

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
February 15, 2018**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Jill Bertram, John Long, Rudy McCormick and TJ Meyers-Jansky. Also present: Andy, Robert Harness, Billy Mills, Mason Thill, Joshua Haas, Rick Abegglen, Joe Poirer, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Bob Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Don Dohrwardt requested edits to the February 1, 2018 minutes under Questions and Discussion with Village Attorney – Delayed Special Assessment on S. Milwaukee Street, where it reads that Dohrwardt recused himself on this matter and referred to President Pro Tem John Long, to insert “and vacated chair and seated himself in the audience”. Also, at the end of the paragraph, “and returned to his seat”. With those edits, the minutes from the February 1, 2018 village board meeting, along with the general fund, water, and sewer bills with the additional list, the January Treasurer’s Report and the Operator License for Kimberly Schueller were approved on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by McCormick, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

Robert Harness stated that Steve Schauer is no longer running Fredonia Youth Baseball. He and some other individuals are trying to keep baseball in Fredonia rather than have residents go to other communities for their children to play. Harness is requesting village support, so the group can stay in Fredonia. Meyers-Jansky questioned what type of support is being requested. Mills stated they would like baseball to be put in the Village’s park and rec department, so it would be covered under the village’s insurance policy. Bertram stated the village donates \$1,000 each year to Fredonia baseball, cuts grass, and maintains the parks and ball diamonds, and pays the electricity for the lighting. This matter will be referred to the Parks Committee.

Unfinished Business:

MASON THILL’S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Mason Thill has raised a total of \$2,094 in cash and pledges to date. He has not started any construction yet as he needs to have full funding first, and is requesting the village foot the rest of the bill. The village has already pledged \$3,500 at the last village board meeting. Bertram stated since the village is the beneficiary of Thill’s project, it is allowed to contribute to the project, but not bear the majority of the cost. McCormick suggested that Thill continue to try to raise more money between now and March 1. Wagner arrived. Thill needs \$2,586 above and beyond the \$2,094 that he has plus the \$3,500 from the village. A **MOTION** by McCormick to put this topic on the March 1, 2018 village board agenda, have Mason attend the meeting and update the village board of his progress, then have the village board make a decision. Motion was seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

DELAYED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON S. MILWAUKEE STREET: Dohrwardt recused himself on this topic as it pertains to his property and referred to President Pro Tem John Long. Dohrwardt seated himself in the audience. Strohm had put together some prices to see what today’s costs would be for the delayed special assessment at Dohrwardt’s property. At the February 1, 2018 village board meeting, the village attorney recommended starting over with new preliminary resolutions, and that Houseman and Feind will draft them. Strohm will forward his information to Houseman and Feind. A **MOTION** to instruct the village attorney to draft three resolutions, one for each parcel, by Bertram, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried. Dohrwardt did not vote. Dohrwardt returned to his seat.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR CDBG NON-REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM: The funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Housing Program is provided to the State of Wisconsin by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). By submitting the preliminary application, the village would be eligible to request funding under this grant program. A unit of local government receiving CDBG funds may use a portion to offer low and moderate income renter households the opportunity to become owner occupants, pay reasonable closing costs to purchase a home, or build a home. After discussion, a **MOTION** by Bertram to have the Director of Public Works submit the application, seconded by McCormick, and carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT WAGE: Dohrwardt stated that during the ordinance recodification project, Village Ordinance 2-2-8 pertaining to village president and trustee salaries, states “by majority vote of all the members of the Village Board determine that a salary be paid the President, Trustee and other Village officials and employees”; however, Wisconsin State Statute 61.32 declares “the president and board of trustees of any village, whether operating under general or special law, may by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the village board determine that a salary be paid the president and trustees.” The votes at the September 17, 2015 and April 7, 2016 village board meetings did not meet the $\frac{3}{4}$ majority requirement making the village president’s raise void. Dohrwardt stated this topic will be addressed again before December 1, 2018.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

The monthly financial report from the Fredonia Fire Department Ambulance was reviewed.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated that he will be attending an active shooter training conference in Fond du Lac next week. McCormick requested a report at the next village board meeting. In light of the tragic shooting at the Florida high school earlier in the week, Davel re-iterated the most important thing to remember is if you see something, say something.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed. Strohm stated that Brandon Heinen, the new village utility worker, has joined the Fredonia Fire Department, and will be helping as an ambulance driver during the work day as needed.

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.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT V MEETING – MARCH 8, 2018 IN PORT WASHINGTON, WI: Tretow is requesting registration for the District meeting. A **MOTION** to approve attendance for the clerk at the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association District V meeting on March 8, 2018 in Port Washington by Bertram, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Plan Commission – February 5, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the Plan Commission – February 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dohrwardt stated a concept plan was reviewed for a Casey’s General Store, which is a gas station/convenience store at the corner of Highway 57 and Martin Drive, where the former antique dealer is located. The Plan Commission also reviewed the zoning code for the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee.

Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee – February 6, 2018 meetings

The minutes from the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee were reviewed. The committee has compiled a return statement list to go back to General Code. The legal and editorial analysis will be re-typed, so that it can be returned to General Code in a clear and concise format. A **MOTION** by McCormick to send changes to General Code for initial clean up, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Bertram asked if any follow-up was done pertaining to the trash cans used as a fence at the 601-605 Fredonia Avenue property. This item will be placed on the next village board agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McCormick, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer