

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Frederic Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E

Monday, February 10, 2025 · 7:00 PM

Members Present: Amanda Blackmon, Patty Swenson, Ben Morris, Rob Lillehaug, Brad Harlander, Duane Wisse and Jackie Peterson

Call to Order by President Amanda Blackmon at 7:00 pm at the Frederic Village Hall

Agenda Approval - Motion to approve the agenda by B Harlander/D Wisse. Vote: Carried

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January 13, 2025 minutes as presented by P Swenson/D Wisse. Vote: Carried

Public Comments – William Johnson gave each Board Member a copy of the 2025 Polk County Visitor Guide. Rebecca Harlander reported the Village winter sports were going strong. The ice rink has been heavily used and 160 students used the rink for a 2-week physical education unit, there was also a visit from Governor Tony Evers! R Harlander thanked Lakes Gas, Frederic Hardware and the Frederic Rural Fire Department for donations for the ice rink and the volunteers that help with winter sports. Luck Board member, Bridget, discussed Luck's dealings with the owner of the Frederic Motel, who also owns the Pioneer Home building in Luck.

Police Chief Hire

Board reviewed the special Board meeting held before the regular Board meeting concerning hiring Brandon Sams, police chief candidate. Brandon was present at the meeting.

Motion to hire Brandon Sams as the new Frederic Police Chief with employment to begin on April 1, 2025 by P Swenson/J Peterson. Vote: Carried.

Motel/Residential License Issue

Board reviewed information gathered since January Board meeting. Motel sign is still up and is sometimes covered and sometimes lit up and advertising a motel. If the Frederic Motel is no longer a motel it should be considered an apartment building. Brian Daeffler, Fire Chief, was present to discuss inspections of apartment buildings. Chief Larson informed the Board of some of the rights granted to them through State Statute.

Motion to send this motel issue to the Governance Committee by P Swenson/D Wisse. Vote: Carried.

Public Works Committee Recommendation to hold a Community Listening Session RE: Fluoridated Water

Board members were instructed that this meeting was not the time to discuss the matter but only to approve/or deny the proposed listening session, the notice and date/time.

Motion to approve date/time of listening session with suggested changes to the notice by B Harlander/D Wisse. Vote: Carried.

Public Works and Personnel/Finance Committees Recommendation – Public Works Equipment Needs

D Wisse reviewed the recommendation and the equipment needs and estimated pricing. Needs include: Snow Hauling Truck \$25,000, Angle Plow for Loader \$25,000, Grapple Bucket for Loader \$9,000 and Tool Box for Second Truck \$2,500. There is \$30,000 built into the 2025 budget for equipment needs and the recommendation is to use contingency funds for the additional \$31,500.

Motion to accept PW and PF recommendations to give B Struck permission to purchase equipment requested to total approximately \$61,500 with \$31,500 coming from contingency fund by D Wisse/P Swenson. Vote: Carried.

Police Department Equipment Needs

T Larson and J Schott discussed meetings with Axon Cameras regarding new body cameras for the Police Department and the quote the Village received. The quote for a five-year contract that includes the cameras and evidence.com contract is \$1,924.80 annually. Brandon Sams also approved of Axon cameras.

Motion to approve purchase of body cameras by B Harlander/R Lillehaug. Vote: Carried.

Personnel/Finance Committee Recommendation for Personal Time for Administrative Assistant

The Personnel/Finance Committee is recommending that Donna Blazek, Administrative Assistant, receive 18 hours of personal time annually, if unused these hours will be paid out at the end of the year.

Motion to approve PF recommendation to give part-time administrative assistant 18 hours of Personal Time annually by D Wisse/P Swenson. Vote: Carried.

Frederic Arts Temporary Class B License Beer only 2/28, 3/28, 4/25/25

The application is for three upcoming Raise the Roof concerts to be held at the Frederic Arts property.

Motion to approve Frederic Arts Temporary Class B License Application by P Swenson/R Lillehaug. Vote: Carried

Committee and Department Head Report

Board asked for updates on the Coon Lake Classic, all reports were that it was a success! J Schott reminded Board and audience that there is a Spring Primary Election to be held on February 18, the only office on the ballot is State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Approval of Check Register – Check #193686-193745

Motion to approve checks 193686-193745 by P Swenson/J Peterson. Vote: Carried

Items for Future Agendas – Friends of the Gandy Dancer would like to give an update on the Cycling Without Age Program in March

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm by D Wisse/R Lillehaug. Vote: Carried.