

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
October 5, 2017**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Jill Bertram, Lisa Dohrwardt, John Long, Kris Roden and Neil Wagner. Excused: TJ Meyers-Jansky. Also present: Rick Abegglen, Joe Poirier, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the September 21, 2017 village board meeting, and the general fund, water and sewer bills and the operator licenses for Richard Zimel and Andrea Hurst were approved on a **MOTION** by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

None.

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

TRUSTEE VACANCY: Due to Lisa Dohrwardt's announcement that she will be resigning her village trustee position after the October 19, 2017 village board meeting, there will be a vacancy on the village board. Don Dohrwardt stated that this position should not remain vacant. The consensus of the village board is to advertise for village trustee via the usual media: outdoor electronic sign, village website, email and Twitter.

**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. Davel stated some brackets needed to install the radar sign are on back order with the supplier. It may be mid-November before they arrive. As soon as they are received, the sign will be installed. Village police officers participated in rifle training today and will attend handgun training on Saturday in Cedarburg. Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

AWARD BID – 235 MANOR DRIVE DEMOLITION: The bid opening for razing the home at 235 Manor Drive was September 29, 2017. The low bidder was Advanced Restoration for \$11,450 with a credit for arbor vitae removal of \$450. Strohm recommends awarding to the low bidder. A **MOTION** to award the bid to Advanced Restoration by Long, seconded by Roden, and carried. Although not part of the motion, the consensus of the village board is that village crew will remove the arbor vitae, reducing the bid to \$11,000.

URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PARTNER VERIFICATION WITH OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT: Strohm stated Ozaukee County Planning and Parks is applying for a grant to remove ash trees destroyed by emerald ash borer. Part of the grant requirement is to have participants from neighboring communities help with this endeavor. The village is willing to assist in recruiting volunteers, use of FGC facilities for informational meetings and lend the chipper and bucket truck with tree removal and disposal. After discussion, a **MOTION** to proceed with assisting county as stated in the Urban Forestry Grant Partner Verification by Long, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP – PSC 185 TALKING POINTS: Strohm submitted correspondence from MEG Water Division (Municipal Environmental Group) concerning upcoming possible changes to PSC 185, which is the Public Service

Commission's regulations concerning water utilities. MEG works with municipalities and lobbies on their behalf to address problems and concerns. Topics of the correspondence include: micromanaging water utility operations, fairness in utility rates, delinquent utility customers, Public Service Commission's exceeding its legal authority.

**RESOLUTION 2017-I AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE RECYCLING GRANTS TO RESPONSIBLE UNITS GRANT APPLICATION AND ANNUAL REPORT OF RECYCLING ACTIVITIES AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES:** The Village needs to submit an updated resolution to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for authorized person to submit recycling grants. After discussion, a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2017-I Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Sign and Submit the Recycling Grants to Responsible Units Grant Application and Annual Report of Recycling Activities and Actual Expenditures by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

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

The report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator was reviewed. Strohm stated that dewatering for the second sludge storage tank is under control.

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

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, SHORT & LONG TERM DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL:** The employee health insurance for 2018 increased 3.42%, the dental increased 2.3%, and the short & long term disability/life insurance premium stayed the same. A **MOTION** to renew the insurances as presented by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Wagner, and carried.

**Economic Development Committee – September 27, 2017 meeting**

Lisa Dohrwardt reported on the Economic Development Committee – September 27, 2017 meeting.

**Finance Committee – October 2, 2017 meeting**

The minutes from the Finance Committee – October 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

**PRESENTATION OF 2018 GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL, DEBT SERVICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT, WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS:** The committee met on October 2, 2017 to fine-tune some numbers and balance the general fund, capital projects, debt service, fire department, water and sewer budgets. The budget hearing notice needs to be published in next week's Ozaukee Press. After review and discussion, a **MOTION** to accept the proposed 2018 budgets by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried. The budgets for public inspection and copies for trustees will be available in the next week.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

**2018 WATER AND SEWER RATES:** The finance committee recommends a 3% water rate increase effective the third quarter 2018, and a 10% sewer rate increase effective the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018. This topic will be placed on the next agenda to set the rates, so customers can be properly notified.

No other items for future consideration.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer