

## Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes January 15, 2018

The Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:03 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:** Miller suggested moving the Ambulance report to item #10.

**Approval of December 11 and 18, 2017 and January 8, 2018 Minutes:** Harlander motioned to approve, Lahti second. Carried.

**Public Comments:** William Johnson handed out the 2018 Polk County Guidebook. Hansford asked about the Cross Country Trails. Johnson stated the trail south of town is in good shape and the Coon Lake trail is okay but could use some more snow. Brad Olsen reported on the Polk County Board and as a resident of Clam Falls he voiced his support of Northland ambulance. Bob Jorgenson stated he does not represent Northland Ambulance at Board meetings. Stated he had received an answer from the Village office regarding donations made to the village by Dennis Frandsen. Ken Ruhn, resident of West Sweden raised concern about paragraph 5.13 of the Comprehensive Plan regarding Emergency Planning and Management. He also voiced his support for Northland Ambulance.

**Approve Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan:** Harlander motioned to approve Comprehensive Plan after investigation of paragraph 5.13, Heltemes second. Carried.

**Open bids for 107 Hope Road W:** None

**Discuss Sale of Industrial Park Property:** Clerk shared information about B & F Fastener, a company interested in a lot in the Industrial Park. Purchase proposal will be discussed in closed session.

**Approval of Re-Division of Lots and Appointment of Signatory:** Hansford explained the re-division, as it is his property. Hansford then recused himself from the discussion and vote. Harlander led discussion. Harlander motioned to approve re-division and appoint himself as signatory, Heltemes second. Carried.

**Discuss/Approve Possible Community Poll Regarding Ambulance Service:** Hansford suggested having a poll regarding the Ambulance Service during the next election so the residents of Frederic would have a voice in the decision. Harlander was concerned about the bias associated with a poll, Lahti stated the residents elected the Board and he feels like the Board should just make the decision. Heltemes stated the Board and the public need more information and he would like to see a discussion on the February agenda. Hansford motioned to have the poll at the February 20<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, Harlander second. 5 in favor/2 opposed. Carried. Miller also reviewed the minutes from the 11.29.17 Northland Ambulance Board meeting.

**Approve Response to Resident Concern:** Harlander motioned to approve the letter written in response, Thomas second. Carried.

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

**Public Works**-Kenneth Hackett: Crew has been busy plowing snow. Water Tower lid and vents were inspected to meet DNR requirements.

**Park Board**-Rebecca Harlander: Brad Harlander reported that the cross country ski trails are groomed and the Skating Rink is open and in great shape.

**Library**-Kris Surbaugh: Doing outreach with school and Roots and Branches. Stated it is important to remember that every time someone stops at the library they are stopping in the downtown also. Circulation stats for 2017 were handed out.

**Law Enforcement**-Officer Johnson: Absent.

**Treasurer**-Jennifer Phernetton: The General Fund is at 91% for expenses. Property tax payments are coming in. The new office has received tons of compliments. Shift to Sterling has gone smoothly. Notice was received from Polk County that they will be reimbursing the Village for election expenses for the two special elections for District 10 State Senator.

**Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #188941-189002:** Harlander 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.

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

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

#### **Action Taken from Closed Session.**

Miller motioned to advertise the property at 107 Hope Road W for sale, lease or lease to own. Open to offers, Thomas second. Carried.

Heltemes motioned to offer B & F Fastener up to 5 acres in the Industrial Park for \$1 with Village Attorney drawing up a contingency agreement, Lahti second. Carried.

**Adjourn.** Hansford motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm, Thomas second. Carried.

Janice Schott  
Village Clerk