

## Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 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, Brad Harlander, Allan Lahti and Bob Jorgenson present. Doug Gustafson absent.

**Convene Public Hearing:** Lahti motioned to convene the public hearing, Harlander second. Carried.

**Sewer Rate Increase:** Treasurer Phernetton explained the reason that the Public Works Committee is recommending a sewer fixed rate increase. Harlander motioned to increase the sewer fixed rate to \$40 per unit and that the 2019 sewer budget should reflect the increase, Miller second. Carried, with a 5-1 vote.

**Close Public Hearing:** Harlander motioned to close the public hearing, Thomas second. Carried.

**Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda:** None

**Approval of November 12, 2018 Minutes:** Thomas motioned to approve the November minutes, second by Lahti. Carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Road/Sidewalk Project Update and Pay Requests:** Dave Rasmussen, MSA, was present to discuss the road/sidewalk project. The final costs are coming in higher than anticipated. Rasmussen stated this was because of the additional projects and work coming in high than the bid amount. In order to complete the sidewalk project as bid that Village would need to borrow an additional \$23,000. The Board discussed their opinions on the sidewalk project. Hansford motioned to complete sidewalk as bid and seek additional funds through the project loan, Harlander second. Carried, with a 5-1 vote.

**Finance Committee Recommendation to Change CPA Firm to Carlson Highland.** Lahti motioned to accept Carlson Highland's bid of \$48,750 as our new auditors beginning January 2019, Thomas second. Carried.

**Property Insurance Renewal 2019 Increases:** Phernetton reported that some premiums increased significantly for 2019. They include the Library, the Boardwalk and the North Water Tower. Library contents were considerably undervalued previously. Waiting on a response from the agent regarding options for Boardwalk and North Water Tower policies. Board consensus to wait until January to make a decision after the insurance agent has responded to request for additional information.

**Set Date for Caucus:** Harlander motioned to set the caucus date for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Miller second. Carried.

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

**Public Works**-Kenneth Hackett: Well #3 has been pulled and cleaned. The Village is able to get a new submersible pump for \$800 more than putting the old pump back with replacement piping. The storm sewer on Hwy 35 south of Dollar General was repaired. The posts will be placed on Coon Lake when the ice is thick enough. Public Works will begin work on trimming trees.

**Park Board**-Rebecca Harlander: The Buckthorn treatment was not be able to be done this fall because the frost came too early so some other projects were completed: baby changing stations will be placed in the bathrooms at the park, a new heater will be put in the warming house and possibly a new picnic table will be purchased for the Coon Lake kitchen shelter. There will not be cross country skiing at Coon Lake this year. In January there will be a volunteer meeting to plan for maintaining the trails for hiking and cross country skiing. Big thank you to Darrel Nyren who donated his equipment and labor to remove culverts from Coon Lake Trail.

**Library**-Kris Surbaugh: Library has been busy this month. Meeting room has been well used. There were 20 new patron cards assigned. Library is continuing to work with the school and community. Officer Tammy and Droopy were

at the library for story time last week. Friends group has an ongoing book sale at the library. 88 kids signed up to get their picture taken with Santa last weekend.

**Law Enforcement** – Tamara Larson: Department has been very busy with calls. There have been some felony arrests which require shipping of evidence and additional time. Officer Larson presented a gun safety program at the school, Officer Droopy assisted. Droopy has been helping with programs and it makes it easier to get kids involved. Miller stated he had heard from local businesses and they wanted to thank the police department and the Board for the additional coverage, they are feeling more comfortable. Hansford also thanked Officer Larson for the special attention she gave to residents of a neighborhood where some burglaries occurred.

**Treasurer**-Jennifer Phernetton: Total expenses seem high due to some unbudgeted expenses. Phernetton explained a levy comparison handout to the board showing what the changes to the levy look like. Property taxes are out.

**Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #189716-189774:** Harlander motioned to approve, Lahti 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 and pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation - Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee.

Harlander motioned to convene closed session, Jorgenson second. Hansford-Yes, Thomas-Yes, Miller-Yes, Harlander- Yes, Jorgenson - Yes, Lahti-Yes. Carried.

**Reconvene into Open Session:** Harlander motioned to reconvene to open session, Jorgenson second. Carried.

**Action Taken from Closed Session:** Jorgenson motioned to sell property at 107 Hope Road for \$42,500 plus closing costs pending legal approval, Harlander second. Carried.

**Adjourn.** Harlander motioned to adjourn at 10:40 pm, Lahti second. Carried.

Janice Schott  
Village Clerk