

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

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

Roll Call: George Hansford, Todd Miller, Julie Thomas, Allan Lahti, Rick Heltemes, Brad Harlander and Doug Gustafson present.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: None

Approval of March 12, 2018 Minutes: Miller motioned to approve, Thomas second. Carried.

Public Comments: Hansford announced that Police Chief Dale Johnson retired as of April 3, 2018. William Johnson handed out a 2017 Soo Line Depot Review. 528 people signed the guestbook in 2017. The Depot is now a member of the Heritage Trail Alliance. 2018 project: rearrange and improve the Veteran's display. They are always looking for volunteers. Paulette Heltemes made a statement regarding damage done to her yard by a snow plow on April 5th, 2018. She would like the village to repair the yard in the spring. Hansford thanked Rick Heltemes for his service on the Board.

Discuss/Act on Right of First Refusal – Parcel #048-00772-0000: Discussed purchase price currently being offered. Harlander motion to Refuse First Right as Board is not interested in the property, Lahti second. Carried.

Discuss/Approve Frederic Arts Temporary Picnic License 4.28 and 5.5.18: Miller motioned to approve applications, Thomas second. Carried.

Approve April as Fair Housing Month: Clerk read the Fair Housing Proclamation. Harlander motioned to approve April as Fair Housing Month, Gustafson second. Carried.

Discuss Property Tax Assessment Error on Parcel #126-00526-0000 and Approve Refund: Clerk explained letter received from Mark Hafferman, Assessor. Assessed value of property was too high due to a fire. Property owner should be refunded the difference in tax amount and Village will be reimbursed from DOR in 2018. Miller motioned to approve refund of paid tax, Thomas second. Carried.

Open Bids for Farm Land Rental: Hansford opened bid from John Dodds - \$40 per acre for 5 years. Board will discuss in closed session.

Discuss Possibility of Village Wide Garbage Service: Hansford asked for opinions on this option. There was a general consensus of the Board to look into the services offered.

Approve Resolution #0409-18-1: Harlander motioned to approve resolution to submit Application for Stewardship Grant, Thomas second. Carried.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Kenneth Hackett: Yearly samples from well houses were submitted and results were good. Crew has been working on snow removal, tree trimming. They will get cold mix and start working to patch some streets.

Park Board-Rebecca Harlander: Park Board has not met in April. They are working with the school on a list of projects for Community Give Back Day. Hansford mentioned improving ball field fence with money received from fundraising.

Library-Kris Surbaugh: Brad Harlander handed out report for March Activities.

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: Expenses are at 20% for the year which is very good. Auditors are working on the 2017 audit and reported things are going well.

Ambulance – Todd Miller: No Meeting.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #189148-189207: Lahti motioned to approve, Miller second. Carried.

Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, conducting other business whenever competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation. Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee.

Miller motion to convene closed session, Gustafson second. Hansford-Yes, Thomas-Yes, Miller-Yes, Harlander- Yes, Lahti-Yes, Heltemes-Yes, Gustafson-Yes. Carried.

Reconvene into Open Session. Miller motioned to reconvene to open session, Thomas second. Carried.

Action Taken from Closed Session.

Harlander motioned to accept John Dodds' bid to rent farm land at \$40 per acre for 5 years, Lahti second. Carried.

Miller motioned to fund Coon Lake Trail project for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 of the land sale money, the remainder of the land sale money will go toward an equipment/maintenance fund.

Adjourn. Heltemes motioned to adjourn at 9:25 pm, Thomas second. Carried.

Janice Schott
Village Clerk