**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

**WORKSHOP**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**December 11, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**New notes are Italicized**

*President Julius Leone stood and spoke regarding the consolidation of all 4 volunteer companies because the Board will be call for a public hearing about that on December 26, 2023 at 6 PM.*

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Volunteer Fredonia Fire Department Removal from Active Rolls

2. Volunteer Fredonia Fire Department Transfer to Honor Rolls

3. Public Hearing Approval

4. Registrar Appointment

5. Schedule of Meetings January to June 2024

6. Budget Transfer

7. Approval to Hire a Dispatcher

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Schedule of Meetings for 2024

2. NYSCA letter of Support for Opera House

3. Agenda and supporting documents on website

4. Any other old business

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Installation of SonicWall Firewall

2. Negotiations for PPD contract suspended for the time being.

3. *Trustee Lynden read a statement regarding the special meeting called on Dec. 22, 2023.*

*4. NYMS Grant – RFP for an Administrator went out.*

5. Any other Old Business

**D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Code Enforcement Office- *No Report*

DPW- *Truck they received from the Fire Dept was painted. He thanked the Beaver Club*

Fire Department- *Solar Eclipse planning group will meet Wednesday.*

Police Department*- No Report*

Recreation Department- *No Report*

Wastewater Treatment Plant- *New screw pump looks good and works well; Boiler inspections went well.*

Water Treatment Plant- *Corbin passed walk through with County, so now he is a licensed operator.*

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**9-11 Church Street**

**Fredonia, NY 14063**

**December 11, 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 11th day of December 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 December 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Trustee Twichell

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 27, 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 to address the Board regarding the decision of out water plant and evaluation report; Rob Clark, stood and addressed the Board regarding the LaBella report and the recommendations for our Water Treatment Plant; Robert Scott stood and addressed the Board regarding letters and questions for Labella coming from residents. He does not think 3 minutes is enough time for resident to state their opinions.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lynden and seconded by Trustee Espersen the following motion was carried by a 3 – 1 vote:

Please see attached letter. It was read at the Trustees report time.

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**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

**Correspondence dated December 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the following name(s) be removed from the active roll: Walter Casey**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the name Walter Casey, Pomfret, NY from the active roll of the Fire/Police Company is hereby approved.

**Correspondence dated December 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the following name(s) be removed from the active roll: Adam Buczkowski**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the name Adam Buczkowksi, Eagle St., Fredonia, NY from the active roll of the Fenner Hose Company is hereby approved.

**Correspondence dated December 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the following name(s) be removed from the active roll: Leo Waller**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the name Leo Waller, Dunkirk, NY from the active roll of the Hook and Ladder Company is hereby approved.

**Correspondence dated December 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the following name(s) be removed from the active roll and transferred to the Honor Roll due to over 15 years in the Department: Jeffrey Ortolano**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the name Jeffrey Ortolano, Sherdan, NY from the active roll of the Fire/Police Company and transferred to the Honor Roll is hereby approved.

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**Correspondence dated December 6, 2023 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting the following name(s) be removed from the active roll and transferred to the Honor Roll due to over 15 years in the Department: David Lewandowski**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the name David Lewandowski, Shore Acres, Pomfret, NY from the active roll of the Fenner Hose Company and transferred to the Honor Roll is hereby approved.

**F. MAYOR’S REPORT- A very busy holiday season in the Village. Miracle on Main Street festivities took place on December 2, 2023. He attended a holiday party at the Fredonia Fire Department. Mayor Essek along with Mayor Elect Mike Ferguson kicked off the “Toys for Tots” campaign. He wished all the residents who celebrate Hannukah, a happy holiday season. He attended a holiday performance at Rockefeller Arts Center and enjoyed a fantastic concert.**

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

Lynden- No Report

Bird- He is impressed with how the Village looks with Christmas decorations and thanked the people who did it.

Espersen- attended the Executive Board Meeting at the Fredonia Fire Depart. to discuss the merger; work on the gazebo has begun; a cannabis committee meeting will take place Wednesday 12/13/23 at 6 pm in the Trustee room.

Siracuse- No Report

Twichell- See letter attached.

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT – Please see attached**

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

1. Fredonia Police Dept Report for the month of November 2023 was read and ordered filed.
2. Justice Court Report for the month of November 2023 was read and ordered filed.

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**J. RESOLUTIONS**

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia has received a written request from the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., the M. M. Fenner Hose Company No. 2, Inc., the J. S. Lambert Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. and the Fredonia Fire Police, Inc. which jointly seek to be merged into a single entity, the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Sections 90`9(a) of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law requires the approval or consent of the Fredonia Village Board for the filing of the Certificate of Merger of such fire companies upon public hearing; and

WHEREAS, such request, may be in the public interest, and a public hearing on the matter should be held for such purposes, pursuant to Section 404(f) of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia shall

convene and conduct a public hearing on December 26, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall, Fredonia, NY for the purpose of considering the approval or consent to the merger of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., the M. M. Fenner Hose Company No. 2, Inc., the J. S. Lambert Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. and the Fredonia Fire Police, Inc. into the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and thereupon issue its consent to the proposed Certificate of Merger thereof, and that notice thereof shall be given by the Clerk as required by law.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the duties of the Village of Fredonia Registrar are hereby assigned (or renewed) to the Village Clerk, Annemarie Johnston of 12 Carol Ave, Fredonia, effective immediately at a rate of pay commensurate with the current State of New York Registrar reimbursement rate.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia for the period of January through June 2024 (SEE ATTACHED), as set forth and attached to these minutes, as amended, is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish said notice in the and to mail a copy of said schedule to WDOE radio, the Jamestown Post Journal, as amended.

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

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

* $15,900 from A2665 Sale of Equipment to A1990.4 General Fund Contingency
* $4,100 from A2665 Sale of Equipment to H3410.2 Fire Misc Building Repairs
* $4,399.68 from A3090 State Aid-Police Grants to A3120.41 Police Supplies

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

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia has an immediate opening in the position of Emergency and Police Dispatcher, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Kristen Seastedt, Lily Dale, NY is hereby hired as a full-time Emergency and Police Dispatcher to work at the Police Station at an hourly rate of $17.36 and a six-month probationary period effective January 8, 2024.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE**- The Next Village of Fredonia Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Monday December 26, 2023, 6:30 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

**A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING/ FORUM ON DECEMBER 18TH 7 PM IN THE OPERA HOUSE REGARDING THE LABELLA WATER EVALUATION. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL BE HEARD.**

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON

VILLAGE CLERK

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