**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

**WORKSHOP**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**September 18, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**New Notes are Italicized :**

*Fire Chief Myers spoke briefly about the Chautauqua County Hazard Mitigation plan and the direction the Village is headed. He attended a meeting with Luis Fred and the County. It is in the Village’s best interest to adopt this plan for FEMA funding. Worksheet will cost $3000. A walk on resolution will be drafted by our attorney.*

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Volunteer Active Roll Request

2. Fredonia High School Homecoming Parade

3. Probationary Appointment of Police Officers

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fire Department bathroom/shower/office space remodel

2. Board representation at 2024 Total Solar Eclipse planning meeting Wednesday Oct. 4

3. *Trustee Bird and Recreation director met with our grant writer for grant application for security and fountain repair. Approximately $3000 to do the work (apply) to get the grant. A resolution will be added to the next agenda. Solar powered cameras are available for security for our parks. The Town of Pomfret does share in the cost of maintaining our parks, they should be approached.*

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1.Opera House Lease *– Mark G is amending the language in the lease for Board approval.*

*2. Farrels Roofing look ed at Opera House to see what needed to be repaired.*

*Trustee Lynden made a statement regarding some articles that were in the Observer.*

*Trustee Bird also commented about an article from the Observer.*

**D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Code Enforcement Office- no report

DPW- no report

Fire Department-

Police Department- *Police received certification from the Police reform, through 2028. Police purchased a new patrol car. He will be meeting with the new SUNY Police Chief last week and spoke about working together.*

Recreation Department-*Sign up for trunk and treats at no cost.*

Wastewater Treatment Plant- *acquired a new pick-up truck. Replacing a control module and new float valves at the plant.*

Water Treatment Plant- *Webster Rd tank improvement communications ongoing*.

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Espersen and carried unanimously, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss legal issues regarding the County and our water issues at 7:00 PM.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Twichell and carried unanimously, the Board exited Executive Session with no vote taken.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**September 18, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia, duly called and held on the 18th day of September at 7:30 PM. in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall in Fredonia, New York and public notice of the time and place of this meeting has been given to the news media and conspicuously posted in one or more designated public locations in accordance with Section 104 of the Open Meetings Law.

**A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR ESSEK**

I call this meeting to order on Monday September 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees present, Lynden, Bird, Espersen, Twichell.

Absent: Trustee Siracuse and Mayor Essek.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lynden and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023 now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the minutes as entered into the Official Minutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

**D. PUBLIC PORTION-**

This portion of the meeting is for public comment. Any member of the public wishing to speak, once recognized, shall stand at the microphone, and state their name and address. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes if speaking for themselves or five (5) minutes if speaking on behalf of a group. I will ask the speakers to refrain from remarks that are in poor taste, slanderous, or not germane to any action taken or contemplated by the Board. Rick Ketchum stood to address the Board regarding improvements to the Opera House and Scott Marsh’s quick turn around and follow-up. Bob Scott of Pulaski Street stood to address the board about water issues within the Village. He thanked the Chautauqua County Health department for their handling of the Village of Fredonia’s water issues. 1.2 – 1.4 million gallons is used in the Village daily. The public portion was closed. Trustee Twichell read correspondence from the Darwin Barker Library. (see attached)

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPT 18, 2023**

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**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

**Correspondence dated September 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting to add Isaiah Rosado to the active roll**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that Isaiah Rosado, Wisteria Dr., Fredonia, NY is hereby added to the active roll of the Hook & Ladder Company effective immediately.

**Correspondence dated August 3, 2023 was received from Darrin B. Paschke, Principal of Fredonia High School, requesting permission to hold a Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 6, 2023, commencing in front of Village Hall at 6 p.m. and proceed to the Football Field on West Main Street.**

Upon motion duly made by Bird and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Darrin B. Paschke, Principal of Fredonia High School, to hold a Homecoming Parade commencing in front of Village Hall (Church Street), parade route will be Church St. to Park St., to West Main St. and approximately 100 yards to the Football Field on Friday, October 6, 2023 beginning at 6 p.m., is hereby approved subject to the direction of the Fredonia Police Department.

**F. MAYOR’S REPORT-**

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

Lynden- No Report

Bird – No Report

Espersen- Thanked Rick Ketchum, Rick Johnson, John Fitzgerald and Mr. & Mrs. Vogel for the painting job at the visitors’ centers. Thank you to the Methodist church for providing a ladder. The funding for the gazebo improvements will be provided by The Doug Manly Fund, and the Dunkirk/Fredonia Rotary club. The water core group met last week and Trustee Espersen gave a recap of meeting. Meeting again Wed. Sept 27th.

Siracuse- Discussed a new book release from a resident of Fredonia, “A Fare Chambered Corridor” book is available at Barker Library.

Twichell-No Report

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT- see attached**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPT 18, 2023**

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**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

1. Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of August 2023 was read and ordered filed.

2 Code Enforcement Report for the month of August 2023 was read aloud and ordered filed.

3. Fredonia Fire Department Report for the month of August 2023 was read and ordered filed

4. Fredonia Police Report for the month of July & August 2023 was read and ordered filed.

**J. RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion duly made by Lynden, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS the Police Chief Price has recommended that Officers Zachary Hand and Randall Pike Jr. be removed from provisional status and placed on a six-month probation status for Sergeant since they both passed the Sergeants exam, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Officers Zachary Hand and Randall Pike Jr. are hereby appointed to probationary Sergeants for the Village of Fredonia Police Department at a rate of **Forty Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents ($40.64)** for a period of six months.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS the Village is working in cooperation with a county representative for the preparation of a county hazard mitigation plan that is required for eligibility for various grants, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fredonia Fire Department Chief is authorized to request that county prepare a hazard mitigation plan and worksheet at a cost to the Village not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars. The Fire Chief is directed to continue working with the county to meet all applicable deadlines for the plan and worksheet preparation.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE**- The Next Village of Fredonia Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Monday October 2, 2023, 6:30 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Espersen, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the Board meeting at 7:54 PM.

**Annemarie Johnston**

**Village Clerk**