

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
PUBLIC HEARING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
June 10, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

THIS BEING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM.
PROOF OF PUBLICATION SHOWN, I CALL THIS HEARING TO ORDER.

To support the purchase of miscellaneous street equipment, including but not limited to a dump truck and a loader.

DUE TO A LACK OF QUORUM, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CANCELLED.

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7:00 P.M.**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia, duly called and held on the 10th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 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 FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustee Present, Brauchler, Espersen, and Wandel. Mayor Ferguson.
Trustees Absent: Siracuse and Twichell

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024 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.

Chip Reiwaldt and Kurt Maytum presented the Board with the new camera purchased with a grant from DFT Telephone and the Northern Community Foundation.

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. Athanasia Landis stood to address the Board regarding interviews given by Mayor Ferguson and the Village starting the SEQR process, and what is permissible to be discussed in Executive Session. James Linden stood to address the Board and asked the resolution for the ProHousing initiative be tabled; he mentioned the interview the mayor did on WDOE and his comments were misleading. The petition handed down by the court found the governing body accountable for not providing a SEQR for the project. Mayor mentioned the individual who made the statement; Rob Clark stood to address the Board regarding the area in front of the gazebo, which is very slippery and dangerous; Catherine Nelder stood to address the Board regarding the NYMS Grant program and the assessment of accessibility for people with disabilities. Please make sure the next grant application please make sure there is access for the sidewalk. She provided an ADA update from the State of New York. Judy Lutz Woods stood to address the Board regarding the code in the Village Charter which speaks to the tree lawn law. She encourages the Board to change the law. She complimented the staff working at Village Hall. Chuck Labarber stood and explained the right of way law in the Village's Charter.

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E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated May 30, 2024 was received from the Chautauqua County Board of Elections requesting a Village of Fredonia Police Officer to provide security on June 25, 2024 from 8 am to 12 pm.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Chautauqua County Board of Elections for a Security Officer on June 25, 2024 for the county-wide Conservative Primary Election at Wheelock School from 8 am to 12 pm is hereby approved.

Correspondence was received from the 1891 Fredonia Opera House requesting a Security Officer for the Concert with the Soldiers Chorus on June 24, 2024 at 7 pm.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Fredonia Opera House for a Security Officer for the Concert with the Soldiers' Chorus of the US Army Field Band on June 24, 2024 at 7 pm is hereby approved.

Correspondence was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting membership dues for the year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for Chamber of Commerce Membership dues for the period covering July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$550.00 is hereby approved

Correspondence dated May 22, 2024 was received from Dan Granados, General Manager for Fredonia Radio Systems, requesting the use of Barker Common for the annual Rockin the Commons on September 21, 2024.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to Dan Granados, General Manager, Fredonia Radio Systems to use West Barker Common and the Gazebo for the Annual "Rockin' the Commons" Charity event to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute of Buffalo on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above use of the Gazebo is subject to the direction of the Fredonia Police Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Fredonia as an additional insured in the amount of \$1 million dollars.

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F. MAYOR'S REPORT- Reported that Governor Hochuls' office announced that Brooks Hospital will be opening in the Village of Fredonia.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler – announced the opening the Royal Fern Nursery. He is not opposed to looking into the property law regarding the right-of-way on front lawns.

Espersen – Map we were shown for the Go Bike , shows a removal of a turning lane on Central. That lane will not be removed. He has been working with Luis and Eryssa to address the uncounted water for the Village. The ProHousing initiative aligns with the comprehensive plan that we should be using to plan for the Village. He thinks to be progressive and move forward, we need to pass the ProHousing Communities Pledge.

Siracuse – No Report

Twichell – No Report

Wandel – Buffalo GO BIKE group meeting on Thursday to wrap up plan on bike lanes in Fredonia.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT –

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

J. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution failed by a 2 – 1 vote; Trustee Wandel voting Nay.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia, NY (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Fredonia, NY to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

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1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires a service maintenance contract for the equipment at the Filtration Plant; and

WHEREAS, Hach Company, Medina, NY has offered to provide a maintenance contract to include calibrations, technical calls, and yearly maintenance for a yearly price of **Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-One cents (\$14,867.51)**; and

WHEREAS, this contract is necessary for the Village's purpose to maintain the equipment processing the water for the Village; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes entering into the maintenance agreement for one year with Hach for **\$14,867.51**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the training request of Chief Myers , Kurt Maytum, Daniel Riewaldt, Ken Haas, Adam Ahrens, Charles Ortolano, Julius Leone, Edward Barter and Anthony Faso to travel out of the county, to attend a New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYS AFC) Annual Training Conference, June 11- 16, 2024 in Syracuse, NY at a cost not to exceed **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500)** for all 9 Firefighters is hereby approved.

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

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 #717 through #720 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 Wandel and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the training request of Everett Reardon, Operator Trainee, Wastewater Treatment Plant, to attend Basic Wastewater Operations training at Buffalo State College, Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY August 26 – 29, 2024 is hereby approved at a cost of **One Thousand, Thirty-Seven Dollars and (\$1037.00)**

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K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

L. MEETING SCHEDULE- The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place on Thursday June 20, 2024 at 9 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

The Next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Monday June 24, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON
VILLAGE CLERK