

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Fredonia Government Center
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI
December 6, 2018**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Richard Abegglen, Jill Bertram, John Long, Bill McLarty and TJ Meyers-Jansky. Excused: Joshua Haas. Also present: Dan Benson, Mike Davel, Mike Kroeger, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker and Sandi Tretow.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the November 15, 2018 village board meeting, the general fund, water, and sewer bills were approved on a **MOTION** by Abegglen, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments

None.

Unfinished Business:

DISCUSSION/DECISION ON WHETHER ATTENDANCE AT MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT WATERSHED PLANNING MEETINGS SHOULD BE A PAID COMMITTEE MEETING: Dohrwardt stated these planning meetings are important to have village input as decisions will have an impact on future plans and possible ordinance changes. There are a total of six meetings over a one year period. Discussion followed. A **MOTION** to postpone until the next village board meeting, so more information can be gathered by Bertram, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

POSSIBLE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION REFERENDUM ON SPRING 2019 BALLOT: At the recommendation of the Plan Commission – November 12, 2018 meeting, the cost of sidewalk installation where there are gaps in the village was investigated. The project would cost approximately \$169,650 and would result in a \$0.97 per thousand of assessed value if added to the 2019 tax levy in the village = a one-time increase of approximately \$194 on a \$200,000 home. Discussion followed concerning residents who already have sidewalks are not going to want to pay for other resident's sidewalks, and people who do not want sidewalks. After more discussion, Dohrwardt stated that he will advise the Plan Commission that the village board is not interested in a referendum.

Report on Operations of Village by Village President

Dohrwardt stated Ozaukee County approved a 2% wage increase across the board for all of its employees.

Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief

Weyker stated the Town of Saukville Fire Contract expires December 31, 2018 and the Town of Saukville is requesting a decrease of \$67,000 in the amount that is pays to the Village of Newburg. This topic may need to be discussed with the village attorney on how to proceed. After discussion, a **MOTION** to allow the Fire Chief to contact the village attorney if needed by Abegglen, seconded by McLarty, and carried. This topic will be placed on the December 20, 2018 village board agenda.

INCREASE IN AMBULANCE FEES: Weyker provided rate recommendations from LifeQuest to bring Fredonia Fire Department Ambulance rates more in-line with other communities since it has been a few years since rates have been reviewed. The proposal eliminates resident vs. non-resident fees and would be one flat fee. These rates would be effective January 1, 2019. After review and discussion, a **MOTION** to increase rates as presented and eliminate resident/non-resident fees effective January 1, 2019 by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

Report on Operations of Village by Director of Public Works

The report from the Director of Public Works was reviewed.

APPROVE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTRACT WITH WE ENERGIES: After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the Holiday Lighting Contract with WE Energies by Bertram, seconded by Abegglen, 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.

Economic Development Committee – November 27, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the Economic Development Committee – November 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Architectural Control Board – December 5, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the Architectural Control Board – December 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

The Architectural Control Board was concerned about some dilapidated properties on Fredonia Avenue in the downtown vicinity and was looking for advice from the village board. Discussion followed and was suggested that staff send a letter of encouragement to those property owners.

Personnel Committee – December 6, 2018 meeting

The Personnel Committee met prior to the village board meeting to discuss the EMT-A position. In order to attract more qualified applicants, the committee recommends changing the position from two part-time positions to one full-time position with benefits. The job description has been rewritten to reflect, and Weyker would like to start advertising for the position immediately. After discussion, a **MOTION** to create a singular, full-time EMT-A position with benefits by Meyers-Jansky, seconded by Abegglen, and carried.

Wastewater 101 – with John Long

John Long presented a PowerPoint with an overview of how a wastewater treatment plant works.

Correspondence: Grota Appraisals LLC. – December 2018 Newsletter

Correspondence was reviewed.

Items for Future Consideration by the Village Board

Bertram stated the Tree Lighting event was a success and would like to send a thank you to Santa & helper. This will be placed on the next village board agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Abegglen, seconded by Meyers-Jansky, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow
Clerk-Treasurer