

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
9-11 Church Street  
Fredonia, NY 14063  
May 13, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia, duly called and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees present, Brauchler, Espersen, Siracuse, Twichell and Wandel. Also, present Mayor Ferguson.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 29, 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.

**NYS DOT to address the Board – Please see attached.**

**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. Rob Clark addressed the Board regarding public speaking and the Chautauqua County Health Dept. owing the residents an apology for dishonesty of information to the public. A lot of money has been spent on inner-connections and then afraid to use them. Sam Drayo stood and addressed the Board regarding the gag order and the open meetings law and allowing the public to speak. He also read part of the State of New York Constitution. Jim Lynden stood to address the Board regarding the most recent boil water order; he feels that we should have worked around the reservoir and utilize the Webster Rd. tank and the connections with the NCWD. He feels that the public should be made aware that the problems were not with the plant. He stated that the mayor spoke on a radio station saying the reservoir is not fed by springs. He produced a document that states otherwise. He handed the document to the mayor.

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He also spoke about an article in the Leader from SUNY Fredonia. Mark Twichell stood and addressed the Board regarding solar development in the Village; a SEQR document does not require a FOIL. He observed Chautauqua County Health representatives enter a room with the Village Attorneys and did not know why. The Clerk read correspondence from a resident – see attached.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

**Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 was received from Douglas Sanderson, Village of Police Department Dispatcher, notifying the Village of his resignation, effective May 16, 2024.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Douglas W. Sanderson, Camelot dr., Fredonia NY is hereby accepted, and the mayor is authorized to send a letter to Mr. Sanderson thanking him for his service to the Village of Fredonia.

**Correspondence dated April 29, 2024 was received from the Secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department requesting permission to hang a banner across Temple Street from May 13<sup>th</sup> until June 1, 2024.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Volunteer Fire Department to hang a banner across Temple Street from May 13 until June 1, 2024 is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all information regarding this request will be provided to National Grid and DFT.

**Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 was received from Linda Liedke, Co-Chairperson of the Fredonia Italian Heritage Festival Committee requesting the use of Village property during the 2024 Fredonia Italian Heritage Festival.**

Mayor Ferguson mentioned that the police sign is not working at this time.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Fredonia Italian Heritage Festival, asking for the use of various village properties during the festival on Saturday June 22, 2024 (Festival will take place at the Fredonia Beaver Club) is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following requests are hereby approved:

1. Use of several garbage containers to be located on the perimeter of and on the Fredonia Beaver Club premises.
2. Use of village safety cones and barricades. This will assist with traffic control.
3. Use of the village police sign at the corner of Main Street (Route 20) and Prospect Street a week prior to the event to increase safety at that intersection and direct people to the event.

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**F. MAYOR'S REPORT-**

4/29 – Spoke at a rally at SUNY Fredonia; 4/30/24 was interviewed by the Leader from SUNY ; 5/1/24 – attended a Complete Streets meeting; 5/2/24 continued discussions with LaBella on the SEQR for the water plans and attended the Chadwick Bay regional committee meeting; 5/3/24 held his first department head meeting in his office; 5/6/24 made an appearance in Maytum/Mayhem! At SUNY Fredonia; 5/7/24 reviewed the DFCC Go Bike recommendations for both Fredonia and Dunkirk; 5/8/24 held a Village workshop; 5/9/24 appeared on WDOE viewpoint; 5/9/24 met with Dunkirk Mayor and her DPW to discuss possible water connections; 5/9/24 reviewed the Water St. crosswalk project with the IDA; 5/11/24 he spoke at the annual Fredonia Fireman's installation dinner held at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia. He thanked the men and woman firemen and volunteers who have been serving our community for 100 years. 5/13/24 met with a possible new business owner and 5/13/24 unveiled the Piano Project which will place 3 pianos throughout the community. Congratulated the graduating class of 2024 from SUNY Fredonia.

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Brauchler** – No Report

**Espersen** – continues to meet with the City of Dunkirk, Mayor Ferguson, LaBella to discuss an intermunicipal agreement before we can apply for grants; attended the Fireman's Banquet and thanked their service to the community; he also answered a question to Mark Twichell.

**Siracuse** – Happy National Police Week and thank you for your service; attended the Fireman's banquet; Embrace Fredonia hosting Attic and Seller days 5/31-6/1-6/2;

**Twichell** – attended Fireman banquet and enjoyed it. Part of the budget transfer in tonight's meeting was not discussed at the workshop; The April treasurers report stated that purchasing is done out of order. The financial handbook should be in place by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She received an email from Trustee Siracuse regarding LaBella and she would like all the correspondence to go to all the trustees. She objects to the walk-on budget transfer resolution.

**Wandel** – attended 2 meetings, safe streets and GO BIKES project. He believes it is about the safety of the residents.

**H. TREASURER'S REPORT – see attached**

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

1. Code Enforcement Report for the month of April was read and ordered filed.

**J. RESOLUTIONS-**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was passed by a 4 – 1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting nay:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 5-520 of Village Law, the following attached budget transfers are hereby approved and on file in the Village Clerks office, 9-11 Church Street, Fredonia, NY 14063.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the training request of Scott Marsh, Superintendent of Public Works, to attend the 2024 Annual School for Highway Superintendents in Ithaca, New York from June 3 – 5, 2024 is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed **Six-Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)** for lodging, training, and travel. This Conference is sponsored by Cornell University and NYS Association of Towns.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, 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 #714 through #716 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 Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia approved the purchase of a car in the 2024-2025 budget for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex, of Niagara Falls, NY has supplied a proposal for a 2024 Durango Pursuit in the amount of \$41,625; and

WHEREAS, the police car is being purchased on state bid and the 2024 Durango Pursuit vehicle is suitable for the Village's needs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the 2024 Durango Pursuit on June 1, 2024 in the amount of \$41,625.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was adopted by a 4 -1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting Nay:

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

- \$5,500 from F8029 Water Fund Balance to F8330.44 Purification Contractual

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse, the following resolution was adopted by a 4 -1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting Nay:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia used the LaBella engineering study to select an option for where the Board would like to receive the water for the Village from; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees selected option three of the LaBella report; and

WHEREAS, LaBella PLLC, Rochester, NY, has offered a proposal of an aquatic feature Field investigation regarding the SEQR in the amount of \$5,500, for the Village; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes LaBella PLLC to prepare the SEQR aquatic feature delineation and habitat report in the amount of up to \$5,500.

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 208 of the Code of the Village of Fredonia titled "Parking and Traffic" provides for on-street meter parking zones under Schedule XX; and

WHEREAS, Schedule XX lists both sides of Water Street from Main Street to bridge as an on-street meter parking zone but does not require a specific number of parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, Section 208-31 titled "Designation of parking spaces" states that the Fredonia Streets Department is directed and authorized to provide for the marking off of individual parking spaces in the parking meter zones designated and described in Schedule XX;" and

WHEREAS, the first on-street metered parking space located on the west side of Water Street traveling south from the West Alley must be removed to provide space for the installation of a crosswalk on Water Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest to remove the individual parking space in order for the installation of the crosswalk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Fredonia hereby directs the removal of the individual parking space described in this resolution to permit the installation of the crosswalk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fredonia Streets Department is hereby directed and authorized to remove the marking of the individual parking located on the west side of Water Street traveling south from the West Alley as permitted under the Village Code.

**Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 7:58 PM.**

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE-** The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place on Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 9 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

The Next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.



ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON

VILLAGE CLERK