

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
April 7, 2016**

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, Ryan Mueller, Jeff Rodgers and Neil Wagner. Also present: Richard Abegglen, Rebecca Baughmann, Jodi Berend, Christopher Collins, Rodney Clark, Jennifer McLarty, Mark Wildermuth, Kellee Sheik, Rita Timm, and other residents, Larry Waskiewicz, Robert Feind, Mark Jaeger, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the March 17, 2016 village board meeting and the General Fund, Water and Sewer bills with the additional list, the operator license for Hunter Bensing-Radtke, and approval for use of Fireman's Park, July 30, 2016 by Mary McHugh for birthday party, were approved on a **MOTION** by Long, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried. Strohm stated the payment to Ozaukee County Highway Department for \$3,256 was for fuel and salt – the remaining \$6,000 of the invoice is for Ayres Associates which will be addressed with Ozaukee County at a future date.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

Rebecca Baughmann and Rita Timm were spokespersons for residents of Hickory Drive and Emerald Hills who are opposed to the conditional use permit submitted by Butterflies Home for Teen Girls which will be discussed at the Plan Commission Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016.

Unfinished Business

REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNER AT 425-429 FREDONIA AVENUE TO RECONSIDER VILLAGE POLICY TO NOT DISCONNECT WATER SERVICE IN CASE OF DELINQUENCY OF ACCOUNT – OPINION FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Larry Waskiewicz asked Bob Feind why the village does not follow Village Ordinance 9-1-46 which allows the village to disconnect water service to customers with unpaid account balances. Feind stated the village follows 9-1-47 which allows for placing unpaid balances on the property owner's tax bill instead. This method is preferred because it is not an extreme measure as turning off water. Feind also stated that since the property owner is notified when there is an unpaid balance, the property owner may issue a five-day eviction notice if paying the water bill is a condition of the lease. The village should not have to act as a collection agency. Don Dohrwardt stated that Waskiewicz's request is asking to deviate from the village's long standing policy. Feind stated this policy does the greater good because all other taxpayer's should not have to suffer. A **MOTION** to maintain village's policy of placing unpaid water and sewer bills on the tax roll by Long, seconded by Wagner, and carried unanimously.

LANDSCAPE PLAN – 400 MARTIN DRIVE: Strohm stated the developer's representative will be submitting a landscape plan.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT WAGE: Bertram stated the raise previously approved by the village board on September 17, 2015 for the village president of \$1500 is excessive. The village president's duties are not much more than a trustee, and work should be done at a committee level. Wagner suggested a \$750 raise instead. Rodgers stated the salary is an incentive to attract people to serve. Mueller stated the salary comparisons presented reflect board and committee pay that fluctuates. A **MOTION** to change the village president salary that was originally set to \$4,500 from \$3,000 to \$3,750 (increase of \$750 vs. \$1500) by Wagner, seconded by Long and carried with Mueller, Long, Wagner, Bertram and Rodgers voting aye, and Don Dohrwardt and Lisa Dohrwardt voting nay. This increase would become effective at the new term which starts in April 2017.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Don Dohrwardt stated that Wendi Unger from Baker Tilly will be in the office tomorrow, Friday, April 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. to review the village's 2015 draft financial statements. A meeting notice has been posted, so any trustee is welcome to attend.

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 left.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

ORDINANCE 2016-02 AMENDING SECTION 13-1-142, 13-1-143 AND 13-1-145 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO MOBILE TOWER FACILITIES: A rough draft of the ordinance was presented. Bob Feind explained that mobile towers should be separate from wind turbines. The ordinance needs to be reviewed by the Plan Commission as it would be a change to the zoning code. A **MOTION** to refer changes to 13-1-142, 13-1-143 and 13-1-145 to the Plan Commission by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Wagner, and carried.

ORDINANCE 2016-03 CREATING CHAPTER 9-1-14 OF THE FREDONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY BY UTILITIES: Bob Feind presented Ordinance 2016-03 that was prepared by Houseman and Feind for the village. This ordinance is necessary due to increased number of requests to install large towers in public right-of-way's. Don Dohrwardt presented a list of suggested corrections and edits. Feind will have those corrected and resent. A **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 2016-03 Creating Chapter 9-1-14 of the Fredonia Code of Ordinances Relating to the Occupancy of Public Right of Way by Utilities with changes as discussed by Long, 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.

Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed. The April 5, 2016 election had 869 ballots cast, 84 new voter registrations and a 65% voter turnout.

Finance Committee – March 31, 2016 meeting

The minutes from the Finance Committee – March 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed. The committee recommends adding Data Compromise/Cyber Liability coverage to the village's insurance policy. The committee recommends the highest coverage of \$100,000 data compromise limit with \$1,000 deductible, \$250,000 cyber coverage limit with \$10,000 deductible for \$313.00 annual premium through EMC Insurance. The committee also recommends renewing the village's liability, property and worker's compensation insurance through EMC Insurance with a 2 point increase on the non-worker's compensation portion and a 2 point dividend reduction on the worker's compensation portion. A **MOTION** to proceed with the finance committee's recommendations concerning the Data Compromise/Cyber Liability insurance and the 2016 insurance renewal by Long, seconded by Mueller, and carried.

RESPONSE FROM AYRES ASSOCIATES CONCERNING FREDONIA AVENUE:

The letter that Ayres Associates sent concerning the village's counter-offer from the March 3, 2016 village board meeting was reviewed. Strohm is waiting for some more information. This topic will be discussed at a future village board meeting.

2016 Road Rededication Party Committee – March 31, 2016 meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Road Rededication Party Committee – March 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Lisa Dohrwardt stated a starting budget needs to be approved to begin making plans. The event will be mostly paid for by fundraising. A **MOTION** to use \$2,000 of the previous balance in the Celebrate Fredonia account for the 2016 Road Rededication Party by Bertram, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried.

Utilities Committee – April 7, 2016 meeting

The committee recommends a 4% sewer rate increase to help offset upcoming projects such as the sludge storage tank. A **MOTION** to mail a letter to all customers of the Fredonia Municipal Sewer Utility now advising of a 4% sewer increase effective March 31, ~~2015~~ 2016(4-21-2016 s.t.) by Mueller, seconded by Long, and carried. This increase will be reflected on the water and sewer bills that will be mailed in early July.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed: *Email from Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Legislative Committee invitation to discuss the ability of municipalities to inspect homes that are for sale.*

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Bertram questioned the increased number of boats and car storage behind 605 Fredonia Avenue. Strohm will investigate. Long stated the Architectural Control Board met on April 6, 2016 and approved a new home in the Village Green subdivision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Mueller, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer