

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
February 1, 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, TJ Meyers-Jansky and Kris Roden. Also present: Johnathan Woodward from Houseman and Feind, Josh Haas, Dan Paulus, Mason Thill, Larry Waskiewicz, Joe Poirer, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the January 18, 2018 village board meeting, along with the general fund, water, and sewer bills with the additional list, the Special Gathering Beer Licenses for Divine Savior Home and School Association for February 9, February 23, March 9 and March 23, 2018, the Special Gathering Beer License for Fredonia Firefighter and EMS Association for April 6, 2018, the Special Gathering Beer and Wine License for Divine Savior Endowment for April 28, 2018 were approved on a **MOTION** by Bertram, seconded by McCormick, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None.

Questions and discussion with Village of Fredonia Attorney

FUTURE ACTION ON MANOR DRIVE HOME THAT WAS RAZED: At the January 18, 2018 village board meeting, the village board moved to proceed with initiating probate to speed the process of being able to do something with the lot where the home had been razed. Johnathan Woodward stated this could be done, but cautioned that it would be cost prohibitive. He stated probate is not a fast process either and did not see a significant advantage in forcing the issue. The county as creditor for the property taxes is ahead of the village, so Woodward stated it would be better for the county to use their resources and follow the process.

601-605 FREDONIA AVENUE BARRIERS USED AS A “FENCE”: Woodward explained the issue of the property owner using various barriers as a fence that are of unsuitable materials be deferred to the building inspector as he has the latitude to enforce violations of the zoning code. Even if the village receives information pertaining to possibly unsafe conditions of the building, the building inspector may investigate. Woodward suggests the building inspector file a municipal court complaint which states violations of the zoning code over a period of days for citation purposes.

DELAYED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON S. MILWAUKEE STREET: Dohrwardt recused himself on this matter and referred to President Pro Tem John Long, and **vacated chair and seated himself in the audience, (2-15-18 s.t.)** as it pertains to Dohrwardt’s property. Woodward explained the clerk contacted him and requested his presence at this meeting. In 2005, the village adopted two preliminary resolutions pertaining to property on S. Milwaukee Street and intent to exercise police powers to special assess for water, sewer, curb and gutter if and when the property is divided. One of the parcels in question is Dohrwardt’s. A cost report and final resolution do not seem to have been done, so Woodward suggests starting over with a new resolution since so much time has passed. Woodward will draft a new resolution and put some numbers together before the next village board meeting on February 15, 2018. A **MOTION** to ask counsel to draft resolution for two lots by McCormick, seconded by Bertram, and carried, with Dohrwardt abstaining. **Dohrwardt returned to his seat. (2-15-18 s.t.)**

Long asked Woodward about the ordinance codification and his suggestion for the fee schedule that will be referred to instead of putting dollar amounts in the many areas of the village’s code of ordinances. Woodward recommends “Fee and Forfeiture Schedule”.

Strohm asked about people ice skating at the village's detention pond on S. Milwaukee Street. Should "No Trespassing" signs be placed, or would that admit liability to the village if someone got hurt. Woodward stated that it is better to have signs up warning people to keep away from the ice. Woodward left.

Consideration and decision on LED Lighting Proposal from Art Garcia, YellowBlueLED

At the January 18, 2018 village board meeting, the village board expressed interest in investigating the proposal of possibly converting village lights at facilities to LED from fluorescent. Strohm said the Fredonia Government Center should be considered separately as the building is owned jointly with the Town of Fredonia. After further discussion, a **MOTION** to refer this to the Public Works Committee by Bertram, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Update and possible decision on Eagle Scout Project

Mason Thill provided updated information on costs and donations concerning his proposal of moving the unused utility building located by the water tower that is village owned, to Stoney Creek Park, to convert to a warming shelter for when the current ice rink is moved to Stoney Creek Park. Thill stated it would be beneficial to start now since the building is heavy and could be placed on the ground without damage since there is ample frost in the ground, and he needs to have the project done by early summer. After lengthy discussion, a **MOTION** to approve up to \$3,500 to donate for Thill's project and put on the February 15, 2018 agenda for an update on the concrete slab and fundraising progress by McCormick, seconded by Roden, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Nothing new to report.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

The report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Weyker provided an update on the ambulance that was involved in an accident on January 12, 2018.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

The 2017 Annual Report from the Village Marshal was presented and discussed. Davel left.

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. Strohm stated the UV disinfection building is now up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

RESOLUTION 2018-A ALLOWING FOR THREE ELECTION INSPECTORS AT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION: The spring primary typically has lower voter turnout. A **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2018-A Allowing for Three Election Inspectors at the February 20, 2018 Primary Election by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by McCormick, and carried.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN SPRING CONFERENCE – APRIL 26-27, 2018 AT KOHLER, WI – Tretow is requesting attendance for the spring Treasurer's Conference along with mileage. A **MOTION** to approve attendance at the Municipal Treasurer's Association of Wisconsin Spring Conference – April 26-27, 2018 in Kohler, WI with mileage by McCormick, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee – January 23 & 30, 2018 meetings

The minutes from the Ordinance Recodification Adhoc Committee – January 23 and 30, 2018 meetings were reviewed. The Plan Commission will be reviewing the zoning code at their meeting on Monday, February 5th, and the village attorney should be replying back with his sections soon. The committee is more than half through the editorial and legal analysis. The village board thanked Long for his efforts in organizing and keeping the committee moving forward with this labor intensive and tedious process.

Utilities Committee – January 30, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the Utilities Committee – January 30, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

INSTALLATION OF BACKUP FLOATS FOR RAW SEWAGE WET WELL: A proposal from Energenecs was submitted due to floats installed but not reconnected during modifications years ago. The system needs to be activated, along with some rewiring, as well as panels needing to be built. A **MOTION** to approve the quote for Energenecs for \$3,080.37 to install backup floats by McCormick, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Parks Committee – February 1, 2018 meeting

The Parks Committee met to review their section of the ordinance codification project pertaining to parks, trees and shrubs.

Clarifications from January 18, 2018 village board meeting concerning changes to Employee Handbook

Since the Employee Handbook changes from the January 18, 2018 village board meeting were approved, Strohm had some questions pertaining to overtime pay and hours worked in the event of holiday or vacation time, call-in pay when less than one hour is straight time, and the work schedule for one employee that must be 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Currently, the newest employee is assigned the 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. shift, but Strohm is asking if this employee could complete his probationary period first. The consensus of the board is that these issues should be discussed more in-depth at the personnel committee and stated more clearly when officially implemented in the Employee Handbook.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer