

## FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E

Monday, March 13th, 2023 · 7:00 pm

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

Trustees Present: President Harlin Owens, Brad Harlander, Amber Johnson, Rob Lillehaug, Jackie Peterson (zoom), Patty Swenson and Duane Wisse.

Others Present: Janice Schott, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Roxanne Howe, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Tamara Larson, Chief of Police; Amanda Blackmon, Library Director; Rebecca Harlander, Park Board Chair; member(s) of the Public; member(s) of the Press (zoom).

### **Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve agenda by Harlander/Swenson Vote: Carried

### **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 13th, 2023 minutes as presented by Swenson/Johnson Vote: Carried

### **Public Comments**

John Brand, Reba Boucher and Jackie Thorwick spoke on an ongoing situation at the Sunrise Apartments where Reba lives. They feel Reba is being harassed and blamed for things that she did not do, and would like a hearing to tell their side of things before the eviction of Reba takes place.

Roxanne Howe asked the Board, when considering the UTV/Equestrian Study from Polk County Government, to see also the positive side of allowing UTVs and equestrians to share the Polk County stretch of the Gandy Dancer Trail, including at least 15 Village businesses that could see increased revenue.

### **Committee and Department Head Reports**

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: None

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: The Park Board had the first meeting of the year and are starting to plan for summer. An anonymous donor has offered to put a swing set at the new playground area. The library is planning a couple events at Coon Lake Park this summer. The meeting with the consultant for the UTV/Equestrian feasibility was postponed, but questions were sent out that can be answered and the meeting will hopefully be rescheduled.

c) Library – Amanda Blackmon: The jigsaw puzzle competition and 7-year-old author meet and greet were both successful. Chess Club and the Friday play group is still going on. The Summer Reading Program is being revamped.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: February had 224 Calls for Service. A used squad from Osceola is in the process of being purchased. Officer Randall Selle has given his notice and will be going back to his previous job in Burnett County.

e) Clerk/Treasurer – Janice Schott: We have applied for and should receive a \$7000 Police Department grant that will reimburse them for expenditures, including fuel and uniforms, freeing up that budgeted money to be possibly put towards the new squad car from Osceola. The property tax Open Book has been scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and is via phone with the assessor. The Board of Review will be May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm going through our regular board meeting. The Spring Election is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

f) Public Works – Duane Wisse: The Committee discussed the parking problems on Birch Street and recommends the Village Board makes it no parking on both sides year-round. The Committee also discussed the vacant lot at Polk/Elm and recommends the Village Board considers selling it. Representatives from the DNR zoomed in with a presentation on a US EPA Lead Service Line Accelerator Program that will help identify any lead lines in the Village and seek possible funding options for the replacement of those lines. The Committee recommends the Village Board accept this offer.

g) Upcoming Meetings and Events: Personnel/Finance Committee on 3.21.23. Public Works Committee on 3.27.23. Governance Committee on 3.27.23. ATV/UTV Equestrian Gandy Dancer Trail Feasibility Study to be announced.

**Frederic Arts – Temporary Class B Retail License Request**

Motion to approve a Temporary Class B License for March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Frederic Arts on Lake Avenue by Harlander/Johnson Vote: Carried

**Birch Street – Change to Permanent No Parking**

Motion to move forward with changing Birch Street E from Highway 35, east to Pleasant Avenue, to a no-parking zone by Lillehaug/Johnson Vote: Carried

**Polk/Elm parking Lot Sale**

Motion for D Wisse to seek 2 appraisals for the Polk/Elm parking lot by Swenson/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

**Lead Service Line Replacement Program**

Motion to accept participation in the US EPA Lead Service Line Accelerator Program by Wisse/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

**Approval of Check Register – Check #192597 – 192632**

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

**Items for Future Agendas**

None

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm by Lillehaug/Wisse Vote: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Howe  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer