**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

**WORKSHOP**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**November 13, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

*LaBella & Associates to address the Board regarding the Water System Evaluation. They presented a power point presentation. Questions from the Board were answered, however, questions from the public will be addressed at the Public Hearing on December 18, 2023.*

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Village Hall Closed Day after Thanksgiving Approval

2. Volunteer Fire Department Addition to Active Roll

3. Training request from Recreation Director

4. Permanent Appointment of Firefighter Tim Fisher

5. Abstracts 692-695

6. Part-Time Patrolman Rate Increase Approval

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ambulance Contract

2. *Todd Langworthy Invoice for Band Concerts on next agenda*

3*. Trustee Twichell commented on the Supervisor’s truck not being identified as Fredonia’s. Scott will look into it.*

4. Any other New Business

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1. *Clock in Barker Common is fixed and will be programmed to play music depending on the holiday.*

2. Any other Old Business

**D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Code Enforcement Office- No Report

DPW- *Christmas decorations went up with the help of volunteers; still collecting leaves*

Fire Department- No Report

Police Department- New patrol car is finished and on the road. Department has been very busy with mental health calls.

Recreation Department- *Invoice from Todd Langworthy for summer concert series-next meeting.*

Wastewater Treatment Plant-No Report

Water Treatment Plant- *2nd back wash pump being installed; Webster Rd. Tank is being disinfected late this week or early next week.*

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**November 13, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

I call this meeting to order on Monday November 13, 2023 at 8:05 PM

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

**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 adopted:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 30, 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. Sam Drayo stood and addressed the Board regarding the expiring terms of Mayor Essek, Trustee Lynden and Trustee Bird; he addressed any changes being discussed for Water St. by Chautauqua County should first be authorized by the Village Board; He stated that the deadline date given by the County for a decision on the direction the Village is taking with our water supply. He said the deadline is unreasonable. Mayor Essek closed the public portion.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

**Correspondence dated November 7, 2023 was received from the staff at Village Hall**

**requesting the day after Thanksgiving ( November 24, 2023) off.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Hall Offices will be closed Friday November 24th 2023 (the day after Thanksgiving) and that each Village Employee will use a personal/vacation day.

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**Correspondence dated November 8, 2023 was received from the Secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the name Hannah Riewaldt be added to the active roll**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Hannah Riewaldt, Liberty Street, Fredonia, is hereby added to the active roll of the Hook and Ladder Company.

**F. MAYOR’S REPORT-** Mayor Essek reported that the Village was awarded the New York Main Street Grant $230,000.00. He thanked Erlyssa LeBeau and Mike Cocquyt for their work on the grant. SUNY Fredonia held a remembrance ceremony for Veterans. He thanked all those who have served the United States past and present.

He helped decorate the Village this past weekend for Christmas with Embrace Fredonia. SUNY Fredonia Fall Sweep took place this past weekend and they did a great job. Halloween trick or treating went smoothly. Jack Carlson brought a huge bowl of candy to the trunk or treat event, thank you Jack. November 7th was an election day, congratulations to Mayor Elect Mike Ferguson. He will work with Mike for a smooth transition of power.

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

Lynden- He stated that it has been an honor to serve the Village of Fredonia for so many years and he thanks the residents for allowing him to do so.

Bird- No Report

Espersen- He spoke with Lauren Boyle and she asked Trustee Espersen to thank the following people, Denise Szalkowski; Scott Marsh; Martha Schmidt, Bob Scudder, Barb Joy as well as a local girl scout troop; the contractor for the gazebo is constructing replacement parts and will hopefully be finished before Miracle on Main St. Embrace Fredonia is holding a Holiday trivia night at the brick room on Saturday November 25th.

Siracuse- No Report

Twichell- thanked the volunteers who helped decorate the Village. She thanked Lauren Boyle with embrace Fredonia.

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT-** We received the portion of the money from Chautauqua County ($14, 400) toward the Engineering Study.

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

Village of Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of October 2023 was read and ordered filed.

Fredonia Police Department Report for the month of October 2023 was read and ordered filed.

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**J. RESOLUTIONS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the training request of Frankie Sysol, Recreation Director, to attend the GVRPS ( Genessee Valley Recreation and Parks Society) Annual Conference Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Center at Greece Town Hall, Rochester, NY is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed **Two-Hundred Dollars ($200)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Fire Lieutenant Timothy Fisher, after successfully passing the Civil Service exam, is hereby permanently appointed to the position of Fire Lieutenant with the Village of Fredonia Fire Department, with a probationary period of 8 weeks, effective immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular and overtime payrolls of the various Village Departments and bills approved by the Finance Committee and set forth in Abstract #692 through #695 are hereby approved and directed paid and filed in the Village Clerk’s Office 9-11 Church St. Fredonia NY.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a rate increase of **Twenty-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents** **($25.50)** is hereby approved for Part-Time Patrolman Mark Polowy, effective immediately.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE**- The Next Village of Fredonia Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Monday November 27, 2023, 6:30 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON

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