed concern about the sewer budget really being able to afford the purchase as unexpected expenses occur that use up any savings there might be. Discussion followed. After, a **MOTION** to approve the security cameras at the wastewater treatment plant per quote not to exceed \$7,000 by McLarty, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

MAKE TECH COMMITTEE A PERMANENT COMMITTEE INSTEAD OF ADHOC: Dohrwardt stated that it was brought up last year that structures and missions of each committee should be looked at. In addition to the Tech Committee possibly becoming a permanent committee, perhaps the Cable TV portion from the Utilities Committee be added to its duties. Also, many instances Public Works overlaps with the Utilities Committee. Each committee at their next meeting, should look at their mission statement (or create one if they don't have one) and then the Committee of the Whole should meet to

review and make changes. For the time being, the Tech Committee can remain adhoc as it is a paid committee.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

Davel spoke about a letter that he received from Dr. Dave Brouillette's attorney concerning an ongoing dispute between Dr. Brouillette and the property owner to the west. Davel suggests forwarding the letter to the village attorney for review.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by McLarty, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer