

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, May 12th, 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., and announced that a closed session would follow the regular meeting as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” The roll was taken.

Present: Brad Harlander: Maria Ammend: John Boyer: William Johnson: Jamie Worthington: Phil Knuf: Kerry Brendel.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes of April, 2008, Village Board Meeting. Motion by Maria Ammend; second, William Johnson; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion by William Johnson; second, John Boyer; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion of Land Use Permit Issued to the Village of Frederic by Wisconsin DNR for the area along the Gandy Dancer between Linden and Oak Streets.

William Johnson presented information on the application for the permit and the plans by the park board for that area.

Motion to approve Land Use Permit by Maria Ammend, Second by William Johnson; board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion of Parking Issues on Wisconsin Ave. North, by the Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Ken Hackett, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the Village Board concerning the safety issues of parking and driving on Wisconsin Ave. North. The entrance to Wisconsin Ave. N., and in front of the church, is one way traffic only. When occasions demand, parking by the church is on both sides of the street, and makes through traffic treacherous. Mr. Hackett’s suggestion was to make the entrance to Wisconsin Ave. N. a two-way street, which would allow other residents of that area safe and legal access to hi-way 35, without having to drive by the church. **Motion to approve necessary change to the entrance of Wisconsin Ave. North: John Boyer, second, Kerry Brendel; Board vote unanimous, Motion carried.**

Review & discuss lawn mowing/maintenance bids, with motion to accept bid most suited to the village. Motion to accept Moritz’s Lawn Care Bid: Maria Ammend; Second: John Boyer;

Motion to approve the following Family Days Events:

1. The Location of the Family Days Street Dance
2. Exempt the Family Days Street Dance area, from the Open Container Ordinance from 6:00 p.m. June 21st, to 1:00 p.m. June 22nd.
3. Exempt Coon Lake Park from the Open Container Ordinance for the Frederic Family Days Celebration, June 20th, 21st. 22nd.
4. Temporary Class “B” beer license for the Frederic Rural Fire Association, June 21st, 2008..
5. Temporary Class “B” beer license for the Frederic Lion’s Club, June 20th, 21st, 22nd.

Motion by Jamie Worthington; second, John Boyer; Board vote unanimous, motion carried.

Department Head Reports.

Public Works; Fahrners (Bergmans) will be completing the pothole patching this week. Should also finish the repairs on the street lights, 10 out of 7 have been repaired, the wires had shorted out.

Park Board: Park Board met May 2nd. A fence is being constructed around the new softball field by Birch St. Elementary. The Park Board was unable to contract park caretakers for this season so arrangements have to be made to have the shelters and bathrooms cleaned. The Depot Museum will be opening on Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Johnson also provided the new Tourism Economic Impact pamphlet for the Board's review.

Library: Chris Byerly gave a report on the many summer programs and projects for the coming summer. She also advised that Bruce the Bug Guy will be sharing all of his insects at the library on June 7th.

Law Enforcement: Police Chief R.J. Severude provided an incident report to the Board for their review, and reported on the golf tourney and the progress of adding lights to the 4-way stop at the intersection of 48 & 35.

Village Clerk: Marilyn Sederlund, Village Clerk, Provided Board of Review procedure manuals for the Board members who would be attending the Board of Review on May 20th. Also briefly mentioned, liquor licensing, mobile home park licensing, and maintenance check on the voting machine.

Village Administrator: Mr. Wondra discussed the letter of complaint concerning the used vehicles Mr. Friberg has parked on Darryl Nyren's property behind the Methodist church. The pastor and congregation of the Methodist Church feel that this is an eyesore that detracts from the beauty of their church and grounds. Mr. Wondra advised the board that they could request that the clerk send a letter to the property owner, asking him to contact the owner of the vehicles and have the vehicles removed.

Christine and Bryan Weinzierl were present and voiced the concern that, not only were the vehicles unsightly, it compromises the value of the surrounding property, creates a safety issue for children and is a detriment to the image the village wants to portray. Carroll Fischer was also present, representing the Methodist Church, and felt that residents of the village should not have to look at someone else's junk. President Phil Knuf told the concerned residents present, that the village would do what was possible to remedy this situation. R.J. Severude advised that he has received a number of phone calls concerning this issue, and has also had contact with kids who have been playing on this equipment. Kerry Brendel, Village Trustee, voiced frustration with this issue and felt the village needed to address this problem with urgency and resolve it as quickly as possible. Brad Harlander asked if Mr. Friberg had been spoken to in reference to this issue. Mr. Wondra advised that yes, there had been letters sent, and Mr. Friberg and Mr. Wondra had met and spoken, regarding this issue. The Board then directed Mr. Wondra to begin required action to get the equipment removed from the Gandy Dancer Trail. Motion was made by **Kerry Brendel with a second by Jamie Worthington, giving Mr. Wondra the authority to proceed in this matter. The motion was made by Maria Ammend and seconded by Jamie Worthington, that the letter from Pastor Freddie be included in the minutes.**

Mr. Wondra's report continued with a request from Mike Route, who has an art studio in the old Early Station. He is requesting that the Village remove the gravel and sod from in front of his building so he can do what is required to make the front look more appealing. Cynthia DeMarr would like to lease the other area for an art shop and is requesting some assistance from the Village in cleaning up that area.

The Depot is in need of painting. Dan Graf's Community Service kids (Homefield Advantage) would be very interested in taking on that project. The village will buy the paint and the kids will scrape and paint the building.

Recognition of visitors: Duane Taylor, a resident of Green Acres mobile Home Park, addressed the board on issues concerning Green Acres. He wanted to know what responsibilities fall to the Village and what are the responsibilities of the owners, as far as street maintenance, etc. Mr. Taylor also had issue with the Water/sewer, roads/streets inside of the park, and other safety issues. Village President said the Board will look into those issues.

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session, per WI STAT 19.85(1)(e), Negotiations for the purchase of Property;

Roll Call: Brad Harlander, yes; Kerry Brendel, yes; Maria Ammend, yes; John Boyer, yes; William Johnson, yes; Jamie Worthington, yes; Phil Knuf, yes. 8:20 p.m.

Return to Open Session: Motion made by Jamie Worthington; second William Johnson. Unanimous board Vote, motion carried. 8:55 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Jamie Worthington; second by Maria Ammend, Board vote unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Marilyn Sederlund
Clerk/Treasurer,
May 16, 2008