

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
September 3, 2020**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke and Joshua Haas. Attending remotely: John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: 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 August 20, 2020 village board meeting, and the general fund, water and sewer bills with an additional bill to Tapco for six traffic emitters for the fire department in the amount of \$3,929.54, were approved on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote: Ayes – Long, Abegglen, Bertram, Dohrwardt, Gehrke, Haas and McLarty. Nays: None.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Dohrwardt stated the village lost Ron Schmit this past week. Schmit was one of the first people Dohrwardt met when he moved to the village. Schmit was affectionately referred to for the longest time as the “Mayor of Fredonia”. A moment of silence was observed.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Weyker stated Ron Schmit was a 63 plus year member of the Fredonia Fire Department. A contingency will be sent to the visitation tomorrow. Weyker stated there has been discussion about Fire Prevention Week, which would be observed during the week of October 4-10, 2020. Should the fire department host an open house on October 11 as originally planned? The membership would like to have it. It can be held differently by not having fire truck rides; demonstrations can be held outdoors, and people can be spaced apart far enough within the station. The county chiefs met, and all except Belgium and Fredonia, are cancelling their open house events. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed. Davel stated that he will not be seeking to purchase a squad in 2021. The miles on the 2014 are still low enough, so it can wait until 2022. Both squads are in good shape.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

APPROVE VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AT LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES 122ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 7, AND OCTOBER 13-15, 2020: Strohm stated the virtual conference registration fee is for any and all of the offered classes. After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve virtual attendance for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities 122nd Annual Conference by Haas, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote: Ayes – Abegglen, Bertram, Dohrwardt, Haas, Gehrke, McLarty and Long. Nays: None. Dohrwardt stated the Public Works and Utilities Committee will need to meet soon.

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. Tretow spoke about the mailing from the Wisconsin Elections Commission that was sent to all registered voters who did not have an absentee ballot request on file for the November Election as of June 30, 2020.

Parks Committee – August 27, 2020 meeting

The minutes from the Parks Committee – August 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Movie in the Park is scheduled for October 3rd and the planned movie will be “Hocus Pocus”. The next Music in the Park is scheduled for October 17th. Tretow was asked to reach out to the local non-profit groups to see if anyone would be interested in hosting. The next Parks meeting is scheduled for September 10th.

Architectural Control Board – September 2, 2020 meeting

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board – September 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed. A fence was approved, and a new home on Wenzel Avenue with contingencies.

Public Safety Committee – September 3, 2020 meeting

The Public Safety Committee met prior to the Village Board meeting. The list of problems with the 2018 Ford Ambulance was reviewed.
NEXT STEPS FOR THE 2018 AMBULANCE: The committee discussed the problems with the ambulance, and whether it would be worth pursuing action through the lemon law. Discussion followed. After a **MOTION** to allow the Fire Chief to contact an attorney as necessary to look into the lemon law by Abegglen, seconded by Gehrke, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote: Ayes – Bertram, Dohrwardt, Haas, Gehrke, McLarty, Long and Abegglen. Nays: None.

EXPENSES RELATED TO BORROWING AMBULANCE FROM PORT

WASHINGTON: Port Washington was kind enough to let us borrow one of their ambulances while our 2018 ambulance was in the shop. However, the Port ambulance overheated while in our possession. We paid the towing expense, but Weyker felt we should pay the cost of repair as well. He would also like to send them a thank you letter and possibly pay for a sub sandwich lunch. The consensus of the village board is to have Weyker handle as discussed.

DISPOSITION OF CURRENT PUMPER: The new truck is set to be completed during the second week of November. Weyker has investigated locations to get an idea of how much the old truck would be worth if we were to sell it. The range is \$25-\$30K. He would like to start the process of trying to dispose of the old truck, so we are not sitting on it long after the new truck arrives. Options are: Wisconsin Surplus Auction, Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, Company Two Used Fire Apparatus, and a few others. After discussion, a **MOTION** to allow the Fire Chief to explore options to dispose of the old truck starting at \$30K by Haas, seconded by Abegglen, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote: Ayes: Dohrwardt, Haas, Gehrke, McLarty, Long, Abegglen and Bertram. Nays: None.

Personnel Committee – August 27, 2020 meeting

The Personnel Committee met on August 27, 2020 to discuss the resignation of Ali Weston, Administrative Assistant, and also met in closed session.

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

The Personnel Committee determined that closed session is not necessary tonight.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Gehrke stated that Hillcrest Builders is moving forward with their plans in the Village Green subdivision. A draft developer’s agreement will be arriving soon. The Tech Committee would like to have a training session for village board members and staff for the new AV equipment in the board room.

OZAUKEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020-2025: The Ozaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020-2025 was already adopted by the County Board.

Municipalities are asked to review and adopt the plan as well. A representative from the Ozaukee County Division of Emergency Management should come to a future village board meeting to present the plan and answer questions. This will be placed on a future village board agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote: aye – Long, Abegglen, Bertram, Dohrwardt, Haas, Gehrke and McLarty. Nays: None.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer