

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes March 12, 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, Allan Lahti, Rick Heltemes, Brad Harlander and Doug Gustafson present.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: Harlander clarified that a vote would be allowed on the Ambulance Service is necessary.

Approval of February 12 and March 7, 2018 Minutes: Lahti motioned to approve, Thomas second. Carried.

Public Comments: William Johnson handed out a ten year report for the Regional Business Fund and gave some background information.

Presentation Regarding School Referendum: Josh Robinson, Frederic Schools, discussed the two questions that are part of the Frederic School Referendum. #1 Facilities: Mr. Robinson explained what was covered and what upgrades/updates are needed. #2 Operations: Discussed adding student services and upgrading what the district currently has in place.

Clarification/Discussion on Ambulance Service: Hansford restated that a vote is not necessary to stay with Northland Ambulance Service for 2019. Harlander stated he knows that a vote is not necessary but feels that it would reassure the community. Miller and Gustafson agreed. Lahti stated he doesn't see what that would accomplish. Harlander stated he would like the Board to at least make a statement that the Board intends to stay with Northland for 2019. Heltemes asked for clarification on a statement regarding response time that Harlander made at the last meeting. Harlander clarified his statement. Heltemes continued discussion. Hansford reminded the Board that it is important to be appropriate and not combative or offensive. The Board agreed to make a statement that, as a Board, it is their intention to move forward with Northland for 2019.

Discuss/Act on Placing Farm Land by WWTP Up For Bid: Board discussed current agreement for land rental. Gustafson motioned to put land by WWTP up for bid with stipulations of no nitrogen in any form and a 3-5 year term, Miller Second. Carried.

Discuss/Act on Bid Selection for Road Project: Dave Rasmussen, MSA, reported on the bids received. MSA was happy with the outcome. Miller motioned to accept McCabe Construction's bid, including the alternate option of paving the complete width of Birch Street from Park to Benson, in the amount of \$589,221.80, Gustafson second. Carried.

Discuss/Approve Frederic Arts Temporary Class B License for 3.16.18 and 3.24.18: Harlander motioned to approve licenses, Heltemes second. Carried.

Discuss Receipts from Parcel Sales: Hansford asked the Board to entertain the thought of putting some of the money from parcel sales toward the completion of the trail around the lake. Rebecca Harlander reported on information and price estimates the Park Board has received from representative from the Ice Age Trail and the DNR. Hansford asked if any other Board members had suggestions. Miller suggested putting some into an equipment fund.

Open Bids for Parcel #126-004945-1000: One bid was received from Kay Friberg for \$1,501 per acre plus closing and surveying costs.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Kenneth Hackett: Two water main breaks in the past month but both have been repaired. One was caused by tree roots from a boulevard tree. Repairs were made on the loader.

Park Board-Rebecca Harlander: The Ice Rink and Ski Trails have been used heavily this season. The Park Board approved Don Abrams and Dawn Anderson as Park Caretakers for summer 2018. Harlander has been talking to

Ethan Bergstrom from the Frederic School and planning for Community Give Back Day. The roof on the depot shelter will be replaced in 2018.

Library-Kris Surbaugh: Handed out report for February Activities. There were 18 new library patrons and the sessions at Roots and Branches were doubled to include 10 sessions and 190 students. Annual reports are completed. The count of persons attending the library for 2017 was 32,244!

Law Enforcement-Officer Johnson: Absent.

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: No Report.

Ambulance – Todd Miller: Offered job to an applicant for assistant manager position.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #19086-189147: Harlander motioned to approve, Gustafson 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.

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

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

Action Taken from Closed Session.

Harlander motioned to accept Kay Friberg's bid for parcel 126-004945-1000 contingent on board acceptance of a site plan, a maintenance plan and a liability plan and giving the Board one month to study potential issues, Heltemes second. Carried.

Adjourn. Miller motioned to adjourn at 9:47 pm, Heltemes second. Carried.

Janice Schott
Village Clerk