

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
May 4, 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, TJ Meyers-Jansky, Kris Roden and Neil Wagner. Also present: Kim and Jeri Gelinskey, David Gelinskey, Randy Noll from Guy & O'Neill, Inc., Rick Abeggan, Dave Ferris from Baker Tilly, John Morton, Mike Davel, Roger Strohm, and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Greg Stark.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the April 20, 2017 village board meeting, and the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list, and the operator license for Rebecca Casey were approved on a **MOTION** by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions**

None.

**Committee Appointments**

After review and discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the committee appointments as presented by Long, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

**President Pro Tem**

Don Dohrwardt appointed John Long as President Pro Tem.

**Drainage Issues on Forest Street**

Randy Noll, Director of Engineering at Guy & O'Neill, Inc., has been working with some residents on Forest Street who are dealing with flooding and drainage issues at their homes. A design map was shown detailing a swale on the southwest portion of Forest Street that is not there. Kim and Jeri Gelinskey stated there have been drainage issues since they built their home in 2005, but the problem has escalated in recent months since Guy & O'Neill re-graded their service road to the north of their property at 200 Industrial Drive which abuts the south side of Forest Street. Noll feels the swale that was not installed should have been noticed by the building inspector when the subdivision was being put in. If that had taken place, the problem could have been corrected and much of the drainage issues would not exist today. Don Dohrwardt stated that Roger Strohm, Director of Public Works, will investigate the situation further and make an assessment. Then alternatives to remedy the problem can be discussed. The Gelinskey's and Noll left.

**Unfinished Business**

RESOLUTION 2016-G URGING GOVERNOR WALKER AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO #JUSTFIXITWI AGREEING TO ADEQUATELY AND SUSTAINABLY FUND WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FROM JULY 7, 2016 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AND FEBRUARY 2, 2017 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING): Don Dohrwardt stated the village board has looked at and passed by this topic a few times and needs to act. The state legislature chose to investigate every aspect of the transportation department (instead of just raising taxes) to identify wasteful spending and deficiencies. Roden stated that something needs to be done, and if raising the gas tax or creating a wheel tax would help, then it should be so. Long stated that municipalities should be able to decide if creating a wheel tax would help, not the state government. Don Dohrwardt stated townships do not charge enough taxes to maintain their roads at an appropriate level. Meyers-Jansky stated no matter what, the state will find the money needed somewhere. Town problems are not heard because they are

smaller. Don Dohrwardt stated the people behind the resolution are the road builders, and citizens suffer while the powers that be fight it out. Don Dohrwardt called a vote to adopt Resolution 2016-G: Aye – Long, Roden and Lisa Dohrwardt. Nay – Meyers-Jansky, Bertram, Wagner and Don Dohrwardt. Motion failed by a 4-3 vote.

UPDATE FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY CONCERNING HOME ON MANOR DRIVE THAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED: The bullet points from the discussion that occurred between the clerk and the village attorney were reviewed and discussed. The consensus of the board was that answers from the village attorney created more questions. A **MOTION** to request the village attorney be present at a future village board meeting to discuss and answer questions by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried.

**Presentation of Five Year Financial Forecast Template from Baker Tilly**

Dave Ferris, CPA Senior Manager from Baker Tilly, has been working on the village's financial forecast study since last fall and has created a five year financial forecast template in excel format to assist the village. It was originally created as a tool to assist in using General fund balance and it grew into a budgeting mechanism. Once released, this will be able to assist at budget time in forecasting tax rates and capital expenditures.

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

Nothing new to report.

**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.

AWARD 2017 STREET TREE BID: Strohm presented a tree bid evaluation from the three companies who submitted bids. The low bid was from Larsen Nursery for \$30,225, Property Solutions offered two bids: one was for \$32,100 and the other was for \$36,900, the high bid was from Johnson Nursery for \$47,099.88. Strohm explained the differences in bids. Letter of Credit funds will be used for the street trees used in Village Green including Deer Meadow Court. There would be enough letter of credit funds to install sidewalk on the three homes on North Milwaukee Street (south of Deer Meadow Court). After discussion, a **MOTION** to award the 2017 Street Tree Bid to Larsen Nursery for \$30,225 by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Long, and carried.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF GATOR: Strohm stated there is \$15,000 in the 2017 capital budget for a Gator. He would like to start looking, and if a good deal is found, he would like permission to purchase one. This would be useful in getting around the parks and the disc golf course. A **MOTION** to begin process and purchase not to exceed \$15,000 by Bertram, seconded by Lisa Dohrwardt, and carried with Wagner opposed.

**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 stated the retirement of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer has moved from May 26 to May 12. Four residents appeared at open book on April 24. A mass mailing advertising the Summer Park and Recreation Program will be sent May 5, 2017.

APPLICATION WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO INCREASE WATER RATES THREE PERCENT EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2017: The 2017 Water Utility Budget includes a 3% increase in rates effective the third quarter. The Public Service

Commission has determined the village qualifies for the increase. A notice needs to be published in the paper next week advising residents. A **MOTION** to increase water rates three percent effective June 30, 2017 and publish the notice in the Ozaukee Press by Long, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

**2017 GUIDE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS:** In each trustee packet was a 2017 Guide for Board of Review Members published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Tretow stated since four residents attended open book, there may be some appointments for Board of Review. Everyone was encouraged to become familiar with the procedures for Board of Review which will take place May 18, 2017 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. The training DVD is available for viewing if anyone wishes to borrow it.

**Architectural Control Board – May 3, 2017 meeting**

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board – May 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Junk vehicles were discussed, plans for a new home on Pine Street were approved and fences were discussed.

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- A. *TRA Plan Sponsor Outlook – Second Quarter 2017 Newsletter.*
- B. *Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Jackson Community Center.* Don Dohrwardt stated that Cathy Stepp, the DNR Secretary, will be present. If anyone wishes to attend to please let the clerk know before May 19, 2017.

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

Strohm stated a party is interested in possibly purchasing the village owned lot in the industrial park on South Milwaukee Street. This will be placed on the next village board agenda as well as easements on Park Street. Roden talked about the feral cat problem in the village.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Lisa Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer