

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
MEETING MINUTES
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A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday June 22, 2026, at 6 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees Present: Wandel, Brauchler, Cruz-Keefe, and Lazarony.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026, and

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.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Cruz-Keefe and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, 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 11, 2026, and

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.

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of June 1, 2026, and

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. CORRESPONDENCE-

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Correspondence dated May 29, 2026 was received from Mainline Bar & Grille requesting a waiver on the 30-day advance notice for their liquor license for property located at 64 W Main Street, Fredonia.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Cruz-Keefe, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for the 30-day liquor license waiver for Mainline Bar & Grille at 64 W Main Street, Fredonia is hereby approved.

Mayor- Okay. We've got the return of the one for the municipality notification for catering company. They have agreed to come before zoning planning in August 1st. and I spoke both to Chuck and also to Brian Luce and so they're okay with extending that 30-day with approval of the board. So, I guess you want to read the same thing and just change the company, please.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Cruz-Keefe, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for the 30-day liquor license waiver for The Catering Company Main street Fredonia be it hereby approved.

Correspondence dated June 4, 2026 was received from Fredonia Cycling LLC requesting use of the parking spots on Park Street be closed from 9:30am to 4:30pm and use of barker commons.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to use parking spots on park street and use of Barker Commons is approved as follows.

- No parking or loading/unloading of any vehicles and/or trailers on grass areas.
- Use of Parking spots on Park Streets are not approved
- Organizer/ Venders must meet with Code Enforcement office for necessary permits.

Mayor- Okay. Before we before we vote on this, I want to remind if they're watching and we will notify them that they must get together with code enforcement that they're not allowed to use the parking spots as displays as per the request of the police. So, they do have to come and speak to the code enforcement and police with regards to what they can and cannot do on that. The event is approved. The use of the parking space is not approved. So, you must come for the necessary permits.

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Correspondence dated May 4, 2026 was received from Michelle Twichell requesting to be added to Fredonia Cable Advisory Board.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Michelle Twichell is added to the Fredonia Cable Advisory Board for a 2-year term.

Correspondence dated May 4, 2026 was received from Matthew Slazik requesting to be added to Fredonia Cable Advisory Board.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew Slazik is added to the Fredonia Cable Advisory Board for a 2-year term.

Correspondence dated June 21, 2026 was received from Senior Account Clerk Cara MaGill resigning from her position, effective immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Senior Account clerk, Cara MaGill is hereby effective immediately

Correspondence dated June 17, 2026 was received from Streets Department Foreman, Douglas Bunge announcing his retirement, effective June 26, 2026.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the retirement of Douglas Bunge, effective June 26, 2026 is hereby approved.

Mayor- *Before we before we vote, I want to thank Doug for 25 years of service to DPW. He has earned the rest. Just an excellent gentleman and a huge loss to DPW. So, thank you very much for your service.*

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Trustee Wandel- *Yeah, I'm going to echo the mayor's sentiment there. Doug, great man, great loss for the village.*

Trustee Lazarony- *can I do mine?*

Mayor- *Yes, we have an employee of the month. Trustee Lazarony has not one but two because we skipped a month*

Trustee Lazarony- *We skipped May.*

BE IT RESOLVED that for the month of May 2026 at the Village of Fredonia, Jen Marx-Mikula is named Employee of the Month for her outstanding service to the community and fellow employees.

BE IT RESOLVED that for the month of June 2026 at the Village of Fredonia, Erlyssa LeBeau is named Employee of the Month for her outstanding service to the community and fellow employees.

Trustee Lazarony- *Jen couldn't be here tonight and she told me not to tell you that they all nominated you. Thank you for everything that you do for this Village it's a very daunting position and it's very thankless. And I just want you to know we really appreciate what you do for us.*

Correspondence dated May 30, 2026 was received from Andrew Ludwig requesting his letter be read. *See attached letter

Correspondence dated June 20, 2026 was received from Robert Scudder in support of Dave Bird being the Supervisor of the Village of Fredonia DPW. *See attached letter

E. MAYOR'S REPORT- None

F. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler - *it's good to be back, but nothing other than that at this time.*

Cruz-Keefe - *No, nothing today.*

Lazarony - *I I've been working with Erlyssa and we've been discussing the audit report and I just want to make a few things known. The report said that said that the reports that were said not to be filed were actually just not filed in the clerk's office. They were filed in the treasurer's*

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office and by law they have to be filed in the clerk's office. That has been remedied. The reports were filed with the comptroller's office. As far as annual reports not being filed in a timely manner or being late on fiscal years 23-24 and 24-25 these are the dates due to the audited financials not being ready. Our auditors just finished 23-24 which enabled the AFR to close for that period. She was still waiting on the 24-25 audit. So, she'll be able to close that out on the comptroller site when it was completed. She has also attached all the emails concerning not being able to file with the comptroller's office and how they explained to her that she couldn't file those because the audited reports weren't in. So, we Erlyssa has a plan. We're working together to make sure the financials are where they need to be filed when they need to be, but it was really no fault of her own that the auditors didn't finish their stuff so that she could file the reports to the state. So, I just wanted to make that clear.

Mayor- also on that just so you know the recommendations made by the audit that that report was before it got to us before was reviled to the public is already a year and a half old. So, it was in the first year of this administration's budget. So, we use those recommendations at the end of that budget and in this budget all those recommendations were made and all those recommendations were put in place. So, thank you for that.

Trustee Lazarony- Yes. And Erlyssa has worked very hard to make sure that those were those nine-point plan or whatever that they had is being done. So, thank you for the explanation because it was it's important that people understand. Other than that, I don't have anything else. Thank you.

***Wandel-** Thank you, Mayor. Page one. Page two. Start off reading page one. Wednesday, May 13th, I met with our water treatment plant supervisor, Luis Fred, at the water treatment plant. My objective was to do a site visit and investigate any concerns. Luis and I did a walk through in the plant. Luis and I toured the reservoir, including the access road. The access road is compromised with fallen trees and limbs that have wiped out sections of the overhead power lines. Luis has quotes from Beck Electric to remove overhead lines and replace them with below grade power transmission. Power interruption is an ongoing problem here. The Village needs to follow through with this plan. Consider expenses in the new 26, 27 budget. Focus was placed on the new chlorinator project work. Overall, the new chlorinator system is functional and reliable. Six points. However, number one, Luis had some concerns on the construction work and engineering design. I contacted LaBella to initiate discussion and resolve the issues. Overall, I was impressed to see a new and reliable chlorinator system, which should have been installed many years ago. Number three, we are now using a state-of-the-art system that has thus far delivered reliably steady liquid chlorination. Number four, chlorination breakdowns have been the primary source and reason for Fredonia water boil advisories. Number five, the project is a success and a testament to how we can achieve real-time solutions for our water reliability issues instead of simply applying band-aids as in the past. Number six, suggested improvements*

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to our process automation system are still ongoing. I'm tracking this with Siemens. Wednesday, May 13th, same day, I met with DPW Streets administrator Jen Mikula. Primary concern is the status of the DPW fire alarm system. Now, realize this is a little over a month ago just because we had a break at our meetings. Currently it is nonfunctional and therefore an insurance issue. I have reviewed a few of the submitted quotes to replace the existing alarm panel. Friday, May 22nd, joint water meeting with North County Water District, the Town of Pomfret, Legislator Scutter, Chautauqua County Department of Health, LaBella Engineering, and Trustee Paul Wendell at the Fredonia Incubator Conference Center. Spring 2028, expected start of construction, review of the proposed North County Water District contract Village to complete. And on that note, I'm meeting with the mayor this week, believe it's Thursday on that. Thursday, May 28th, teams meeting regarding the Labella water project. Five points. Number one, many topics were discussed starting with water source project funding. Two, Labella is currently underway with data collection work in the Village. Three, blending water study will initiate June 8th. Compatibility of water systems is the next step. Just an update on that. The blending study is complete and the analysis is outstanding right now to be completed. Number four, former DPW supervisor Scott Marsh has agreed to be a consultant to work with LaBella engineers. Number five, PRV, those are pressure reducing vaults are to be installed in seven potential locations. They will be identified and easements will be applied for. This is a critical step and is very often a time-consuming step to get permits to do the work for our water improvement project. Thursday, June 4th, cable board meeting. Equipment order request from Dan Reinholdt. Two, Italian festival on June 20th will be recorded. Three, discussion occurred regarding a link on the village website to the cable website. Intent is to create a better communication path. Number six, Thursday, June 11th, met with the mayor. Discussion topics included one, live outdoor music in the village. potential code issues? Number two, farmers market and their responsibilities regarding the vendor law. Number three, LaBella water project details and current activity. Tuesday, June 16th, met with the farmers market committee to discuss various concerns. We all met here in this room. Nine attendees from the Fredonia Farmers Committee met along with Trustee Cruz-Keefe, Mayor Mike, myself were present. Police Chief Meyers, Fire Chief Myers, and Code Officer LaBarbera were all present. Minutes of the discussion were recorded by Trustee Keefe. In general, understanding was needed regarding the use of Barker Common and various expectations, safety concerns with street closings, collection and submittal of vendor law applications, insurance, and tax information. These are to be submitted to the village code office. Farmers market has promised to submit this within the next two to three weeks. On Wednesday, June 17th, we had a water committee joint meeting with North County Water District, Chautauqua County Department of Health, Mayor Ferguson, and myself. Updates were provided from the village and the North County Water District. Discussion items included potential five items here. Number one, potential site location of the pressure reducing vaults and chlorine

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booster station at the new hospital location. Mayor to pursue formal authorization from Kaleida Health. I believe mayor, you had a verbal on that and you're going to hear

Mayor- *We had a verbal, working on paperwork*

Trustee Wandel- *Two joint water tower location was discussed. A potential location is being explored. This is a 1.5-million-gallon tank to be shared between the Town and the Village. North County Water District contract to be reviewed by the Village. A meeting is being scheduled on the Village side followed by a meeting with the north county water district representative. Four label reports field work and soil sampling is progressing and going well. Water blending study sampling is completed. Analysis of the samples is in process. Five, a public information session on Thursday, July 9th. We look forward to meeting village residents and business owners to inform, update, and answer any questions about the project. LaBella will be well represented, as will be the Chautauqua County Department of Health, North County Water District, and Village representatives. Wednesday, June 17th, LaBella,*

Mayor- *If I can interrupt one second, that meeting is going to be that forum is going to be conducted July 9th at the new Pomfret Town Hall. Not this one, the new one on Chestnut Road. Yep. And that'll go from 5:30 to 7.*

Trustee Wandel- *Two more points here. Wednesday, June 17th, LaBella meeting at Village Water Treatment Plant. Present at the water treatment plant Two, a resolution to authorize payment of the final code inspection will be made at today's meeting. Three, LaBella will submit finalized as built drawings to the village by hopefully late July. Has to go through the contractor, which is HK Services. They have to do the red lines, process that over to LaBella Engineering. Then they put in their CAD system and complete the ad spill drawings. and then they'll send them here to the village. So, Luis will have a copy and maybe we'll have a copy here as well. Four, this on-site visit was extremely beneficial for closing out the project. Five, thus far since its installation, and I'm happy to say the new chlorinator system has performed very, very well. Ten Thursday, June 18th, meeting with DPW foreman Doug Bunch, Mayor Mike, and myself. I called the meeting to help strategize a smooth transition of Doug's duties and his streets department responsibilities since his employment time with the Village will expire on, I have June 24th. Is it the 26th?*

Mayor- 26

Trustee Wandel- *Gotcha. Okay. Topics that were discussed included three major points. Five lift stations exist in the Village for the purpose of pumping storm water to achieve proper flow. They need to have an action plan to four things. One, upgrade this lift stations where needed. Two, have a plan and the required equipment to provide backup power for the pump motors in the event of a power dropout. This has happened occasionally in the past. Three, quotes for this need of work have been provided to Erlyssa. Four, this is a critical need for some village residents, so attention should focus on this project. Two, water main leaks in the village. Four points. Number one, the 10-in main on Central and Temple is leaking. The feed to this associated fire hydrant is*

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suspect. And I'll just update everybody. This is the area where we had major trouble back last January. Two, the 4-in main on Chestnut and Risley is leaking. Three, it's a slow leak on that one. Three, several isolation valves are either nonoperational or leak when operated. Four, this is the more major point here. These issues underscore the need for a major water main replacement project. And last, Doug Bunch has agreed to offer his services as a consultant to the village. His knowledge and experience are highly valued. Doug has operated with a class D water license. His replacement will need that credential. That is imperative. This completes my committee report for a 6-week period. That's it.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT – None

H. ADDITIONAL REPORT-

**JUSTICE COURT APRIL 2026 REPORT
FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2026 REPORT
JUSTICE COURT MAY 2026 REPORT
CODE ENFORCEMENT MAY 2026 REPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY 2026 REPORT**

Mayor- *I want to thank both the code enforcement, police department, along with Festivals Fredonia for another fantastic Italian festival. I want to thank the Beaver Club and all the sponsors. That was a great I great day for the village. I think that was my fourth year MCing that. Nothing like an Irish guy being the MC the Italian festival, but it was a lot of fun and just good work by everybody all the way around and again another way that the Beaver Club gives back to the community. So, we greatly appreciate that.*

I. RESOLUTIONS-

Mayor- *We do have resolutions. The first resolution I'm going to ask we need to go into executive session at the end for employment and this issues that have been brought up by our legal council. So, we'll put that into executive session.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the board approves the rescinding of the resolution from the meeting on May 11, 2026 that terminates David Bird's employment as the Village's DPW Supervisor.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was approved by a 3-1 vote, with Trustee Wandel voting Nay:

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WHEREAS there was a broken waterline underneath the home at 113 Forest Place, and
WHEREAS with this leak, the water went into the ground and not through the sewer
system, and

WHEREAS account 2770 was charged for 547,000 gallons of sewer as well as the water
and resident has requested a discount on the sewer charge to normal usage; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that water/sewer account 2770 located at 113 Forest Place shall
receive a discount of \$4,241.84 on the sewer portion of the bill due to the water leak and the
water not flowing through the sewer system.

*Trustee Wandel- Yeah, I reviewed this uh actually with Erlyssa and our policy in the village is to
look at each case individually and separately case by case basis. And um as I understand this
property owner was had two warnings or at least one warning prior to the second event and I'm
looking at the amount here of \$4,241 and I just don't feel that's correct. So, I'll vote no.*

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the
following resolution was approved by a 3-2 vote with Trustees Lazarony and Cruz-Keefe voting
Nay and Mayor Ferguson with the tie breaker:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia previously allowed public comment during Village
Board Meetings, and

WHEREAS, this has created a safety issue within the meeting; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby suspends the public portion of the meeting until
further notice effective immediately.

*Trustee Brauchler- Second, with the understanding of course that you can submit written
comments as some folks have. It's the same ability to comment that you have at Town of Pomfret
meetings.*

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

WHEREAS there was a broken waterline underneath the home at 79-79½
Central Avenue, and

WHEREAS with this leak, the water went into the ground and not through the sewer
system, and

WHEREAS account 0198 was charged 48,900 gallons of sewer as well as the water and
resident has requested a discount on the sewer charge to normal usage; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that water/sewer account 0198 located at 79-79½ Central Avenue
shall receive a discount of \$311.92 on the sewer portion of the bill due to the water leak and the
water not flowing through the sewer system.

*Trustee Cruz-Keefe- I'm going to ask that the next resolution be tabled. I need more time to
digest and research this topic.*

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Mayor- I'm ok with the board?

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Cruz-Keefe and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was moved to be tabled:

WHEREAS, Williams is a national energy infrastructure company that handles approximately one third of the natural gas used each day in the United States to heat homes, cook food, and generate electricity;

WHEREAS, the Northeast region faces persistent energy affordability challenges and natural gas supply constraints that have resulted in higher electricity and heating costs for families and businesses;

WHEREAS, currently much of the Northeast region relies on foreign sources of energy;

WHEREAS, dependence on foreign sources of energy leave consumers more susceptible to price spikes caused by global affairs;

WHEREAS, domestically produced energy supports the American workforce and provides consumers with insulation from energy market impacts of international conflicts;

WHEREAS, increased interstate natural gas pipeline capacity alleviates energy supply constraints, improves system reliability during peak demand periods, and places downward pressure on energy costs for residential, commercial, and industrial customers;

WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline is a proposed natural gas transmission line designed to transport energy from the Marcellus Shale region in northeastern Pennsylvania to support key markets across New York and New England;

WHEREAS, the project adds approximately 650,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of pipeline capacity, equivalent to the daily energy needs of about 3 million homes in the U.S. Northeast;

WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline strengthens the Northeast's energy infrastructure by enhancing energy security and supporting economic growth, and provides a cleaner, lower-emitting alternative to heating oil;

WHEREAS, construction activities span Pennsylvania and New York and include pipeline installation, metering and regulating stations, and connecting new infrastructure to existing transmission systems;

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WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline is associated with approximately 1,500 construction jobs and \$295 million in direct labor income;

WHEREAS, the project is associated with \$13 million in property tax revenues and \$100,000 in additional New York and Pennsylvania income tax revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Village of Fredonia supports the Constitution Pipeline Project and urges timely consideration and approval of necessary authorizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Village of Fredonia supports investments in energy infrastructure projects that promote U.S. energy independence, improve reliability, affordability, and economic opportunity for residents and businesses.

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

WHEREAS LaBellas Associates is the engineer hired to work on the chlorination project at the water treatment plant, and

WHEREAS LaBella has recommended authorizing the contractors to utilize the allowance for work associated with electrical inspection in the amount of one thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,138.00), and

WHEREAS this amount is included as part of the allowance in the contractor's agreement; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the mayor is authorized to sign authorization number five (5) from LaBella associates for the chlorination project in the amount of one thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,138.00).

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Cruz-Keefe, 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 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:

- \$23,266 from H8330.2 from Replacing Actuators and Valve to H8330.2 Tank Chemical Cleaning

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

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WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia requires chemical cleaning of the Webster Road tank for the water treatment plant, and

WHEREAS Advanced Tank and Infrastructure Solutions, Sudbury, MA has provided a quote in the amount of twenty-three thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars (\$23,266.00), and

WHEREAS the tank cleaning is necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the board hereby authorizes Advanced Tank and Infrastructure Solutions to complete the chemical cleaning at the Webster Road tank in the amount of twenty-three thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars (\$23,266.00).

Mayor- *ok before we vote on this, I want to assure the public as we asked during workshop, there will not be a required boil water order during this tank cleaning. So, there will not be a boil water order uh in place for this tank cleaning.*

Trustee Wandel- *Yeah, I just want to say that it costs money to run a village. It really does. I mean, \$23,000 is a lot of money, but guess what? We need it.*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that David Riddle, Operator Trainee, at the water treatment plant has passed his civil service and is permanently appointed to the position of Operator Trainee, effective immediately.

Mayor- *And we wanted to congratulate our new operator, David Riddle.*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves hiring Aria Russo, Fredonia, NY as a recreation attendant in the amount of sixteen dollars per hour (\$16.00), effective immediately through July 31, 2026.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia purchases multiple vehicles for the different departments, and

WHEREAS Enterprise Fleet Management has provided an equity lease agreement (attached), which has been reviewed by our attorney, and

WHEREAS the lease option provides the Village with an alternative option to rotate the vehicles purchased by the Village and uses Sourcewell contracts so the bidding process is completed, and

WHEREAS the departments will require board approval on purchases with Enterprise Fleet Management prior to completing; therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves entering into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, effective immediately.

Trustee Lazarony- *I'll second it, but I'd like a discussion.*

Mayor- *okay*

Trustee Lazarony- *Do we have a price do we have any pricing with them yet?*

Trustee Wandel- *We have a proposal, right? I believe*

Erllyssa- *there was the proposal that was included in the slideshow and then this states that any final proposal cost wise would come before you guys again for approval.*

Trustee Lazarony- *Okay. So, it doesn't hold us to anything just that we have the option to lease from them.*

Erllyssa- *Right. But it would come back to you guys before*

Trustee Lazarony- *I just wanted to be clear about that.*

Mayor- *I do want to mention I know it's been confusing lately in the streets as to who's doing what and what I mean by that. New York State has does Route 20. The county did Water Street, the County does part of Berry Road. The village did down here on Central. And so, with that comes a lot of confusing things. We had some signs in the village that we have addressed where people were doing work and as you know the village speed limit is only 30 miles hour but the signs were telling you that you could drive 35 through the construction zone. Apparently, they didn't bother to see the 30-foot signs just I mean 30 mph signs just five ft down the road. We've adjusted that with that organization. and they have adjusted their signs accordingly. We had a lot of complaints about that. Also with Water Street, if you remember about a year and a half ago, young lady won a crosswalk art program that will be putting the crosswalk directly in front of the entrance to the parking lot in front of what was Jim's Cleaners. And she won a contest to have very nice piece of art. Reflects a lot on our local waterway. It reflects on the old grain mill that they had. And so now that that is finally paved, we expected to be done last year, but now that it's paved, we will have a date as soon as it stops raining, which may be next summer, where we can have that art put back in or put in place for the first time. So please watch your Facebook page and these meetings. We'll let you know when that street will be the street won't be closed, but it will be blocked off in certain areas where she's going to do her painting. So, please don't run over her while she does that. So, go ahead.*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the residents of Lowell Place are approved to have the pillars located at the end of the street repaired at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Lazarony- *And just full disclosure, I didn't bring this about. Another resident on Lowell Place brought it to Erllyssa first called the DPW and then brought it to Erllyssa. We love those*

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pillars at the end of our street. They're the old gas lamp pillars and we just want them to not crumble and fall apart. So, we're willing to endure the cost of that as the residents of Lowell place.

Mayor- *thank you for that explanation.*

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Mayor- *Can we have a motion to end this meeting and go into executive session for discussion?*

Trustee Lazarony- *We can't end the meeting. can go into executive session and come out and then end.*

Mayor- *Right. You know what I mean*

Trustee Lazarony- *I know you meant I was just clarifying.*

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously the Board entered Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Brauchler and carried unanimously the Board exited Executive Session with no vote taken at 7:13 PM.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Cruz-Keefe and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously the Board adjourned the board meeting at 7:14 PM.

K. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop will take place on Monday June 29, 2026 at 4:30 PM Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall. The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Meeting will take place Monday July 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall

**MAKAYLA YACKLON
VILLAGE CLERK**



Correspondence for June 1 Meeting

1 message

Sat, May 30, 2026 at 5:16 PM

Andrew Ludwig <aludwig63@icloud.com>
To: Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Please verify receipt and have the letter below read as a correspondence for the June 1st village board meeting.

Thank You.

Andrew Ludwig
30 Ryan Place
Fredonia, New York 14063
716-490-0457

Our thin skinned mayor doesn't like being corrected, fact checked or criticized for his missteps. He especially does not like being criticized for the lack of transparency by his board majority and for his restriction of free speech. So what does he do? The mayor doubles down and tried to have the public comment session removed from village board meetings during an illegal executive session vote. Kudos to trustees Christine Cruz-Keefe and LeeAnn Lazarony for voting against the removal of the public comment session from village board meetings. Much respect goes to Lazarony for pointing out the improper vote publicly and on camera during the May 11th board meeting.

Trustee Lazarony made sure that the public comment session was temporarily reinstated for at least that May 11th meeting. Shame on the trustees who have voted to silence the public and make sure that citizens' comments are not broadcast and recorded on Public Access TV. As fully expected the mayor and his supporters will behave in un-American fashion and try to vote once again, this time legally and properly, to have public comment removed from village board meetings.

The mayor and certain board members will likely continue their fear mongering and make the false claim that the public comment session of board meetings has become dangerous because of some unruly citizens acting improperly and out of order. Sadly, it is the mayor and one or two of the mayor's supporters who can't behave in an orderly fashion at these meetings. The mayor has complained about individuals invading his privacy, coming to his house with cameras recording and people banging on his door in the middle of the night. These accounts may make the mayor appear sympathetic but how is eliminating public comment going to stop incidents that are not happening at village board meetings?

Why not just ban the rule breakers from village board meetings as the mayor has threatened to do for months? Because that would not silence his critics and the critics of the board, which is the unspoken reason for the threats and the proposal to eliminate public comment in the first place. Should the mayor suspend himself from village board meetings for his use of profanity during that May 11th meeting? Just like one of his supporters admitted on camera, Ferguson violated his own rules for public comment.

While the trustees have the legal authority to remove the public's comments from village board meetings, that does not make it right. This is the people's government. The meetings are broadcast on Public Access TV, which is paid for by taxpayers. The public deserves to see and hear the entirety of village board meetings. Public Access is not the mayor's TV station. It is owned by the citizens of Fredonia.

The board may have the legal right to remove public comment from their board meetings but there is a higher moral authority that makes the public's right to speak to their government in full view of their fellow citizens an American imperative. There should be at least one unrestricted public comment session at every

village board meeting. And village board meetings, including public comment sessions, should be broadcasted on Public Access TV and posted in their entirety on YouTube for all to see. Anything else is un-American.

If the board continues to restrict public comment, the Save Our Reservoir group is willing to give the public the opportunity to address their fellow citizens. SOR will hold their own public comment session after village board meetings and post the comments on Facebook and YouTube. The public is welcome to join SOR following village board meetings and speak to any topic regarding village government that is of public interest. And of course Fredonians are encouraged to watch village board meetings on Public Access and YouTube. Nothing is more American than speaking truth to power.

Andrew Ludwig

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA JUSTICE COURT

Chautauqua County

9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, New York 14063
Phone: (716) 679-2312

Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice

Nancy A. Dietzen
Associate Justice

TO: Village Board
Village of Fredonia

Dear Board Members:

The following is the report for the month of APRIL 2026.

Total number of cases closed: **248**

<u>VEHICLE & TRAFFIC</u>	<u>CRIMINAL CASES</u>	<u>VILLAGE ORDINANCES</u>
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156

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<u>CIVIL CASES</u>	<u>ABC LAWS</u>	<u>N.Y.S. LAWS</u>
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TOTAL FINES & SURCHARGES \$ **9,224.00**

PARKING TICKET FINES \$ **6,960.00**

TOTAL \$ **16,184.00**


Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice


Nancy A. Dietzen
Associate Justice



FREDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Chief Joshua T. Myers

FREDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

April 2026

Mr. Mayor & Board of Trustees;

During the month of April 2026, our Fredonia Fire Department responded to 159 calls for service throughout the department's primary jurisdiction and mutual aid response areas. The following report summarizes incident activities and geographic distribution.

Incident Type Summary:

Performance Indicator	April 2026	YTD
Total Calls for Service	159	710
EMS Responses	110	468
Fire Responses	3	14
Hazardous Situation	1	24
Public Service	20	63
No Emergency	25	140

Throughout our 53+ square mile responsibility, we've identified five (5) "districts" to help track trends and/or efforts.

Geographic / District Breakdown:

District	Calls	Percentage of Total
Village	115	72%
Town of Pomfret	23	14%
SUNY Fredonia	14	9%
Mutual Aid	6	4%
New York State Thruway	1	1%

Respectfully submitted on May 12, 2026.

Joshua T. Myers 5/12/2026
Joshua T. Myers
Chief of Department
Fredonia Fire Department

Attachments:

1. NERIS report for April 2026
2. Incident Type Report by District
3. Personnel YTD attendance April 2026
4. YTD Cost Recovery – Fredonia Fire Department Report

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TO: Village Board
Village of Fredonia

Dear Board Members:

The following is the report for the month of MAY 2026.

Total number of cases closed: **183**

<u>VEHICLE & TRAFFIC</u>	<u>CRIMINAL CASES</u>	<u>VILLAGE ORDINANCES</u>
127	35	12
<u>CIVIL CASES</u>	<u>ABC LAWS</u>	<u>N.Y.S. LAWS</u>
7	2	0

TOTAL FINES & SURCHARGES \$ **5,192.00**

PARKING TICKET FINES \$ **2,870.00**

TOTAL \$ **8,062.00**


Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice


Nancy A. Dietzen
Associate Justice

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTH END REPORT

May 2026

BUILDING

Permits issued	26
Inspections	115
Cert. of Occupancy	41
Cert. of Compliance	28
Violations	4
Violations satisfied	2

FEES COLLECTED

Building Permit	\$ 3,172.00
Rental fees	\$ 1,660.00
Cert. of compliances	\$ 1,070.00
Electrical license fees	\$ -----
Hearings,	\$ 1900.00
Food & Vender permit	\$ 300.00
Total fees	\$ 7102.00

RENTAL

Permit
Inspection 19
Renewals 14

PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE

Property Maint. Found -7- Removed -5-
Junk cars & Parts Found -1 - Removed -1 -

MISC.ELLANEOUS

Annual Fire Inspections: -14 - Fire Notifications: 1
Appearance Tickets -0-
Complaints 8 /6 satisfied
Demolitions 1
Stop Work Orders 1

Stop Work Orders are issued because of improper construction practices, or failure to get building permit

Twenty-Six Permits generated \$ 3,172.00 in revenue. The estimated cost of work for the month of May was \$ 605,407.00



FREDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Office of the Chief of Police

June 4th, 2026

To: Honorable Village Mayor and Trustees
Re: **MONTHLY REPORT – May 2026**

	May 2026
INCIDENT TYPE	INCIDENTS
Total Incidents Reported	746
Fredonia Central Schools call for Service	1
Accidents	22
Arrests Reported	45
Vehicle and Traffic Stops/Tickets	155/80
Domestic Incidents	25
Parking Tickets	N/A

Respectfully,

Gregory L. Myers
Chief of Police

Douglas Bunge
170 W Main St.
Fredonia, NY 14063

6/17/26

Mayor Fergurson, and Board of trustees
Village of Fredonia
9-11 Church St.
Fredonia, NY 14063

Dear Mayor, and Respective Board Members:

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring from the Village of Fredonia DPW effective 6/26/26.

I appreciate the opportunity that was given to me. I leave here with a lot a great memories. It has been an honor and a privilege to work for the Village of Fredonia for the last 25 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Bunge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Bunge
DPW Laborer-Supervisor

Robert Scudder
23 East Main Street
31 East Main Street
348 West Main Street
Fredonia, NY 14063

6/20/26

Mike Ferguson, Mayor, Village of Fredonia
Board of Trustees, Village of Fredonia

Dear Mayor and Trustees,

I am writing this letter in support of Dave Bird being the Supervisor of the Village of Fredonia DPW.

My experience with Dave Bird as the supervisor of the DPW has only been positive. I have witnessed an energy downtown that has been missing for a while. This winter the downtown snow removal was the best I've ever seen. Maintenance of sidewalks and the parking lots have been appreciated by myself and others as downtown business and property owners.

Before his removal I was impressed with conversations concerning parking lot paving, sidewalk repair, and railing reconstruction in the East Main parking lot. I found Dave to be approachable and willing to listen to ideas to make our downtown a better place for businesses to operate and serve our residents.

I am a 40 year resident and downtown business owner in the Village of Fredonia. I hope you consider what you are hearing from someone who has been here for the long haul. Things were improving, let's keep it going.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Scudder', with a stylized, flowing script.

Bob Scudder
23 East Main Street
31 East Main Street
348 West Main Street
Fredonia, NY 14063

Cara MaGill
102 Ash Street
Mayville, NY 14757
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cjcmaGill2005@gmail.com

June 21, 2026

Mayor Ferguson & Board of Trustees
Village of Fredonia
9-11 Church St
Fredonia, NY 14063

To the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Fredonia,

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, I am no longer able to continue my role as the Senior Account Clerk for the Village of Fredonia, effective immediately.

When approached and filmed by the YouTuber, Daniel Warmus, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, I thought it would go away quickly and continued my job. When the emails and phone calls demanding my resignation came on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, I was ready to resign. I recognized on that day that Daniel Warmus is 100% correct about my need to work in the private sector. Yet for several weeks I continued my job. Last week I missed two days due to a debilitating panic related to my job. As a result, I am no longer able to handle the job requirements for the position. I have done my best but I am suffering mentally which is creating physical symptoms. I need to take care of my health.

I am grateful for the experience gained and friends made during my time with the Village and truly wish I could leave under better circumstances. I will be mailing a certified copy of this letter as well as the keys for the building and filing cabinet in the water/sewer billing office.

Best regards,

Cara MaGill