

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes April 8, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Hansford.

Roll Call: George Hansford, Julie Thomas, Brad Harlander, Allan Lahti, Bob Jorgenson and Doug Gustafson present. Todd Miller absent.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: Brad Harlander will give the Library report.

Approval of March 11, 2019 Minutes: Lahti motioned to approve the March minutes, second by Jorgenson. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Frederic Arts Application for Temporary Class B License – April 26, 2019: Harlander motioned to approve application, second by Thomas.

Fair Housing Month Proclamation: Proclamation was read. Harlander motioned to approve April as Fair Housing Month, Jorgenson second. Carried.

Bank Signature Cards: Lahti motioned to remove George Hansford, add Becky Amundson and keep Brad Harlander and Jennifer Phernetton on the signature cards at the bank, Gustafson second. Carried.

Holiday Station Liquor License: The Frederic Holiday station is being transferred to another company under the Holiday umbrella. The new company applied for a Class A beer license. Harlander motioned to approve Class A beer license, Thomas second. Carried.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Bill Struck, Interim Director: Kenny has been busy filling potholes. Struck is getting bids to repair sidewalk and curbs that were dug up for repairs. He is also reviewing bids for a new loader. Samples from #3 well tested good and that well can go back in service. #5 well will be pulled and serviced next. The preconstruction meeting for the sidewalk project was held last week. The work will hopefully start the week of April 15 and should be done by Memorial Day.

Park Board-Rebecca Harlander: Harlander thanked volunteers that helped at the skating rink and the ski trail. They have been busy working on the Coon Lake Trail project. Volunteers from the Ice Age Trail have been cutting and treating the wood. The Public Works crew will pick up the wood and deliver to the site. The Park Board will ask for volunteers to help with the project once the permits are obtained. The tree inventory program is moving ahead and will hopefully start in May. Continuing to work with the school on Community Give Back Day. The Village received a \$500 memorial donation from the Fossum family for the Coon Lake Trail.

Library-Brad Harlander: Northland Ambulance gave the Library an AED machine and also trained them on how to use the machine. The Iditarod program with Ryan Anderson was very successful. There were 15 new patrons in March. The drawings for Family Days buttons are at the Library for voting.

Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: Larson shared a letter from Officer Collins stating he would be retiring from Law Enforcement on 4.8.19. An offer was extended to one of the candidates for the full-time officer position. They are currently in the middle of background checks, etc. The department has been very busy with calls. Local businesses contributed to a drug program by Safe-T-Net that was presented at the middle school. Hansford thanked Tamara for doing such a great job!

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: The 2018 audit took place March 13-15. Things went well and they hope to have the final report completed in May or June. Phernetton explained some of the numbers that were included in the Miscellaneous Revenues. She also discussed the Village debt. There are a lot of possible projects coming up and the bank is looking at overall debt. She will bring a report to the May meeting that will give some more detail and show what will be available moving forward. Phernetton thanked Julie Thomas and George Hansford for their service on the board.

Ambulance Board Report – Todd Miller: Miller was absent. Bob Jorgenson reported that there was a record 792 people at the smelt fry last weekend. They will use the proceeds toward some new equipment. He also thanked those that donated.

Personnel and Finance – George Hansford: Committee started the hiring process for a full-time police officer. There were three potential candidates. They interviewed two and offered the position to one of the candidates. The background screening, etc. is being done now and everything should be done by May.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #190003-190059: Lahti motioned to approve, Thomas second. Carried.

Adjourn. Gustafson motioned to adjourn at 7:32 pm, Thomas second. Carried.

Janice Schott
Village Clerk