

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E

Monday, April 11th, 2022 · 7:00 pm

Call to Order by President Harlin Owens at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall and Zoom.

Roll Call - Trustees: President Harlin Owens, present; Brad Harlander present; Rob Lillehaug present; Jackie Peterson present; Patty Swenson present; Duane Wisse present.

Others Present: Janice Schott, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Roxanne Howe, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Bill Struck, Director of Public Works; Tamara Larson, Chief of Police; Kris Surbaugh, Library Director; Rebecca Harlander, Park Board Chair; member(s) of the Public.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by Harlander/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

Correction and Approval of March 14th, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve the March 14th minutes as presented by Wisse/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

Public Comments

William Johnson showed an ad from a national magazine for our Soo Line Depot/Museum put out by the Historical Society. He informed the Board of some of the different groups they are a part of that helps expand their presence. He also said that the Polk County Tourism Council has invited the public to the 300 Club for an event that's planned outcome is to show Polk County, and possibly our Towns and Villages where we should be marketing our tourism dollars to bring in people from outside areas.

Lee Huber, Operations Manager for Lakes Region EMS/St. Croix Valley EMS made himself available to answer any questions the Board may have to keep them in consideration for the upcoming ambulance service decision that will be made. After some questions and answers, it was decided to be added to the May Agenda.

Frederic Arts Banner Proposal – Ann Wolgamot

On behalf of the Frederic Arts Board, Ann presented a project that would create light pole banners to be hung during the summer in the Village. Contestants from different age groups would submit their designs with multiple winners having their artwork printed on the banners. They will inquire with the school about using the same hardware that hangs the Senior Banners to avoid that extra cost. The hope is to get approval for the project from the Board, and possibly a donation to help offset the cost. After getting an answer from the school and knowing the final costs, the Board will make a decision at next month's meeting.

Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Run water orders are still in place. After attending training in La Crosse, more was learned about the new lead and copper regulations and what we will need to do to be in compliance by the 2024 deadline. A few sewer mains froze up this winter, but were all caught before they affected any homes. The final draft for the Waste Water permit was approved by the DNR and we are on schedule to start the new irrigation system in July. Street sweeping and pothole filling has begun. One storm sewer froze up and is presently being worked on. A reminder to Village residents, that if they have a lot of stick/branch/yard waste, Public Works will deliver a truck at the start of the day for you to fill up, and it will be picked up at the end of the day, at no charge to you.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Pete and Carol Mangelsen will be returning this year as Park Caretakers. Another camera has been purchased for the west park area. A door has been ordered to replace the one damaged by the park kitchen vandals. The vandalism clean-up to the boardwalk still needs to be resolved. We accepted a donation from South Fork Sporting Club to help pay for a new fishing pier needed at the park after vandals ruined one. 2 memorial benches for the Village are in the works. We will be applying for an 80/20 grant for the trail around the lake. Polk County forester, Paul Heimstead will be accessing our wooded area on the east side of Coon Lake to see about finishing a harvest project that was started in 2015, but was halted due to the ground being too wet.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: The monthly activity sheet was handed out. The computers are in the process of being updated, which will include software giving the ability to print directly from a customer’s personal device. The bicycles and pickle ball court supplies have been brought out for the season. A birding class will be held on April 23rd. A gardening class is planned for May. A collaboration with the 53 other libraries in our system for a “passport” contest that encourages you to visit as many of them as possible. Northwest Passage kids will resume coming in after a long Covid hiatus. Kris announced her retirement and her last day of work is May 27th.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: The calls for service were very high in March. Randall was brought back on to use as a transport officer to help alleviate the huge time consumption that is added with those calls. A student asked if T Larson could drive them in the squad to Prom. A Northwest Passage transport person did \$600 worth of damage to the inside of the squad car. The county that this juvenile is from has been billed for the damage, but that doesn’t guarantee we will be paid. T Larson met with Polk County’s CJCC (Criminal Justice Collaborating Council) about a new program for young first-time offenders to potentially avoid getting a lifelong felony charge that will follow them for the rest of their life and the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program that can help get needed treatment and/or help instead of just a punishment.

e) Clerk/Treasurer – Janice Schott: The election had a lower than normal turn-out. We are still getting quotes for a new copier. Our property tax Open Book and Board of Review are both coming up.

f) Ambulance Report – Patty Swenson: None

g) Upcoming Meetings and Events: Planning Commission Meeting on April 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Final ARPA Funds Decision

J Schott has filled out the report on the ARPA funds portal, but has not submitted it yet.

Motion to classify ARPA Funds as Governmental Services to be used at a later date by Harlander/Swenson

Vote: Carried

Elected Officials Compensation Disbursement Resolution

H Owens would like to amend the resolution to include the default compensation is a check made out directly to the employee.

Motion to amend Resolution 04112022 to include a default compensation if no choice is made by

Harlander/Wisse Vote: Carried

Motion to approve Resolution 04112022 regarding Elected Officials Compensation Disbursement Options by

Harlander/Wisse Vote: Carried

Approval of Check Register – Check #191811 – 191862

Motion to approve check register as presented by Harlander/Amber Vote: Carried

Items for Future Agendas

Frederic Arts banner contest/project

Lakes Area Ambulance

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. by Wisse/Peterson Vote: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Howe

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer