**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

**WORKSHOP**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**June 26, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**New notes are italicized**

*LaBella to address the Board regarding the Water Study and what it will cover. LaBella will start the water study by Thursday of this week.*

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. WTP resignation

2. DPW resignation

3. Police Department resignation

4 Pickle Ball Tournament approval-*resolution was amended*

5. Annual Laurel Run approval

6. Justice Court Audit approval

7. BIRD Scooters approval-*Caitlin Goodspeed joined the workshop to discuss BIRD scooters being in violation of village code.*

8. Budget Transfer

9. DPW Pick-up Truck Purchase

10. WTP Backwash Pump Repair

11. Termination of previous Dog Catcher

12. New Distribution Generation Units and/or Energy Storage Systems (Solar)-*need to amend the resolution.*

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Smoking near playgrounds/parks- *discussion surrounding the State of New York smoking policy and the concern of individuals smoking close to Barker St. playground. They are located on public property; we have little to no control over where they smoke.*

2. Renewal of County Contract

3. *Mayor Essek read a request letter for fishing at the reservoir. The mayor and Board stated that nothing should be allowed at the reservoir.*

*4. Trustee Espersen suggested moving a crosswalk to the corner of Forest and Route 20, to eliminate the parking space that is there right now because of hazardous traffic. We will DOT approval.*

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1. BIRD Scooters business model operation.

2. RJP Bathrooms/vandalism- *discussion regarding the security of bathrooms when they (pavilions) are being rented and when they are not. Perhaps a key deposit would work?*

3. Vendors Permit -*will discuss at a later date*

4. *Attorneys for the Village and the City of Dunkirk have come up with an agreement for exercising lines back and forth between the Village and the City of Dunkirk.*

5. *Church Street leakage was discussed by Trustee Twichell and Scott Marsh.*

6. *Discussion took place about how to manually operate the storage tank. Luis will follow up on the situation.*

**D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Code Enforcement Office-*Planning Board gave the hospital another extension.*

DPW-*July 10 will start milling on Risley Street.*

Fire Department-*Early morning fire was quickly extinguished.*

Police Department-*No report*

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Recreation Department-*180 signs ups for the summer program at the parks.*

Wastewater Treatment Plant-

Water Treatment Plant-

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**June 26, 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 26th day of June 2023 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 June 26, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees:

**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 June 12, 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. Derek stood to address the Board about a violation of a tree being taken down at 19 Norton Place. He claims it breaks an ordinance with the Village of Fredonia. Gus Potkovick stood to address the Board regarding a FOIL he gave to the records officer. Sam Drayo stood to address the Board regarding bump outs in the Village. He also stated that the Town of Pomfret should be covering half of the costs to any work done at Barker Common Park.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

**Correspondence dated June 13, 2023 was received from Jessica Gaglia, water treatment plant operator trainee, resigning her position.**

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Jessica Gaglia, is hereby accepted effective June 27, 2023, and the mayor is authorized to write a letter to Ms. Gaglia thanking her for her service to the Village of Fredonia.

**Correspondence dated June 14, 2023 was received from Onix Rodriguez, laborer with the Department of Public Works, resigning his position.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Onix Rodriguez is hereby accepted, effective June 30, 2023.

**Correspondence dated June 16, 2023 was received from Nathan Scriven, Sergeant with the Fredonia Police Department, resigning his position.**

**The Clerk read his resignation letter (attached to the minutes)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Sergeant Nathan Scriven is hereby accepted, . effective June 29, 2023.

**Correspondence dated June 12, 2023 was received from Michael Ferguson requesting the use of the Russell Joy Park Pickle Ball courts for a Club Championship Tournament.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for the first annual Pickleball Club Championship Tournament, August 12, 2023 (rain date August 13th) at Russell Joy Park from 9:00 AM to approximately 1:00 PM is hereby approved.

**Correspondence was received from Steve Waterson, Community Relations Director**

**of The Resource Center on behalf of the 27th Annual Laurel Run, requesting use of Village streets for the Laurel Run relay on Friday, July 14, 2023.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Steven Waterson, Community Relations Director, on behalf of the 27th Annual Laurel Run, to use various Village streets for the 2023 Annual Laurel Run Relay on Friday, July 15, 2023 is hereby approved, subject to the direction and escort of the Fredonia Police Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request for volunteers to sell the Laurel Run edition of the Observer on Friday, July 7th in downtown Fredonia from 6 am to 9 am is hereby approved.

**F. MAYOR’S REPORT- No Report**

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

Lynden-No Report

Bird- No Report

Espersen-Rotary Club and NCCF are currently seeking bids for contractors for renovating the Gazebo in Barker Common East.

Siracuse-No Report  **69**

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Twichell- Barker Library Museum would like Trustee Twichell to look into possible grants for the library.

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT-**Clarified an article from the Observer that discussed a WIIA grant that we received.

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

1. Fredonia Justice Court report for the month of May 2023 was read and ordered filed.

**J. RESOLUTIONS-**

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

WHEREAS a proposal has been received from the accounting firm of Drescher & Malecki LLP, 3083 William Street, Buffalo, NY which sets forth accounting/auditing services to be provided to the Village of Fredonia Justice Court for general purpose financial statements for the fiscal year period commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS the cost to the Village is not to exceed **One-Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00)** and

WHEREAS the Village desires to retain the said Accounting Firm, and

WHEREAS the Village reserves the right to terminate said proposal at any time the Village deems it necessary to do so, and the accounting firm shall be paid up to date of termination, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the said proposal is hereby approved and the mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement incorporating said proposal.

Upon motion duly made by trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Bird and carried unanimously, the following resolution was moved to be tabled:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to allow electric scooters to be used within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Bird Rides, Inc., 406 Broadway #369, Santa Monica CA 90401 has contacted the Village and proposed a program where their company scooters are implemented with a fee being paid to the Village for each ride; and; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Bird Scooter, Inc.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 5-520 of Village Law, the following budget transfers are hereby approved

* $86,930.67 from A4089 ARPA Funds to H8330.2 Backwash pump repairs

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia approved the purchase of a pickup truck for the Street Department in the budget; and

WHEREAS, Ed Shults Chevrolet, Jamestown, NY, has supplied a proposal for a 2023 4WD Double Cab Chevrolet Silverado for **Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Twenty-Five cents ($45,274.25)**; and

WHEREAS, the pickup truck was put out to bid with no response and the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado is suitable for the Village’s needs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD Double Cab in the amount of **$45,274.25** from Ed Shults Chevrolet.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the removal, rebuild, and installation of a second backwash pump at the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Moley Industries, Lockport, NY has provided an emergency quote for all necessary equipment, parts, and labor to remove and rebuild the second backwash pump for **Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and Sixty-Seven cents ($86,930.67)**; and

WHEREAS, the rebuild of the backwash pump is suitable for the Village’s needs; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the emergency repairs of the backwash pump for **$86,930.67** by Moley Industries.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously appointed JP Long as the Village’s Dog Catcher on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees no longer wishes to keep Mr. Long as the Village’s Dog Catcher, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mr. Long’s appointment as Dog Catcher is hereby terminated.

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

WHEREAS, Siemens Energy Efficiency Project for the WWTP to include solar panels requires the mayor’s signature, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has reviewed a New York State Standardized Contract for Interconnection of New Distribution Generation Units and/or Energy Storage Systems with Capacity of 5MW or Less Connected in Parallel with Utility Distribution Systems (“the Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that this contract is in the best interest of the Village; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the Contract on behalf of the Village.

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

WHEREAS, the Village desires to apply for up to $500,000 in financial assistance through the 2023 funding round under the New York Main Street (NYMS) Technical Assistance Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown within a downtown target area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located are required to provide a resolution supporting the application, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia approves and endorses the 2023 New York Main Street Target Area Grant application for assistance to be submitted by the Village.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia has a vacancy in the position of Water Operator; and

WHEREAS the Board has selected an individual from the current list provided by Chautauqua County Civil Service, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Board appoints Jonah Brock from Dunkirk, NY to the position of operator trainee effective July 10, 2023 for a probationary term and at the pay rate set forth in the CSEA contract.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Espersen and carried unanimously, the Board entered Executive Session to received legal advice and discuss employment of certain individuals at 8:50 PM

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE**- The Next Village of Fredonia Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Monday July 10, 2023, 6:30 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

**ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON**

**VILLAGE CLERK**

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