

## Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

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 November 13, 2017 Minutes:** Harlander motioned to approve, Heltemes second. Carried.

**Public Comments:** George Hansford reminded the public about the Ambulance Listening Session scheduled for December 14 at 6:00 pm at the Fire Hall. Dave Rasmussen, MSA, thanked the board for their support. William Johnson commented on Village wide trash service and reported the Safe Routes to School signs, created by VIP Manufacturing (Frederic School program) were up and looked great. Bob Jorgenson, Northland Ambulance, commented on concerns regarding the Ambulance Service discussion.

**Set Date for Caucus:** Harlander motioned to set caucus for January 16 at 6:30 pm, Miller second. Carried.

**Discuss Starwire's Grant Opportunity:** Joe Cremin and Sara McLain from Starwire were present to discuss the Broadband Expansion Grant through the State of Wisconsin. The grant would actually be for work done for Clam Falls. The fiber will go through the village which will lay the groundwork for faster internet in the village in the future. Starwire requested things from the Village, they include: A letter of support, access to water and use of labor and/or equipment, and an agreement for utility easement and right of way. President Hansford thanked them for attending the meeting and stated the Village will get back to them regarding what can be done to help.

**Approve Election Inspectors for 2018-2020:** Miller motioned to approve the list as presented, Thomas second. Carried.

**Discuss/Approve Building Inspector for 2018:** Board discussed Inspector proposals for Dennis Quinn and Ben Campbell. Harlander motioned to approve Ben Campbell, West Wisconsin Inspections Agency, LLC as the Village Building Inspector, Heltemes second. Carried.

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

**Public Works**-Kenneth Hackett: Signs are up on Coon Lake, Christmas Decorations are up and the crew has been busy plowing snow.

**Park Board**-Rebecca Harlander: Absent. Janice Schott reported on the status of the skating rink and ski trails. The plan is to have both open in the next couple weeks.

**Library**-Kris Surbaugh: Chris Byerly was present to report on the November activities at the Library and introduce Kris Surbaugh as the new Library Director. Library staff was happy with the turnout for Christmas activities 70 children visited with Santa and 57 shopped at Santa's Workshop. November Library Circulation was 4,081.

**Law Enforcement**-Officer Johnson: 42 events with reports written in November. Department is working on moving and expect to be done this week.

**Treasurer**-Jennifer Phernetton: Thanked the Public Works department for all their help with the move to the new Village Hall. The Village received a rebate from Focus on Energy in the amount of \$5200 due in large part to a decrease in demand for electric at the WWTP. Expenses are on target for the year.

**Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #188868-188898 Bremer & 188900-188940 Sterling:** 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.

**Convene into Closed Session** pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation. Consideration for employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee. Heltemes motioned to convene closed session, Thomas second. Hansford-Yes, Thomas-Yes, Miller-Yes, Harlander-Yes, Lahti-Yes, Heltemes-Yes, Gustafson-Yes. Carried.

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

**Action Taken from Closed Session.**

Hansford motioned to accept Joe Taylor's bid of \$23,000 to purchase parcel #126-00494-0000, Harlander second. Carried.

Heltemes motioned to place a notice in paper to accept bids on old village hall property, as before. Bid deadline January 5, 2018, bids to be opened at January Board Meeting.

**Adjourn.** Hansford motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Thomas second. Carried.

Janice Schott  
Village Clerk