

Village of Frederic Regular Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Meyer.

Roll Call: Jim Meyer, Brad Harlander, Todd Miller, Maria Ammend, George Hansford present. Doug Gustafson and Rick Heltemes absent.

Consideration of Change to Noticed Agenda: None

Consideration of Change to March 14, 2016 minutes: Harlander motion to accept minutes, Hansford second. Carried.

Public Comments: Judith Clark placed a complaint regarding her neighbor's yard. She asked what could be done. Ken Hackett informed her that Police Chief Johnson has talked to the neighbor and he was following the procedure to get the problem corrected.

Committee and Department Head Reports:

Public Works-Kenneth Hackett: He and Dale Johnson drove around town and made a list of properties in violation of public nuisance ordinance. A letter was sent out to property owners and the procedure for enforcement will be followed. The tornado siren needed new batteries. They have been installed, it was tested and it is ready to go. Electrician will be available Tuesday to help fix the flashing light at the 4 way stop. This week is Spring Clean Up Week, the crew has been busy. The sweeper needs repair but is running.

Park Board-William Johnson: Park Board discussed the Urban Forest Grant at their last meeting. They have set a reservation fee for the Ballpark at \$25.00. 2015 Tourism spending number in Polk County was at an all-time high! The Depot will open on May 28th, 2016. Rebecca Harlander addressed the board on behalf of the Park board. Harlander stated the Park Board met with Jeanette Cain, DNR, back in 2009 and set a goal to maintain East Coon Lake as a natural setting. The Parks have spent \$3,000 per year for 5 years to clean up Buckthorn. They are now in the maintenance phase. After the Buckthorn was treated they did a Timber Improvement Harvest. There was ¾ completed this year. The Harvest could not be finished because of the weather. Harlander stated a family gave money to the Village for trail development. They have money left in this fund and would like the Timber Harvest revenue to add to it. They can possibly get a 50/50 grant from the DNR so the more money they have the more they will get in matching. Brad Harlander stated the National Park Service is trying to have State Congress designate us as a natural heritage then there would be additional funding. Brad would like to have kiosks on trail with pictures of old time logging, etc. The kiosks could combine with heritage train. Trail would be a two mile loop. George Hansford stated they pulled out the dock on East Side of Coon Lake and it is in need of a lot of repair. Harlander stated the Park Board is considering putting in an aluminum dock with permanent decking and it would be about \$3,200. Mr. Krueger from the school will help with the Depot sign roof during Community Give Back Day. Discussed the Boardwalk and getting permanent decking.

Library-Eric Green: Absent

Law Enforcement-Officer Johnson: Absent

Treasurer-Jennifer Phernetton: 33% of the year has passed and expenses are at 49% of the budget. This number is higher for a number of reasons. One reason is that Unemployment insurance was under budgeted. We received a dividend check in the amount of \$2,417 from our insurance company, they suggested we spend the majority of the money on safety. \$34,000 was transferred to the Sewer account for a loan payment that will be drafted June 1.

CDBG Action Items:

Discuss Options for Street Repair: Fahrner representative could not attend.

Discuss/Act on Municipal Emergency Operations Plan: Kathy Poirier asked if there were any questions on the Emergency Plan. There was discussion on the plan and how it would play out. Kathy stressed how important it is to have a personal/family emergency plan also. It was decided that the plan will be approved at a later meeting as there are still some things to be decided.

Adopt Amended Mobile Home Park Ordinance 12.06: Harlander motioned to Adopt Amended Mobile Home Park Ordinance, Ammend second. Carried.

Approve 2015 Consumer Confidence Report: No problems were identified on the report. Harlander motioned to approve resolution to approve 2015 Consumer Confidence Report, Ammend second. Carried.

Authorize DNR Grant: There is a DNR Grant available to replace lead laterals. David Carlson from SEH will help with this. It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with conversations.

Unfinished Business

Discuss Timber Harvest Revenue: \$7,086.69 received. Consensus of Board to wait a month for Park Board to gather more trail information.

Approval of Payment of Bills – Check #187645 – 187705: Harlander motion to approve, Ammend second. Carried.

Closed Session: Motion by Ammend to convene to closed session, Harlander second.

Roll Call: Jim Meyer, Todd Miller, Maria Ammend, George Hansford and Brad Harlander present.

Convene to closed session as per State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Competitive or Bargaining Reasons. Deliberation of or negotiation for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Discussion was held on possibly moving Village Hall office. Rent, parking and negotiations were discussed. There was also discussion on possible uses for the current Village Hall Building.

Reconvene to Open Session: Motion by Ammend to reconvene to open session, Miller second. Carried.

Action Taken from Closed Session: No action taken.

Board Member Comments: Maria Ammend reported that girls from the Prairieview Group at Northwest Passage donated their time to walk on the Gandy Dancer in Frederic and pick up trash.

Miller motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Hansford second. Carried.

Janice Schott
Village Clerk