

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
November 16, 2017**

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, TJ Meyers-Jansky and Kris Roden. Excused: Neil Wagner. Also present: Joshua Haas, Rudy McCormick, Brad Viegut from RW Baird, Dave Boehler, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the November 2, 2017 village board meeting, and the general fund, water and sewer bills and the October Treasurer's Report were approved on a **MOTION** by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None.

Resolution 2017-L Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$4,080,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Brad Viegut from RW Baird presented information from the sale of the refunding bonds that took place today. These bonds provide for the long term financing which replaced the short term note. The interest rate for twenty years has been locked in at 2.85% which was less than the 3.04% originally anticipated. This is due, in part, to the AA- rating that Standard and Poor's assigned to the village a week ago. The closing for the bond issue will be December 21, 2017. Viegut also reviewed the bond rating report from Standard and Poors. The village's AA- rating is very good for a municipality of this size and equalized value. Strong management with good financial policies and practices, adequate budgetary performance and strong flexibility, and liquidity also determined the rating. After discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2017-L Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$4,080,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds by Long, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Appoint Village Trustee

Four candidates applied for the village trustee position that became vacant when Lisa Dohrwardt resigned. They were: Rick Abegglan, Joshua Haas, Rudy McCormick and Dan Paulus. All attended the November 2, 2017 village board meeting, introduced themselves and answered questions. The clerk distributed paper ballots to each village trustee and village president. The clerk read aloud the votes: (3) McCormick, (2) Haas. A **MOTION** to appoint Rudy McCormick as trustee to complete Lisa Dohrwardt's term which expires in April 2018 by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Roden, and carried unanimously. Dohrwardt stated all of the applicants should submit nomination papers to be on the April 2018 ballot as they are all strong candidates.

Swear in Village Trustee

Rudy McCormick was sworn into office as village trustee and was seated.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

BASE PAY FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEES: Dohrwardt suggested that in addition to board meeting and committee meeting pay, each trustee should also receive \$300-\$500 annually for the non-structural tasks that may arise. Long stated the pay is good, and he understood what he was signing up for, and does not feel additional pay is necessary. Meyers-Jansky concurred. After discussion, a **MOTION** to leave the pay structure as is for village trustees by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously.

OZAUKEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE: Ozaukee County Emergency Management was recently awarded a federal grant to update the Ozaukee County FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan was adopted and FEMA approved in 2013 and is set to expire in late 2018. Participation is needed by each municipality. Dohrwardt stated if someone is interested to let him know. Weyker will also follow up to see if anyone from the fire department should attend. Long asked if meeting pay for attendance will be considered. Weyker will investigate and report at the next village board meeting.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

The monthly financial report for the fire department was reviewed. Weyker and Strohm provided updates on the fire department construction project.

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.

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. The report from Standard and Poors was reviewed during Brad Viegut's presentation. Nomination papers were distributed to incumbents and Joshua Haas for the Spring Election. Tretow stated that if no other trustee has a preference for the charity to donate the 2016 Road Rededication party t-shirts, she will send them to A Place of Refuge – a facility that helps women in crisis pregnancies and abusive relationships. The board agreed to send them to A Place of Refuge.

Parks Committee – November 8 and 16, 2017 meetings

The Parks Committee met on November 8 and 16th to discuss plans for the tree lighting event that will take place on Saturday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fredonia Government Center. The committee will meet again tomorrow night to decorate the Fredonia Government Center for the event and holiday season.

Tree Board – November 9, 2017 meeting

The minutes from the Tree Board – November 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed. The meeting and Arbor Day Celebration took place at Veteran's Park. A tree was donated by the Fredonia Lion's Club to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lion's Club International. The village board will accept the donation at the next village board meeting.

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board will convene into closed session to discuss employee performance and compensation

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the village board convened into closed session to discuss employee performance and compensation on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Roden, 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 Bertram, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

2018 Wages

A **MOTION** to clarify the question asked concerning 2018 wages as discussed in closed session by McCormick, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried

Correspondence: Memo from Wisconsin Elections Commission regarding design and implementation of Electronic Poll Book.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Tretow stated the holiday lighting contract from WE Energies arrived late today. Since the next village board meeting will not be until December 7th, Strohm will sign the contract since there are no variations from prior years. This topic will be placed on the next village board agenda for formal approval.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a **MOTION** by McCormick, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer