

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E
Monday, August 8th, 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; Amber Johnson present

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

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by Harlander/Wisse Vote: Carried

Corrections and Approval of July 11th, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve the July 11th minutes as presented by Peterson/Swenson Vote: Carried

Public Comments – William Johnson, on behalf of the Historical Society invited everyone to the Pie and Ice Cream Social on August 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Friendly Tavern – Weekend Road Closure Request for One Way Street – The Friendly Tavern requested to close the one-way street next to their tavern every weekend through Labor Day for all or some of each weekend to allow for outdoor seating and entertainment.

Motion to deny the request to close the one-way street every weekend through Labor Day by Harlander/Wisse Vote: Carried

Tom Jablonski – Consideration of Allowing New Deduct Meters – Tom Jablonski requested the Village Board to reconsider allowing the usage of deduct meters after the program was discontinued by the Public Works Committee in 2018, allowing at that time, those that had them and chose to keep them, to be grandfathered in, but no new meters would be distributed going forward.

Motion to approve, effective January 1st, 2023, discontinuing usage of manual read deduct meters and allowing residents to purchase system compatible radio read meters for the purpose of deducting charges for outside water that does not go into the sewer under the guidelines of A) the resident is responsible for purchasing, installing and any and all maintenance or replacements, and B) must contact Public Works for an inspection after installation by Harlander/Wisse Vote: Carried.

Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: The new irrigation system at the sewer plant is operational. Monarch is working around town. The new road patching trailer works great. The new (used) street sweeper is here and the new truck is on its way.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: The Park Board will be addressing what to do with the Bandshell and the volleyball courts, as they are in distress and are not used often. The trail walk is still planned with the DNR to see about going for a grant for the trail completion. The women's bathroom is scheduled to be painted soon. There is still some fall tree planting that needs to be done.

c) Library – Amanda Blackmon: A Blackmon reported on library activity in July. The escape room and oculus are very popular. New ideas aimed at adults are welcomed. The possibility of acquiring new space is still on the table. The library is having a problem with trash and broken glass in the back of the building and they are cleaning it up a couple times a week.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: T Larson passed out the monthly calls report and stated they have been very busy. Wisconsin Emergency Management was called over the possibility of explosives in old canisters that were donated to Angel Hands, and luckily, they were deemed not dangerous after investigation and x-rays. We have hired a retired officer for transports. Several local entities are working together to have an active shooter plan in place for the community.

e) Clerk/Treasurer – Janice Schott: Polk County Tourism renewal is up and she will be sending in that payment. Tomorrow is the Fall Primary and voting will be at the Village Hall.

f) Personnel/Finance Committee – Patty Swenson: The 2023 Budget process is starting and hiring for a Public Works position is moving forward.

g) Ambulance Report – Patty Swenson: A doctor has agreed to fill the Medical Director position needed for the new ambulance service and they formed a new executive committee.

h) Upcoming Meetings and Events: Public Works on 8.16.22 and a Personnel/Finance meeting soon.

Village Lawn Mowing Contracts for 2023-2025

Motion to approve the advertising of mowing bids for the 2023-2025 seasons by Wisse/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

Hog Wild BBQS Food Truck Vendor Application – Hog Wild BBQS Food Truck has submitted an application and requested to park at The Wash House (permission granted by The Wash House) on Mondays between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Motion to approve the application and request by Hog Wild BBQS Food Truck for the license period ending June 30th, 2023 by Swenson/Johnson Vote: Carried

Creating a Village Logo – J Schott would like to work on creating or having a logo created to represent the Village on letterheads, websites and other similar things.

Village Cable Agreement with Lakeland Communications – H Owens stated Lakeland Communications is requesting a refund on certain fees they have paid over time with the discontinuance of their cable program and to freeze certain ordinances we have in place with their agreement. More information is needed before we can make an informed decision.

Approval of Check Register – Check #192257 – 192307

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

Items for Future Agendas – Enforcement of Village ordinances in regards to the current state of some buildings and/or business facades.

Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically regarding hiring a new Public Works employee.

Motion to convene into closed session by Swensen/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion to convene into open session by Johnson/Wisse Vote: Carried

Action Taken from Closed Session, if Any

Motion to direct H Owens to meet with K Hackett, and, using information from the closed session discussion, draft a retirement agreement for Board consideration at a subsequent Special Board Meeting by Wisse/Lillehaug Vote: Carried

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Lillehaug/Wisse Vote: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Howe
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer