BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
MEETING AGENDA
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
October 13, 2026
6 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR

I call this meeting to order on Tuesday October 13, 2026, at 6 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Mulholland, Cruz-Keefe, Brauchler, Wandel

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Cruz-Keefe and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, and carried unanimously the following minutes were approved

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 28, 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. PUBLIC PORTION-

This portion of the meeting is for public comment. Any member wishing to speak shall sign up on the sign-up sheet. Any member of the public wishing to speak, once recognized, shall stand at the microphone and state their name. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak, time may not be transferred from one speaker to another. Each speaker may speak once during public comment unless the presiding officer permits additional comment for purposes of clarification. Comments will be addressed to the board as a whole, it is not a question-answer session. I will ask the speakers to refrain from remarks that are in poor tase, slanderous, or not germane to any action taken or contemplated by the Board.

Katie Lovely addressed the Board regarding community concerns about transparency, accountability, and public trust surrounding allegations involving a public employee. She asked whether the matter remains under investigation, whether any findings have been made, and what information can legally be shared with the public. She also raised questions about safeguards against potential conflicts of interest, personal relationships influencing decisions, and fairness in village contracting and bidding processes. She emphasized that her comments were not intended to presume wrongdoing but to seek clarity and accountability from the Board.

The Mayor addressed these concerns regarding village transparency and accountability. He clarifies that the village follows a strict requirement to obtain three bids for projects, noting

exceptions only for emergency situations. Regarding an ongoing investigation, the Mayor explains that he cannot discuss the matter publicly at this time, as attorneys for both sides have advised against it, though he assures the public that findings will be revealed once the investigation concludes.

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence was received from Festivals Fredonia to hold their annual Harvest Moon Cemetery Tour on October 16, 2026.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mulholland and seconded by Trustee Brauchler the following correspondence was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Festivals Fredonia to hold the Harvest Moon Festival and Tours on Friday October 16, 2026 from 6pm until the final finishes at 10:30pm in Barker Commas West is hereby approved along with the following:

1. Use of both sides of Church Street with the bagging of meters so the carriage can pull close to the gazebo.

Letters attached below.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT-

In the Mayors report, he highlighted upcoming community events, including the unveiling of a new playground at Fredonia Elementary and Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiatives. He provided updates on local business openings, the street art program, and various administrative processes such as the North County Water District agreement review and a lease renewal discussion for the Darwin R. Barker Library. The Mayor also mentioned interviewing a SUNY Fredonia student for an unpaid marketing position, the ongoing consolidation study with the Town of Pomfret, and his efforts to ensure proper operation of temporary housing programs. Finally, he promoted upcoming Fredonia State homecoming activities and the annual Fredonia-Dunkirk high school football game, thanking local businesses for their support of these community efforts.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler

Trustee Brauchler noted that he attended the kickoff meeting for the consolidation study conducted by CGR, which aims to identify opportunities for shared services to reduce costs across multiple entities. Additionally, he mentioned attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new local business in the community, Sunflowers and Skulls Apothecary.

Cruz-Keefe

Trustee Cruz-Keefe shared that she and Trustee Wandel attended a cable board meeting on October 5th to discuss programming guidelines and potential content from the college. She also highlighted an upcoming "Trunk or Treat" event on October 24th at Russell Joy, encouraged

participation in a Halloween event at the Barker Library on October 31st, and provided details on the inaugural "Trick or Trot 5K" scheduled at SUNY Fredonia. Finally, she announced that she is offering weekly office hours on Wednesday afternoons at the library to increase accessibility for village residents.

Mulholland
Trustee Mulholland expressed appreciation for the long-term planning efforts led by Fire Chief Myers and commended the department's recent successful open house event, noting its positive impact on the community. He emphasized the critical need for more volunteer firefighters and encouraged residents to reach out to the department to learn about available opportunities. Additionally, Mulholland addressed the village's fiscal focus regarding the water project, stating that while pausing engineering work was a responsible step, the board is now diligently working to clarify funding and long-term financial implications, supported by a new resolution to hire a financial advisor.

Lazarony

Wandel
Trustee Wandel addressed a recent opinion piece he wrote regarding the village's water infrastructure project, emphasizing his long-term engagement and commitment to this priority. He detailed several committee activities, including a CGR consolidation workshop to explore future municipal paths, administrative meetings regarding personnel and union contracts, and a cable board meeting focused on programming guidelines. Finally, Wandel highlighted the successful recruitment of a SUNY Fredonia student for an unpaid community engagement and digital communications internship, aimed at enhancing the village's digital presence and public communication.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT –

Report attached below.

I. ADDITIONAL REPORT-

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026
JUSTICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026
POLICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

J. RESOLUTIONS-

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

WHEREAS, the board previously acknowledged support for the Town of Pomfret's consolidation study, and

WHEREAS, CGR of Rochester, NY is performing the study for the Town, and

WHEREAS, CGR has requested access to various financial and processes information from the Village of Fredonia Department Heads; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the Village of Fredonia Department Heads to provide CGR with the data and information necessary to perform the consolidation study.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Cory Tupin, Forestville, NY is hereby provisionally hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee at nineteen dollars and thirteen cents (**$19.13**) per hour, effective October 19, 2026; all civil service rules and regulations shall apply.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mulholland and seconded by Trustee Cruz-Keefe, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia recently received the Fire Department vehicles that were approved for leasing in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department requires updates to the emergency vehicle start up system, and

WHEREAS, Air Cleaning Systems Inc, Latham, NY has provided a quote in the amount of seven thousand two-hundred and sixty dollars (**$7,260.00**) for two Magnetic TopGrade Stainless Steel Grabber Retrofit and Upgrade to existing Plymovent Rail System, and

WHEREAS, this upgrade in the exhaust system equipment is necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the upgrades and equipment for two Magnetic TopGrade Stainless Steel Grabber Retrofit and Upgrade to existing Plymovent Rail System in the amount of seven thousand two-hundred and sixty dollars (**$7,260.00**).

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia approved the outfitting of a heavy-duty snow plow on March 30, 2026 through Valley Fab and Equipment, Inc., Boston, NY in the amount of one hundred forty-four thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars (**$144,356.00**), and

WHEREAS, the Street Department was able to secure a reduced price and a faster return of outfitted snow plow; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves rescinding the resolution from March, 30, 2026; which approves Valley Fab and Equipment, Boston, NY for a snow removal equipment package in the amount of one hundred forty-four thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars (**$144,356.00**).

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia requires a snow removal package for the newly purchased snow plow, and

WHEREAS, Henderson, Watertown, NY has provided a quote in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty cents (**$142,158.30**), government contract PS22170 for a snow removal equipment package and installation, and

WHEREAS, this equipment is necessary for the Village's purpose, and

WHEREAS, this snow equipment will be reimbursed using New York State CHIPS funding; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves the purchase of the snow removal equipment from Henderson, Watertown, NY in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty cents (**$142,158.30**).

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia is seeking appraisal information on the property located on Glasgow Road, SBL numbers 065889-181.00-2-1, 065889-164.00-2-4, and 065889-164.00-2-5; and

WHEREAS, the property is not being used by the Village of Fredonia and has not been in use for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received a quote to perform the appraisal in the amount of one thousand dollars (**$1,000.00**) from Amy Holt at Holt Appraisals; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes Amy Holt of Holt Appraisals to perform the appraisal on the Glasgow Road properties in the amount of one thousand dollars (**$1,000.00**).

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mulholland and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that multiple firefighters are approved to attend a New York State Associate of Fire Chiefs seminar on Dangerous Spaces on October 28, 2026; located in Fredonia, NY in an amount not to exceed three hundred and fifteen dollars (**$315.00**).

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia has an ongoing project for the merger with the North County Water District, and

WHEREAS, the Village requires a financial advisory service to prepare for short term bonding for the project and any other financial advisement necessary for the project, and

WHEREAS, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has provided a proposal to provide these services at a rate of S 150 per hour; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the board approves the mayor to sign the proposed agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC to provide financial advisory services for the North County Water District project at a rate of $ 150 per hour.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mulholland and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular and overtime payrolls of various Village Departments and bills approved by the Finance Committee and set forth in Abstract #826 through #828 are hereby approved and directed paid and available in the Village Clerk's office, 9-11 Church Street, Fredonia, NY as well as on our website at www.villageoffredoniany.gov

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXIT SESSION

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO END MEETING

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Cruz-Keefe and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously the board adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees workshop will take place on Monday October 19, 2026 at 4:30 PM Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall. The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop will take place Monday October 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall.

J. Rules for Public Comment

Public comment shall be conducted according to the following rules:

- Any member of the public may speak about Village business, an agenda item, or another matter reasonably within the authority of the Village government.
- The Village Clerk shall make a speaker sign-up sheet available before the meeting. Speakers who have signed up shall ordinarily be recognized in the order listed, followed by any other person wishing to speak. A person shall not be denied the opportunity to speak solely because the person did not sign up before the meeting began.
- Each speaker shall be allowed up to three minutes. The same time limit shall be applied equally to all speakers. Time may not be transferred from one speaker to another.
- Each person may speak once during the public comment period unless the presiding officer permits additional comment for purposes of clarification.
- Comments shall be addressed to the Board as a whole. Public comment is an opportunity for the Board to receive information and viewpoints and is not ordinarily a question-and-answer session. The Mayor, a Trustee, or an appropriate Village official may briefly clarify a factual matter or arrange for follow-up when appropriate.
- Speakers may criticize Village policies, decisions, operations, employees, or elected officials. A speaker shall not be interrupted or ruled out of order merely because the Board disagrees with the speaker's viewpoint or because the comments are critical, uncomfortable, or unpopular.
- Conduct that materially disrupts the meeting is prohibited. Examples include shouting over another recognized speaker, refusing to stop after the allotted time has expired, making a threat of violence, blocking access within the meeting room, or otherwise preventing the Board or the public from hearing or proceeding with the meeting.
- Before directing a speaker to stop or leave the meeting, the presiding officer shall ordinarily identify the rule being violated and provide a reasonable warning and opportunity to comply. Immediate action may be taken when reasonably necessary to address an actual threat or protect the safety of those present.

- These rules shall be administered in a viewpoint-neutral and consistent manner. No person shall receive preferential or unfavorable treatment based upon the person's identity, political position, support for or criticism of the Village, or relationship with a member of the Board

CODE ENFORCEMNT
MONTH END REPORT
September 2026

BUILDING0

Permits issued 38
Inspections 65
Cert, of Occupancy 34
Cert. of Compliance 34
Violations found 05
Violations satisfied 01
Re-Inspections

FEES COLLECTED

Permit fees	$ 14,380.00
Rental Fees	$ 295.00
Cert. of compliances	$ 9,017.50
Zoning fees	$ -0-
Total fees	$ 23,692.50

RENTAL

Permit
Inspections 04
Renewals 17

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Junk Cars found: **-2-** Junk Cars Removed: -0-
Property Maint. Found -3- Removed -1-

MISCELLANEOUS

Annual Fire Inspections: **-29-** Fire Notifications: -1-
Appearance Tickets -2-
Court fines $ -0-
Complaints 10/5 satisfied
Demolitions

Stop Work Orders 0

Stop Work Orders are issued because of improper construction practices, or failure to get building permit:
0

Thirty-Eight Permits generated $ 14,380.00 revenue. The estimated cost of work for the month September was $ 3,802,485.00

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 SEPTEMBER 20 26.

Total number of cases closed: 176

VEHICLE & TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL CASES	VILLAGE ORDINANCES
137	22	8
CIVIL CASES	**ABC LAWS**	**N.Y.S. LAWS**
7	2	0

TOTAL FINES & SURCHARGES $ 8,141.00

PARKING TICKET FINES $ 955.00

TOTAL $ 9,096.00

Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice

Nancy A. Dietzen
Associate Justice

FREDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Office of the Chief of Police

October 5th, 2026

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

	September 2026
INCIDENT TYPE	**INCIDENTS**
Total Incidents Reported	919
Fredonia Central Schools call for Service	2
Accidents	19
Arrest Charges Reported	49
Vehicle and Traffic Stops/Tickets	150/54
Domestic Incidents	26
Parking Tickets	13

Respectfully,

Gregory L. Myers
Chief of Police

"Proudly Serving our Community"

Village of Fredonia

Erlyssa LeBeau
Village of Fredonia
Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2026

Beginning Cash Balance:	$3,678,280.84
Total Monthly Receipts/Deposits:	$814,472.53
Total Monthly Disbursements/Warrants:	$1,592,273.12
Ending Cash Balance:	$2,958,900.70
Annual Budgeted Revenue:	$13,513,138.00
Year to date actual Revenue:	$7,687,993.78
Remaining Revenue Balance:	$5,851,592.88
Year-to-date actual expenditures:	$4,094,391.15
Unexpended budget balance:	$9,084,416.10
Outstanding Bond Principal:	$12,891,982.00
Current Fiscal Year Debt Payments Made:	$407,445.40
Current Fiscal Year Debt Payments Remaining:	$390,792.60

Erlyssa LeBeau

10/13/26

Gmail Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Website Contact Request

1 message

James Lynden <medusashairsalon@gmail.com> Sat, Oct 3, 2026 at 7:07 PM

To: villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov

Please find my letter attached to be read as correspondence by the clerk at the regular village board meeting of October 13th 2026. Thank you.

Trustee Paul Wandel's commentary in The Observer Today provides a notable case study in the deployment of self-aggrandizing trite platitudes within localized political discourse. By attempting to map the individual, athletic variables of marathon endurance onto the institutional, financial, and legal complexities of a multi-million dollar municipal water infrastructure project, the text constructs a fundamentally flawed parallel. This reliance on recycled idiomatic tropes - 'such as crossing the finish line' - functions primarily to center the author's personal accolades rather than supply constituents with the rigorous empirical data essential for transparent local governance. Ultimately, the piece illustrates a common rhetorical strategy wherein superficial abstractions are substituted for the technical and administrative competencies required to oversee public utilities.

James Lynden

Gmail

Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Fwd: Pulaski Street Water

1 message

Andrea Raynor <andreamraynor@gmail.com> Mon, Oct 5, 2026 at 11:25 AM
To: treasurer@villageoffredoniany.gov, villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteewandel@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteelazarony@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteebrauchler@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteemulholland@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteecruz-keefe@villageofredoniany.gov

Good Morning Fredonia board,

My name is Andrea Raynor. My husband Brady and I, as well as our two young children, live at 146 Pulaski Street in the village. I wanted to bring to your attention my frustrations regarding the water at our home.

We have lived in our house since September 2015 and purchased the home from my cousins who lived there for 8 years prior so the water is not a new issue. I have attached a few photos of my water throughout the years.

I have been working with the DPW staff who are wonderful to work with and they have been flushing my hydrant twice a week to alleviate discoloration but that is also a huge annoyance to myself and those on my street because we go without water at that time which is often times when I'm trying to get myself and my children ready for school.

In the below chain, you will find that mayor Ferguson advised he applied for a grant to get an automatic flusher. After that, I have been chasing him for an update since last September. In that time, he has only answered me one time recently but has never provided an actual update.

In talking with both Jen's at DPW, they do not feel that the automatic flusher would make a difference and they both advise that what really would solve the problem would be connecting the lines from ours to Steuben street. My street if you're not familiar, loops around to Steuben. The hydrant is before my home so our home gets all of the stagnant water which, if not constantly flowing, gets the color that you will find in the photos. I have to buy bottled water and Culligan as I am not comfortable ingesting our water.

If you could please discuss this issue at today's board meeting I would very much appreciate it. I have young children and I am very uncomfortable bathing them in this water and feel that I've been patient regarding an update but at this point I am completely frustrated with Mayor Ferguson and feel that as resident almost my entire life that I at least deserve the decency of response and transparency.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My husband Brady is also available to chat as well (716) 397-5930.

Andrea Raynor
(716) 785-0406

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Andrea Raynor** <andreamraynor@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2026 at 9:18 AM
Subject: Re: Pulaski Street Water
To: Michael Ferguson <mayor@villageoffredoniany.gov>
CC: Jennifer Marx-Mikula <dpwclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>, <dpwsupervisor@villageoffredoniany.gov>, <brady.raynor@gmail.com>

Good Morning, Mr. Ferguson

I have responded to your below email previously but wanted to ensure your response stays in my current chain of communication as I previously responded to Jen's email and not yours.

Please advise an update from your below response from September 13th regarding where things stand with the Pulaski street water issue.

Gmail Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Please read at next trustee meeting.

1 message

Patrick Prawel-Sexton <pprawelsexton@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 7, 2026 at 7:00 AM
To: Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>, LeeAnn Lazarony <trusteelazarony@villageoffredoniany.gov>, Christine Cruz-Keefe <trusteecruz-keefe@villageoffredoniany.gov>, trusteemulholland@villageoffredoniany.gov, trusteebrauchler@villageoffredoniany.gov, Paul Wandel <trusteewandel@villageoffredoniany.gov>, mayor@villageoffredoniany.gov

Hello Mayor and Trustees,

It's Pat again and I really want to thank you for your requested reports and your detailed questions to the department heads of our Village. I very much so appreciate everyone who works for our village and provides our village services, and I hope they recognize, that through documentation and consistency, not only is their dedication and hard work shown and discussed during every workshop meeting, it can be specifically appreciated by the villagers during the public speaking portion because it was discussed in the workshop. Your work is invaluable and undyingly appreciated.
I know change is difficult, but I think the solutions that this board is trying to implement only supports you and your departments and will allow you to do your jobs and have what you do documented, so you can be appreciated based on everything you do for us as a village. I hope you all keep an open mind going forward. These are the guidelines our village has needed for a long time and I feel they reflect best practices that should be adopted across our local government.

Regarding the current investigation of one of our own police officers in Fredonia. Although I am incredibly grateful for the services Chief Myers and our individual officers, I find it incredibly ironic that the danger our County DA was spouting when supporting Flock cameras came from inside the house, allegedly. I appreciate the Chief and Village looking into these allegations further but I feel the need to comment on how the dangers of our village do not always come from the villagers or visitors to our village. How can any of you still support the current flock cameras or any future cameras, such as Motorola when the biggest threat to our village for the past decade or so came from someone we were paying from our own taxes, allegedly? The threat is not our average citizen, we do not need to be monitored and we deserve to have our rights preserved and respected by our village officials.
I urge you to ban all flock cameras and future cameras of the like from our village. Stop putting corporations who do not have our best interest in mind, before us, Fredonians.

Thank you for all you do, sincerely.

Patrick Prawel-Sexton