

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
May 7, 2020**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Charlene Landing, Jennifer McLarty, Tim Michael, Kyle Steffen, a number of children who rode their scooters to village hall, Wendi Unger, Dan Benson, Mike Davel, Brandon Heinen, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow. The village board meeting was conducted via Zoom.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes from the April 16, 2020 village board meeting, the minutes from the April 21, 2020 annual organizational meeting, the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list of bills, and the operator licenses for Katrina Trottier, Trinity Baker, Gabrielle Watry and Allison Stahl were approved on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by McLarty, and carried. Dohrwardt pointed out on the April 21, 2020 minutes under items for future consideration that it is Washington Ozaukee County Public Health. The minutes will be noted.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

Katelyn Michael requested that the village consider a skate park. This would be a good place for kids to get exercise and spend less time on electronic devices. The village board agreed that this is a good idea and will be sent to the parks committee for consideration.

**Presentation of 2019 Village of Fredonia Financial Statements by Wendi Unger from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP**

Wendi Unger presented the 2019 financial statements overview via Zoom. An unmodified audit opinion has been issued on the financial statements for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2019. The financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are changes in accounting from prior year – GASB 84 which establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities and GASB 88 which defines debt for purposes of disclosure, including direct borrowings and direct placements. Material weaknesses include internal control environment and internal controls over financial reporting, which is not uncommon in a municipality of this size.

**Unfinished Business:**

RESOLUTION 2020-G ADOPTING MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION FROM AMERICAN LEGION: A **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2020-G Adopting Memorial Day Proclamation from American Legion by Bertram, seconded by Haas, and carried.

DISPOSITION OF SUMMER PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM DUE TO COVID-19: Strohm stated the he has tried to connect with the City of Port Washington to see if they have decided one way or the other to have a park program; and has not heard back yet. Haas stated that we should try to have the program, so the kids have something to do, and look forward to. Abegglen stated that we should have the flexibility to do the program with Port Washington, or be able to do it on our own. Strohm stated we will need to hire new personnel as the two from last year stated they are unavailable this summer. Discussion followed. After, a consensus of the village board to assign the task to staff and try to implement a park program, if possible.

**Committee Appointments**

The list of proposed committees was presented and discussed. Everyone was satisfied with the committees that they are on; however, there was discussion about committee chairperson for the parks committee. Gehrke requested to be chair, but Bertram wishes to remain as parks chair due to her experience with the disc golf course and involvement in creation and organization of Freedom Park. Lengthy discussion followed on that as well as the necessity of having the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee as the

recodification process is finished. Long stated that Abegglen has been the chair of the Tech Committee, so that should be corrected. After, a **MOTION** to remove the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee by Haas, seconded by Bertram. The committee can be reestablished later if needed. Motion carried with Dohrwardt voting nay.

More discussion about committee chairs. A **MOTION** by Long to appoint Bertram as chair of the Parks Committee, seconded by Bertram with Long, Bertram and Dohrwardt voting aye and Gehrke, Abegglen, McLarty and Haas voting nay. Motion failed. After more discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the committee list as is minus the adhoc committee by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried with Dohrwardt voting nay.

#### **President Pro Tem**

Dohrwardt would like to appoint Richard Abegglen as President Pro Tem. All agreed.

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

Dohrwardt thanked Abegglen for administering the zoom meetings. Dohrwardt stated the village can do the bulky item collection and maintain social distancing. Also, Board of Review will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, and a quorum needs to be present. McLarty stated that he will not be able to attend.

#### **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.

APPROVE HIRE OF DEPUTY MARSHAL: Davel stated that Officer McNerney resigned his position, and Davel is in the process of hiring another officer who will be on the road soon.

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Strohm stated additional flushing at the school is being done as chlorine residual was getting low.

OUTFIT GRASS RIG FOR PUBLIC WORKS USE: A quote from Monroe Truck Equipment was presented that included a ladder rack, light bar, aluminum storage box and inverter for \$6,936.00. A crane was also quoted but that would go over budget. A **MOTION** to move forward with recommendations from Director of Public Works for \$6,936 by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

SHADE STRUCTURE SAILS: Strohm stated the shade will be put up at Freedom Park next week on a low-wind day. He was thinking of installing just the blue and yellow sails and not use the green topper this year – to emphasize the school colors and could be used for pictures since school isn't taking place during the pandemic. The consensus of the village board is to put up the sails just using the blue and yellow this summer.

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

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Heinen spoke about the sludge hauling that took place and some valve issues and maintenance to the Kaiser Blowers. The DO meter was installed.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

REVIEW OF ETHICS CODE: Each May, the Code of Ethics is reviewed. The Village of Fredonia Ordinances and State Statutes were presented and acknowledgement form will be signed by village trustees and president at the next village board meeting.

GUIDE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS: The 2020 Guide for Board of Review Members published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue was presented for preparation of upcoming Village of Fredonia Board of Review on May 21, 2020.

**Tech Committee – April 23, 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the Tech Committee – April 23, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

APPROVE A/V UPGRADES: The committee discussed details and options on upgrades to enable remote viewing and attendance of village meetings. The original quote and a quote with modifications were presented. There was discussion about the Town of Fredonia being okay with us installing the equipment, but would not be interested in participating with the purchase or using it. Long stated federal funds may be available. The quote is slightly higher than the \$10,600 budgeted amount, but Abegglen stated there are variables that should reduce the costs such as obtaining a PC from Ozaukee County, and electrical costs. After, a **MOTION** to approve the modified A/V upgrades for \$10,892.76 by McLarty, seconded by Haas, and carried.

**Economic Development Committee – May 5, 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the Economic Development Committee – May 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed. The committee met to review RFPs for industrial park. No other RFPs were received other than Newmark Knight Frank, who was the only one who submitted last year as well. The same proposal was submitted. The committee thought it best to invite Newmark Knight Frank to the first village board meeting in June along with the village attorney to ask questions and find out all of the information that we can to make an educated decision. The Planning Commission members should be invited as well. Haas stated the economy needs to get going, and businesses opening should be up to them and not the government. Gehrke stated that Barb's Pub has done a lot of fundraising for local businesses during the pandemic and should be recognized.

**Architectural Control Board – May 6, 2020 meeting**

Long reported that the Architectural Control Board met to review three fence permits and more are in the works.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

McLarty wanted to commend the kids that came to the village board meeting tonight and make their requests known. It took a lot of courage, and they did a great job.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer