

## Village of Frederic Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes March 11, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Hansford.

**Roll Call:** George Hansford, Todd Miller, Brad Harlander, Allan Lahti, Bob Jorgenson and Doug Gustafson present. Julie Thomas, Absent.

**Convene Public Hearing:** Miller motioned to convene the Public Hearing, second by Lahti. Carried.

**CDBG-PF Program Performance:** Dave Rasmussen was present to report on the ongoing road project by the Elementary School. The project is almost completed and there are just a few things to complete in the Spring. Chippewa Concrete will start on the sidewalks (Birch Street from Lake Avenue to Benson Road and Lake Avenue from Birch Street to Elm Street) in the Spring, as well.

**Proposed Application for Community Development Block Grant:** Rasmussen reviewed the process for the submitting and scoring of applications. He also explained the Public Facilities Grant program and some of the other grant opportunities that are available to municipalities.

**Close Public Hearing:** Harlander motioned to close the Public Hearing, second by Miller. Carried.

**Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda:** Hansford suggested that the school referendum line item "float" until Mr. Robinson arrived.

**Approval of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes:** Miller motioned to approve the February minutes, second by Lahti. Carried.

**Public Comments:** William Johnson shared that on March 21-24 he and Polk County Tourism will be at the Sports Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

**Frederic Arts Temporary Class B Licenses – 3.24 and 3.29:** Harlander motioned to approve applications, second by Jorgenson. Carried.

**North Land Municipal Ambulance Contract:** Miller outlined the change in the contract from a one year to a three year contract. Harlander motioned to approve contract, second by Lahti. Carried.

**Fee for Lions/Fire Department for Temporary Operator Licenses for Family Days:** Schott gave a little background on current fee charged and asked that the fee be lowered to the minimum. Harlander moved to lower fee for Temporary Operator Licenses for the Lions and Fire Department to the minimum allowable fee, second by Lahti. Carried.

**Drug Task Force and Inter-Governmental Agreement Forms:** Lahti motioned to join the St. Croix Valley Drug Task Force (SCVDTF), second by Miller. Carried. Lahti motioned to update the Inter-Governmental Agreements with surrounding communities, second by Jorgenson. Carried.

**Frederic School Referendum:** District Administrator Josh Robinson was present to share information on the upcoming school referendum vote.

**Chamber of Commerce Fund:** Jennifer Phernetton has become the new treasurer for the Chamber of Commerce. She would like to set up a separate fund in the Village accounting system to take care of the books. The Chamber will have their own checking account. Harlander motioned to set up a separate fund in our accounting system for the Chamber, second by Miller. Carried.

**Proceeds from Sale of Village Property:** Board discussed Village needs and where the money from the Sale of the Village Hall would make the most impact. Miller motioned to put aside \$20,100 for a new police squad and \$25,100 for a new loader for Public Works, second by Gustafson. Carried.

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

**Public Works**-Bill Struck, Interim Director: Struck was absent but gave a written report. 93 customers are running water to prevent pipes freezing. Public Works has been very busy with snow removal, Struck thanked Ken Hackett, Mike Laqua, Pete Mangelsen and Alan Madsen for giving up many night and weekends to get the job done efficiently. Looking ahead toward possible flooding and trying to prepare. Will work on filling potholes as conditions permit.

**Park Board**-Rebecca Harlander: Winter Rec Activities are coming to an end. Harlander would like to thank William Johnson and Art Martin for grooming the trails and Lakes Gas for donating the propane for the Rinkmaster at the skating rink. Ice Age Volunteers are helping with the boardwalks to complete the trail around Coon Lake, they have offered to do this work at no cost. The dates set for completion are May 6 through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, depending on the weather. Harlander, Maria Ammend and Bill Struck met with the DNR and an arborist in Spooner regarding the tree inventory project. There will be a 5 or 10 year tree plan created. Community Give Back Day is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Library**-Kris Surbaugh: Good numbers in February even with the weather. Thanks Sandy Lundquist for her work on the Sock Hop held March 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds were donated to the library and will be used toward an event during Family Days. Surbaugh went over some upcoming programs at the Library: Gardening, Iditarod and CPR.

**Law Enforcement** – Tamara Larson: Larson thanked Public Works for keeping the streets clear during the difficult weather. Department will be doing a drug program at the Frederic Middle School. Local businesses donated toward the materials for Community Safety Net to fund this program. The Department received a donation of two guns from the Bechtel family. Lexipol has been launched and is working on the policy and procedures. Officer Ed Collins has been reinstated to his position.

**Treasurer**-Jennifer Phernetton: Absent

**Ambulance Board Report** – Todd Miller: No Meeting.

**Personnel and Finance** – George Hansford: Met 2.20.19. Discussed hiring a full time police officer.

**Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #189932-190002:** 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 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, Miller second. Hansford-Yes, Miller-Yes, Harlander- Yes, Jorgenson - Yes, Lahti-Yes, Gustafson-Yes. Carried.

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

**Action Taken from Closed Session:** Miller motioned to approve hiring a temporary Public Works employee while a full-time employee is on medical leave, Jorgenson second. Carried.

**Adjourn.** Gustafson motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm, Lahti second. Carried.

Janice Schott  
Village Clerk