

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes July 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, Bob Jorgenson, Brad Harlander, Allan Lahti and Doug Gustafson all present.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: None

Approval of June 11, 2018 Minutes: Miller motioned to approve June 11 minutes, second by Lahti. Carried.

Public Comments: William Johnson commented on a successful Family Days celebration, there was a large crowd at the depot that weekend! Joe Everson is concerned with the health risks of SMART water meters and would like to keep his old meter with no penalty. Judith Clark reported on an ongoing neighbor complaint, it has been three years and she would really like to see something done.

Zoning Question Regarding Kiln – Frederic Arts: No Board action needed.

Requesting Bids for Timber from Road Project: Bid notice and process discussed. Miller motioned to put an ad in the Leader for bids on timber, timber must be hauled from site before cutting, Jorgenson second. Carried.

Vacation of Alley East of Woodlawn Avenue: Hansford discussed letter from Mr. Peterson and residents requesting the vacation of the alley. He feels we should wait on this until road project is complete and the Coon Lake Trail plan is finalized. Miller suggested sending it to the Planning Committee when the time comes to look into it. Board directed a letter be sent to Mr. Peterson regarding the discussion.

Report on Police Department – Chris Olsen: Officer Olsen presented a handout reviewing calls and coverage in Frederic and surrounding communities. Olsen recommends more officers on staff to cover calls. Hansford state the Village is now moving forward to restore the police department. An ad was placed for a Police Chief. Olsen said he appreciates help received from Village Board and Polk County. He also stated coverage has improved and most days in July are covered.

Approve Amendment to Employee Handbook: Phernetton stated that the work week has changed to start on Saturday and end on Friday. Harlander motioned to approve amendment, Thomas second. Carried.

Discuss/Act on Memo Regarding Sidewalk Bid: Board discussed memo from Erik Everson, MSA, regarding bid received for sidewalk project. Lahti motioned to not accept current bid and authorize MSA to go out for bids in the near future, Thomas second. Carried.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Kenneth Hackett: The stop signs have been ordered for Linden and Peake. The railing on the boardwalk is loose in a few places; the bolts will be tightened. Most of the new water meters have been installed. Frederic has partnered with Grantsburg, Webster and Siren on the purchase of a valve cutter. Hackett also stated information regarding the safety of SMART meters.

Park Board-Rebecca Harlander: Projects are coming to completion and the shelters look really nice. The current park caretakers have agreed to return next year. Hand Dryers were installed in the park bathrooms and auto flushers will be installed in the men's bathroom later this year. The new ballfield benches were built by the Amish Community. Rebecca went and built boardwalks with the Ice Age Trail, this was a good experience for her when planning the Coon Lake Trail. Hansford stated that some additional sponsor signs were added at the ball field.

Library-Kris Surbaugh: Presented a Library handout. They have doubled their story time opportunities and there are also many events happening for their summer reading program. The library has two bikes for rent. There will be music in the park on July 10th.

Law Enforcement – Chris Olsen: Report was covered earlier in the agenda. Jorgenson thanked Chris for his time and effort. Miller asked Chris to meet with Judith Clark regarding her neighbor complaint.

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: Discussed financial reports. The Village received a \$34,389 donation for a pickle ball court. \$4200 was received from the Community Development Group for Phase II testing on the Industrial Blvd. lot.

Ambulance – Todd Miller: No meeting, but Miller reported the new ambulance is in service.

Planning Committee – No Meeting.

Public Works – No Meeting.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #189348-189414: Miller motioned to approve, Thomas second. Carried.

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

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

Action Taken from Closed Session: None.

Adjourn. Harlander motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm, Miller second. Carried.

Janice Schott
Village Clerk