

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,
Monday, January 13, 2020**

President: Becky Amundson; Trustees: Todd Miller, Patty Swenson, Bob Jorgenson, Allan Lahti, Doug Gustafson, Brad Harlander

1. Call to Order by President Becky Amundson at 7:00 pm. At the Village Hall.

Roll Call: Becky Present Brad Present Todd Present Patty Present Bob Absent Allan Present Doug Absent

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by A Lahti 2nd B Harlander Vote: Carried

3. Correction and Approval of December 9th, 2019 Minutes:

Motion to approve December 9th minutes by A Lahti 2nd T Miller Vote: Carried

4. Public Comments (Open to any citizen who wishes to address the board. Each person, or topic, will be allotted 3 minutes. Please note there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action can be taken until specific notice of the proposed action is given. Please state your name and place of residence.)

William Johnson passed around the Polk County Tourism Council's 2020 Calendar and the Guidebook. He stated the Guidebook was debuted at the sport show at Excel Energy Center. The eagle's nest was blown down and William would like anyone that sees eagle activity in that area to let him know. Ryan Shelton, Skol Bar, would like to start a program to try to entice young people to move back to Frederic after college to start businesses. Perhaps a grant or loan program. He would like to start discussing what can be done as a village to start a program and get other communities involved. Becky Amundson suggested Ryan attend an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. Ryan also stated he would like to have ongoing approval to block off Traffic Avenue for his event in August and his Halloween event so he could plan ahead. Becky stated the Board would address that.

***** NOTE: OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM *****

5. Frederic Arts Application for a Temporary Class B license – January 31, 2020

Motion to approve a temporary beer license by T Miller 2nd P Swenson Vote: Carried

6. Bids on parcel #126-00544-0200, United Way

One bid was received from Northwest Assessment in the amount of \$5000. T Miller questioned who would be responsible for the closing costs. Past practice has been that the buyer covers these costs.

Motion to accept bid pending Northwest Assessment covering the closing costs on property by B Harlander 2nd T Miller Vote: Carried

7. Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: They have been busy hauling snow and widening sidewalks. They have also been trimming brush. There is 10-12 inches of ice on Coon Lake but it is not good ice. The ropes around the aerator are up. The streetlights on the north end of town on the east side of Hwy 35 are out. There is a broken wire underground and it is not repairable until spring. The crew will begin to take down some smaller ash trees as part of the village tree grant.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: The skating rink is open and in good condition. The doors on the warming house and garage were replaced. The ski trail is being groomed and is in good condition. Rebecca is starting an Arbor Day program with the school to be used as part of the village application to become a Tree City USA.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: The snowshoes are being checked out and are getting good reviews. The Library hired Jim Schott as the new Library assistant to replace Steve Briggs. Mary Ellen Bechtel, volunteer, moved from the village and will be missed. The Library Board has officially decided not to move to the Bremer bank building. They would like to start a capital improvement plan to improve the current building.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: Chief Larson is at Chief school and Officer Ben Schlueter gave the report. The department is fully staffed and all new officers have completed training. They had 93 calls in December, stated the weather keeps calls lower. They are looking at additional K9 fundraising opportunities. A Lahti asked about the Safe and Sober Grant. Schlueter stated it ends in January.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: There are a still a few 2019 bills to come in and budget will be very close. There are a few line items that are over budget in some departments but the bottom line in all departments is okay. The final paperwork has been submitted and accepted for the CDBG Road Project grant and the final payment should be coming shortly. Phernetton has been working on year-end paperwork including W2s, 1099's and annual reports. The Village received a \$750 grant for the K9 program from Walmart.

f) Ambulance Report – Todd Miller: They will have their regular meeting on January 22nd. They will meet the new ambulance director and start working on an application for a Bremer grant for a new ambulance.

8. Approval of Check Register:

Motion to approve Check Register as presented by B Harlander 2nd T Miller Vote: Carried

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm by T Miller 2nd P Swenson Vote: Carried