

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
December 21, 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, Kris Roden and Neil Wagner. Excused: Rudy McCormick. Also present: John Rudolph, Mason Thill, Paul Thill, Bryan Sevener, Chris Kunstmann, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Paul Krause and Rick Abegglen.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the December 7, 2017 village board meeting, and the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list, and the November Treasurer's Report were approved on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by Wagner, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

None.

Presentation from Bryan Sevener – Hexis Internet, concerning 2018 Broadband Grant Extension

Bryan Sevener presented an extension of a recent Rural Broadband Expansion Grant. This grant is to help provide broadband to underserved and unserved areas of the state. A municipality may only benefit from the grant with assistance of a private partner company. The deadline to apply is January 25, 2018. Sevener is requesting any type of contribution to be considered a partner in this application. Dohrwardt stated the village will take a serious look because this would fill a need in the area. Sevener stated that he would be available when the village would like to discuss the matter further.

Update from Mason Thill concerning Eagle Scout Project

Mason Thill discussed his ongoing Eagle Scout project where he plans on creating a warming shelter for the village's ice rink that may be relocated to Stoney Creek Park. He wishes to utilize the unused building by the water tower, and build benches and shelving for the inside. He also wants to add a window to it. Thill is requesting a \$10,000 donation from the village to help complete this task. He has raised funds from the Fredonia Lioness/Lion's and Landt-Thiel Legion Post in Saukville. Once Thill has more detailed information, he will report back to the village board – either the first or second village board meeting in January 2018. His completion date needs to be July 1, 2018 – a month before his 18th birthday.

Approve two (one horseshoe shaped) driveways at 117 Edmaro Street

The original plans approved for the new home at 117 Edmaro Street showed one driveway on Edmaro Street. The homeowner installed a horseshoe driveway with an entrance to Edmaro Street and Partridge Lane. Village Ordinance 6-3-1(4) states "The number of driveways to serve an individual property fronting on a street shall be one (1), except where deemed necessary and feasible by the Village Board for reasonable and adequate service to the property, considering the safety, convenience and utility of the street". John Rudolph stated the driveway is currently gravel because he was told that he would not have to pave his driveway until Edmaro Street is paved, and that was originally supposed to be 2018. Now, he was told that Edmaro Street would be paved at a later date. He installed the horseshoe driveway as a safety issue due to the amount of traffic in the area. Dohrwardt stated he does not see a problem with the way it is installed, and the paving is not an issue. A **MOTION** to approve the two driveways by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Roden, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

At the December 7, 2017 village board meeting, three trustees volunteered to help review the Ordinance Recodification portfolio and manuscript sent by General Code. The deadline for this review and return is March 1, 2018. The trustees were: John Long, TJ Meyers-Jansky, and Rudy McCormick. Dohrwardt would like to appoint them to a newly created adhoc committee whose purpose is to review the ordinances, and once the ordinances are recodified and adopted, the committee would dissolve. Dohrwardt feels a minimum of two meetings per month will be necessary. If any other board member wishes to attend any meeting, they may do so. ~~Anyone~~ **Any village board member and staff (1-4-18 s.t.)** attending and participating should receive regular committee meeting pay along with the committee members. The name of the committee is Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee. A **MOTION** to create the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee as described by Bertram, seconded by Long, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

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

2018 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FURNITURE – DOWN PAYMENT IN 2017 TO AVOID PRICE INCREASE: Chris Kunstmann presented a quote from Emmons Business Interiors for fire department furniture that will be needed when the addition/remodel is completed. \$24,942 is in the 2018 capital budget for fire department furniture. Three quotes obtained; the lowest quote was from Emmons Business Interiors for \$21,653. A price increase is expected after January 1, 2018, but if 50% is paid now, the 2017 price would be honored saving about \$800.00. Delivery would be March 2018. After discussion, a **MOTION** to allow 50% down payment to Emmons Business Interiors to commit to price in 2017 by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Wagner, and carried.

Kunstmann also stated the garage doors are now up.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated he has been having communication issues with the county internet, so he was interested in the presentation by Bryan Sevener. Bertram stated the parking by Barb's Pub of large vehicles in front of Roman Uhlig's building makes it very difficult to see for cars turning from Fillmore Street onto Fredonia Avenue. This will be investigated to see what can be done to limit parking to small cars or no parking signage placed.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

Strohm stated that he spoke with Kim Steffen earlier today concerning the invoice for the air conditioning units that were installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Steffen told Strohm that he could break even at reducing the \$3,200 that the village short-paid on the invoice by \$900. Discussion followed concerning the miscommunication that occurred, and if this were in writing, there would be no question what the village wanted. From now on, this procedure must be followed. Strohm agreed. A **MOTION** to reduce the amount still owed to Steffen's Plumbing and Heating by \$900 (totaling \$2,300) by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Bertram, and carried with Roden voting nay.

Strohm discussed the mis-markings of gas lines by Park Avenue.

Report on Operations of Village by Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed.

Strohm stated the last wall was poured today for the second sludge storage tank. Construction is on schedule.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. Dohrwardt reminded of upcoming deadlines for nomination papers and notifications of non-candidacy. Roden stated that she submitted her Notification of Non-Candidacy today.

Public Works Committee – December 13, 2017 meeting

The minutes from the Public Works Committee – December 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

SIDEWALK INSTALLATION IN VILLAGE GREEN PLAT FUNDED BY LETTER OF CREDIT DOLLARS: Strohm stated he would like to bid the sidewalk installation in January if possible. There were a few homes that were under construction when the sidewalks were put in that did not get done. Some lots were included in the Letter of Credit and some were not. The contract should be in two sections to segregate the projects.

SIDEWALK INSTALLATION NORTH OF MARTIN DRIVE ON N. MILWAUKEE STREET: Strohm stated the two lots north of the Forest Haven on the west side should have sidewalks installed and were not included in the Letter of Credit. The issue of how to pay for these sidewalks was questioned – whether the property owner would be assessed in whole, or in part. Paul Krause now owns both of these lots. He stated the lot where his home is currently had sidewalk included in the purchase price when he bought the lot from Mastercraft Builders. He would be interested in being involved in the discussion with the village concerning this. Krause would also like to work with the village when sidewalk is installed to ease the slope of his driveway more favorably than it is now due to the utilities on his hill. Much discussion and many questions arose, so Dohrwardt stated the topic of who should pay what should be held in abeyance for now, but Roger should be able to bid. Strohm will send specifications to Krause, if he wishes to install his own sidewalk.

Bertram stated the current system of requiring installation and maintenance of sidewalks is not fair and should be looked at since all people use sidewalks.

LEAF VAC PURCHASE: Strohm stated that he has asked a few other local municipalities to see if any wish to share in the purchase of a leaf vac. Cedar Grove is not interested, and Random Lake would only consider if the unit was fully contained. As it stands right now, Strohm will use the village's current leaf vac, unless he finds any other communities to buy in.

Correspondence: Grota Appraisals LLC December 2017 Newsletter and Year in Review

Correspondence was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Long presented a proposed letter to send to the property owner on Pine Street concerning the fence installed since that was discussed at the December 6, 2017 Architectural Control Board meeting and the December 7, 2017 village board meeting. The building inspector was instructed to send a letter, but so far, has not. The contents of the letter was discussed. Will this letter be sent to all property owners whose fence does not conform? Long replied no. He was looking for comments at this time. Discussion followed about government not dictating what people want for their property, and the need for people to secure their property, their homes and children. A process should be in place, whether a permit or something, so people can find out what is required before erecting a fence, rather than being punished after the fact. Dohrwardt stated the recodification project is a good time to address this more in-depth, and that he appreciates Long's efforts. An agreement needs to be reached before pursuing future action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Fredonia Village Board
December 21, 2017
Page 4

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer