

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes March 14th, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:00pm by President Meyer.

Roll Call: Jim Meyer, Brad Harlander, Terry Siebenthal, Maria Ammend, Greg Heine, George Hansford and Doug Gustafson present.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: President Meyer explained that #7 – Official Oath was taken off as this is no longer necessary.

Consideration of Change to February 8, 2016 minutes: Heine motion to accept minutes, Ammend second. Carried.

Public Comments: Brad Olson introduced himself. He is running for County Supervisor for District 1.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Kenneth Hackett: Globe was broken at Coon Lake during the Timber Harvest but will be replaced at the expense of the logging company. There was also a street light down by Division 8 that will be replaced by driver's insurance. Public Works crew has been filling potholes. There was discussion about multiple street lights being out. Kenny stated the lift needs to be fixed and then they will be taken care of.

Park Board-William Johnson: Timber harvest is three-quarters complete. They will probably rebid remainder in the Spring. Maria and William went to the school and spoke with Mr. Baillargeon's Social Studies class about local government. George presented a letter regarding water sample tests from Coon Lake, we need to find a replacement for Phil Knuf to get these samples. Brad Harlander said he could get the samples and took the letter.

Library-Chris Byerly: Eric Green, the new Library Director, will start March 21st. Chris' last day will be April 1st, 2016. There will be an open house March 24th from 3 to 6 pm at the Library, to wish Chris well and welcome Eric Green.

Law Enforcement-Officer Johnson: Typical February – the numbers are up a little from last February because they started tracking some new things. He mentioned house numbers and looking at houses that need maintenance in yard. George asked about horse droppings on Main Street, he received a complaint. He asked if people are aware of the ordinance and Officer Johnson said yes. President Meyer mentioned he was asked about constructing a hitching post for horses so their owners could walk around town.

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: 2015 Audit is not yet complete. 16% of the year has passed and expenses are at 15% of the budget. General checking account is balanced. Greg asked if there will be a memo on the utility bill regarding the need for house numbers. If not on March bill, it will be on June bill. George asked about the Utility comparison report and why WE Energies was up. It was suggested that the Library be better insulated and the Emergency Vehicle Garage

furnace has been replaced so that should help. George asked about any water pipes freezing this winter. Ken Hackett stated the only freeze up was at the Senior Center.

Fee Schedule: There was discussion on the Class A Liquor license, it is quite a bit lower than neighboring communities. It was decided to leave as is to make it easier on local businesses. Board members approved of the new format of Fee Schedule. The decision was made to leave fees unchanged.

Discuss/Act on Public Nuisance Ordinance Change: The new wording was discussed. Hansford motioned to adopt this ordinance at the April Board Meeting, Heine second. Carried.

Discuss/Act on Timber Harvest Revenue: There was discussion on the Timber Harvest income being put into a restricted fund for the parks. Maria stated it could possibly be used for roofs on shelters, basketball court and docks. George asked if the money could be put in the General fund but marked as intended for parks and then used for projects as they come up. Board members also believed that the basketball court, among other things, was already budgeted for. Terry stated that when the budget was approved the Timber Harvest was not considered and he felt that the Village was generous on the Park Budget. It was suggested that a motion be made to delay action to get more information. Harlander motioned to delay action to collect more information before a decision is made, Heine second. Carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #187486 – 187580: Ammend motion to approve, Heine second. Carried.

Board Member Comments: President Meyer asked for a count of how many plan to attend meeting on March 21st at 6pm at the Fire Hall to go over the Emergency Response Plan. All members stated they planned to be there along with the Treasurer and Clerk.

Heine motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm, Ammend second. Carried.

Janice Schott

Clerk