

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, February 11th, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall
107 Hope Road West

Call to Order by Village President, Roll Call and Opening Statement.

Village President, Phil Knuf, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., The roll was called.

Present: Brad Harlander: Maria Ammend: John Boyer: William Johnson: Jamie Worthington: Phil Knuf: Kay Friberg

Administration Present: David Wondra, Administrator; Marilyn Sederlund, Clerk; Christine Byerly, Library Supervisor; R.J. Severude, Police Chief; Ken Hackett, Public Works Supervisor.

Public Present: Jody Walter and Fred Grimh, candidates for District 2 Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Village Board President, Phil Knuf, introduced candidates Jody Walter and Fred Grimh, and requested that they hold their comments to 5 minutes, including a question & answer period. Mr. Grimh was invited to present his statements concerning his political platform. He discussed various areas within the workings of the County Board that he felt could use some improvement and a more professional attitude when resolving issues. Mr. Grimh then responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Jody Walter was then invited to address the Board. He advised that the majority of his legislative background was based in the politics of the synod, the church, and his experience as a pastor. He addressed the issues in front of the county board concerning the possible sale of the Golden Age Manor, and the importance of providing aged care. Mr. Walter then responded to questions from the Board.

Board President, Phil Knuf, thanked the candidates for coming, and wished them luck in their campaign.

Motion to Approve Minutes of January 14th, Village Board Meeting. Motion by William Johnson; second, John Boyer; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Jamie Worthington; second, Maria Ammend; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Motion to Approve Charter Ordinance 2008-01: Division of the Appointed Position of Clerk/Treasurer in to Two Separate Appointed Positions.

Clerk, Marilyn Sederlund, provided Board members with copies of the Charter Ordinance and advised the board that this is an action that has been considered for some time, and requested that they take a few moments to review the Charter Ordinance and she would answer any questions. Mr. Wondra explained that he felt the present administration was ready to undertake this complete division of duties. **Motion by William Johnson; second, Jamie Worthington; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.**

Department Head Reports.

Public Works; Ken Hackett, Public Works supervisor, provided a report to the Board on the Water/Sewer Department. He also advised that construction has started on the Coon Lake Boardwalk.

Park Board: Trustee William Johnson reported that the Park Board has not met, and the Frederic Winter Fun Days seemed to go over well, with many participants in the fishing contest on Coon Lake.

Library: Librarian Chris Byerly advised that she is nearing completion on the Library's annual report. There will be a book & bake sale at the Library this weekend honoring Valentines Day & President's Day. The new Tuesday library hours are proving to be a hit.

Law Enforcement: Police Chief R.J. Severude provided an incident report to the Board for their review. He advised that he has cut back to just the basic sheet of incidents. Specific information is available to the Board if they choose to review it. President Phil Knuf relayed questions from the public concerning the speed limit north of town on highway 35, and residents seeing the Frederic Village Police car outside of the jurisdiction of the village.

Chief Severude advised that the speed limit on 35 is set by the state, and that if there is a request from State or County for assistance, a Frederic officer sometimes responds to incidents outside of the Village Jurisdiction.

Village Clerk: Clerk Marilyn Sederlund reported to the Board that the Spring/Presidential Preference Primary will be Tuesday, February 19th, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and a training meeting for Election Inspectors and Deputies will take place on February 14th, and will include the public test of the voting machine.

Update on the CDBG program. Ms. Sederlund has been in contact with Dave Rasmussen and they will work on finalizing a review committee for CDBG applications. Both Bremer and US Bank have shown interest in being a part of that committee.

Real Estate & Property tax collections have been completed, with final reports submitted to the county by the February 8th deadline.

Village Caucus went well, with Sherry Gjonnes nominated for Municipal Judge, with no contenders. Village Trustee Positions are as follows: John Glockzin, Brad Harlander, Kerry Brendel, Jamie Worthington, Arlen Peterson, and Eleanore Carlson.

Village Administrator: The monthly balance & budget comparison sheets were provided to the Board for their review. Janke Construction Company, responsible for the construction of the boardwalk, has submitted their first pay request for \$155,084.00. **Motion to forward payment on the Janke pay request. Motion by Brad Harlander; Second by Maria Ammend; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.**

Construction on the Boardwalk will continue once the weather warms up. The project is slated to be completed by the 2nd week in May.

F.Y.I. for the board: Mr. Wondra has been contacted by Bill White, and the purchase agreement for the White property has finally been signed by all parties and the Village can go ahead with the purchase of that property.

The paper work on the 80/20 grant from DNR has been completed, and will be mailed off this week. We should have some information back by next month. This grant, if received, will help pay for sight clean-ups and building restorations.

WWTP is still showing high nitrate numbers, but they appear to be decreasing. The Village would like to complete testing through March, and compare the numbers before making the decision to spend \$60,000.00 to cover the first seepage cell.

The Union contract for the one full time police officer has not been finalized. Mr. Wondra, and Village Attorney Tim Laux met with the union representative and parties were unable to resolve some language issues within the contract, so no agreement was reached.

President Phil Knuf asked about the "Early building". Mr. Wondra advised that he has spoken with the person interested in renting the building and he is currently looking for financing to help retrofit the building to his needs.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Jamie Worthington; second by William Johnson, Board vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Marilyn Sederlund
Clerk/Treasurer,
February 12th, 2008