

**VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Fredonia Government Center  
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI  
March 18, 2021**

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Dohrwardt. Present: Don Dohrwardt, Rick Abegglen, Jill Bertram, Dan Gehrke, Joshua Haas, John Long and Bill McLarty. Also present: Residents from the community, Tim Dake, Rob Henken via Zoom, Dan Benson, Mike Davel, Eric Leet, Roger Strohm, Brian Weyker, Dan Wolff and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Chris Kunstmann and Mike Herbrand.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dohrwardt moved to agenda item 6.

**Presentation by Tim Dake of WI Grandsons of Liberty about Second Amendment Protections**

Tim Dake from WI Grandsons of Liberty gave a brief presentation concerning a proposed resolution to oppose any legislation that may infringe on a citizen's right to bear arms. This resolution would uphold, not circumvent the law. It sends a message that a citizen's right to bear arms is a guaranteed right and should not be restricted.

After the presentation, Dohrwardt moved to item 15A on the agenda. He stated that Village Ordinance 132-14A(4) reads "*All ordinances, resolutions, or bylaws shall be provided to the Board at least two weeks in advance of any vote (the time between meetings), so that full consideration may be given in that document, unless waved by the Board for good cause.*", and if we alter our standard policy, we may be in a poorer position. He does not see an issue with placing on the April 1 village board agenda and acting on it. Abegglen stated that based on the current political climate at the federal level, it creates urgency and he **MOVES** to adopt the resolution asap, seconded by Haas. Long questioned the reference to court cases in the resolution and asked where the resolution came from, and should we consult the village attorney on this matter? Dake stated the wording came from other examples, and this resolution has been adopted in more than a half dozen Wisconsin counties. McLarty stated he sees no harm in how the resolution is written. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Then a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2021-B Expressing Opposition to Any Proposed Legislation That Would Infringe Upon the People's Right to Bear Arms by McLarty, seconded by Bertram, and carried unanimously. Dohrwardt stated the resolution should be forwarded to the Governor, our two State Legislators, County Board Chairman and Sheriff Jim Johnson.

**Presentation by Wisconsin Policy Forum (WPF) on report titled "First Response: Addressing Fire & Emergency Medical Services Challenges in Ozaukee County"**

Rob Henken of Wisconsin Policy Forum presented highlights from the report titled "First Response: Addressing Fire & Emergency Medical Service Challenges in Ozaukee County". Henken gave an in-depth presentation to the nine participating municipalities in Ozaukee County last week, but the content tonight was geared specifically to the Village of Fredonia. Wisconsin Policy Forum has the capability to do a deeper dive for the northern area and flesh out options and crunch numbers.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the March 4, 2021 village board meeting, the general fund, water and sewer bills with the additional list and the February Treasurer's Report were approved on a **MOTION** by Haas, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

**Open Session for Citizen Questions and Comments**

None.

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

Nothing new to report.

**Report on Operations of Village by Fire Chief**

The February financial report for the Fredonia Fire Department Ambulance was reviewed. The 2020 Annual Report will be presented at the April 1, 2021 village board meeting.

**Report on Operations of Village by Village Marshal**

The report from the Village Marshal was reviewed.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Davel stated the police have done as in previous years where they stopped enforcing winter parking restrictions earlier in March when there has been no snow in the forecast. He would like to leave the policy as is and trust the department to make good decisions. Strohm agreed, and would like to be able to enforce winter parking restrictions if snow is in the forecast, so DPW can clear the roads. The consensus of the village board is to leave policy as is.

**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.

**Report on Operations of Village by Clerk-Treasurer**

The report from the Clerk-Treasurer was reviewed.

**Report on Operations of Village by Ozaukee County District 2 Supervisor**

Haas reported on the recent county board meeting where four resolutions were passed about refinancing county debt. Haas voted for two of the four.

**Joint Parks/Economic Development Committee – March 10, 2021 meeting**

The minutes from the Joint Parks/Economic Development Committee – March 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM FEES: The committee recommends raising fees for summer park program to \$200 for resident and \$250 for non-resident. The program will run from June 21 through August 13. A **MOTION** to approve increase of fees as noted by Haas, seconded by McLarty, and carried.

APPROVE TREES PURCHASE: The committee recommends purchasing \$4,000 of trees for the village owned lot on Meadowbrook Drive and \$1,000 at Freedom Park. A **MOTION** to purchase trees by McLarty, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

COLOR SCHEME FOR SHADE STRUCTURE 2021: The committee decided to use the green top and blue panels for the shade structure in 2021.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF DISC GOLF BASKETS: The volunteers for the disc golf wish to have the village purchase disc golf baskets, and they keep the old ones. They will reimburse the village by August. A **MOTION** to allow disc golf basket purchase by Abegglen, seconded by McLarty, and carried.

**Committee of the Whole – March 11, 2021 meeting**

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole – March 11, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

**Public Works and Utilities Committee – March 18, 2021 meeting**

Dohrwardt provided a recap of the meeting that was held prior to the village board meeting.

GARAGE DOOR FOR SHOP: Haas abstained from this discussion. The committee recommends Cedarburg Overhead Door Company for \$4,019. A **MOTION** to approve installation of door for \$4,019 by McLarty, seconded by Gehrke, and carried with Haas abstaining.

LAWN MOWER PURCHASE: \$20,000 is in the 2021 capital budget for a used mower. Strohm is requesting approval to purchase a Ventrac similar to the one that the village already has, if he can find one within budget. A **MOTION** to approve purchase of a used mower for \$20,000 by Bertram, seconded by Gehrke, and carried.

FGC CARPET REPLACEMENT: The 2021 capital budget includes \$5,632 to replace carpet in the board room and village hall office. The town would pay their portion of the board room. A **MOTION** to approve purchase of carpet by Gehrke, seconded by Abegglen, and carried. McLarty recommended purchasing additional carpet squares.

**Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e), the village board will convene into closed session to conduct public business where bargaining reasons require a closed session**

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e), the village board convened into closed session to conduct public business where bargaining reasons require a closed session on a **MOTION** by Gehrke, seconded by McLarty, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session**

A **MOTION** to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session by Abegglen, seconded by McLarty, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Discussion and possible action to approve counter offer to purchase for property located at a portion of Tax Key# 090350400200 and a portion of Tax Key# 040350400100, N5133 State Road 57, Fredonia**

A **MOTION** to accept counter offer #1 of seller by Haas, seconded by Abegglen, and carried with Gehrke voting nay.

**Business Park Development**

None.

**New Business:**

RESOLUTION 2021-B EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD INFRINGE UPON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS: Already discussed and acted upon earlier.

RESOLUTION 2021-C PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICE POWERS PURSUANT TO WIS STAT. 66.0703: This resolution applies to sewer laterals for the N. Wilson Street project. There will be another resolution for sidewalks that will be forthcoming. Both resolutions will be presented on a future village board agenda.

**Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- A. *Letter from Legislative Audit Bureau regarding Audit of Election Administration.*
- B. *2020 Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Summary.*
- C. *Ozaukee Economic Development – 2020 Report.*

**Items for Future Consideration by Village Board**

Long stated the barn across the street from St. John's is falling down even more and suggested the building inspector look at and send a letter to the property owner. Gehrke stated another build contract has been signed with Hillcrest, so plans should be arriving soon for a new home.

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by Abegglen, seconded by Haas, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Tretow  
Clerk-Treasurer