

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E

Monday, March 15 2021

1. Call to Order by President Becky Amundson at 7:00 pm

Present: President Becky Amundson, Trustees: Brett Daeffler, Patty Swenson, Allan Lahti, Brad Harlander (7:06 pm), and Jackie Peterson (via Zoom). **Absent:** Doug Gustafson

Also Present: Janice Schott, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Roxanne Howe, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Bill Struck, Director of Public Works; Tamara Larson, Chief of Police; Dave Rasmussen, MSA Representative; AMKO Representative; members of the public

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by Lahti/Daeffler Vote: Carried

3. Correction and Approval of February 8, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve February 8th minutes as presented by Swenson/Daeffler Vote: Carried

4. Public Comments

Linda O'Donnel sent a thank-you card for the Village on behalf of the ambulance crew for waiving the rent payments. Sephonia Cowans read a statement in regards to the police complaint she filed. William Johnson thanked the outgoing Board members for their service.

5. Street Dance 2021

The Skol and Pioneer Bars were hoping to get advanced approval to have a street dance during Family Days, and to start planning for it.

Motion to approve a street dance this year by Harlander/Lahti Vote: Carried

6. AMKO Financial Proposal

AMKO Financial requested to write a proposal on refinancing our USDA bond. The preliminary estimate showed a significant overall savings and shaving 4 or 5 years off with their lower rate. We would have no out of pocket expenses, and are under no obligation by them bringing any bids to us.

Motion to get proposals to reduce rates by Lahti/Swenson Vote: Carried

7. CDBG WWTP Project Amendment

Dave Rasmussen from MSA proposed taking over the CDBG Project financial management from the Village at an increase of \$6000.00 to do so.

Motion to approve project amendment #1, CDBG Financial Management by Lahti/Harlander Vote: Carried

8. Park Board Budget Request

Rebecca Harlander requested that unused budgeted funds that had been designated for a bench in 2020, be used in 2021, as the Company they were dealing with were unable to complete the order. Per confirmation with the Auditor, it is allowable with approval of The Board.

Motion to allow Park Board to use 2020 funds on a 2021 purchase of park benches by Lahti/Daeffler Vote: Carried

9. Change Signature Information at Sterling and Bremer Banks

Janice Schott reported that approval was needed by the Board to remove the previous Treasurers signature card from the banks.

Motion to remove Jen's signature from the banks by Harlander/Swenson Vote: Carried

10. Committee and Department Head Reports

- a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Street sweeper has been out and pot holes are being filled. No water main breaks happened this winter and for the first time in many years, no freezing issues with the power switches happened. The sewer project will be starting April 5th weather permitting. Feelers are out for a street sweeper replacement.
- b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Talked to the school about Community Give Back day and are planning for a date in May. After putting steel on the south shelter, all the shelters will be done. The need to organize the flowers and the planning of a garden sale in May was discussed. The library would like to do a book reading event along the Gandy. The new playground unit, funded from a donation, has been ordered and is expected in June. Public works will help with land prep for it. Local ski trails are open and in good condition, and have had a lot of use. J Schott is working on tree grant requirements and put out feelers for a caretaker in the park. She also filed the paperwork and we were approved to be deemed a Tree City.
- c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: The library has been busy cleaning and working through inventory. Ayd Electric is looking into replacing some lighting. They are receiving estimates for cleaning and painting the outside back wall. People are allowed in the library by appointment to browse. The School Art Department is going to paint a mural on an outside wall. They hosted a successful gardening program. Currently there is a reading challenge happening and the winner will receive a Wisconsin State Park pass.
- d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: The departing Board members were thanked for all their service. The Department had a busy month with 94 service calls. New software is up and running. The Lexipol policy had to be updated and is done. The previous week had been a hard one on the Department. The bakery fire displaced Officer Schlueter. The community event with the school ended with an accident with Chief Larson. Officer Schlueter had a small accident with the squad truck, causing very minimal damage to the grill guard. Chief Larson will be out of work for at least 10 days, and Officer Schlueter will be filling in. Part time Officer Noah has taken a couple shifts. Both K9's are now narcotic certified and working towards obedience certification. Tim Vasatka has been kind enough to give space for training, as has the Barron County Fire Department.
- e) Clerk/Treasurer – Janice Schott: Introduced the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Roxanne Howe. Yearly audit started today. The Spring Election is April 6th, and a reminder that it is at the Village Hall, not the Church. R Harlander offered to put it on the Village board if the letters were made ready for her.
- f) Ambulance Report – B Amundson: There will be a Northland meeting at Brow Tine April 29th at 6 pm. Let J Schott know if you want to go.
- g) Personnel/Finance – B Amundson: No meeting or update.
- h) Upcoming Meetings: Monday March 22nd, 6:30 pm - CDBG Public Participation Meeting

11. Approval of Check Register – Check #191389 – 191448

Motion to approve check register as presented by Lahti/Harlander Vote: Carried

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm by Swenson/Harlander Vote: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Howe
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer