

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
March 18, 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 18th day of March 2024 at 7:30 PM. in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall in Fredonia, New York and public notice of the time and place of this meeting has been given to the news media and conspicuously posted in one or more designated public locations in accordance with Section 104 of the Open Meetings Law.

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:07 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustee present: Brauchler, Espersen, Twichell and Wandel

Mayor Ferguson

ABSENT : Trustee Siracuse

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 March 4, 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.

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 a presentation on Dunkirk at the Opera House and the option of Fredonia getting their water from Dunkirk.He would like money put into the existing system and to become fully compliant with the county and state. Andrew Ludwig stood and addressed the Board re: the Army Corps of Engineers presentation, the chair of the Fredonia Pomfret Republican chair's statements on Facebook; Dunkirk raising its water rates; he would prefer the trustees speak to any one of the issues on camera. Jim Lynden stood too address the Board regarding the rate increase for the North Chautauqua County District; school taxes for the year; and to please rescind the resolution from December 26th

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated March 8, 2023 was received from Police Officer Mike Hodkin on behalf of the Village of Fredonia Police Benevolent Association requesting to use the Water Street Municipal Lot on Sunday April 14, 2024 in relation to the 5th annual Community Cleanup Day.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Request from Michael Hodkin for the use of the Water Street Municipal Lot on Sunday April 14, 2024 from 8 AM to 1 PM in relation to the 5th annual Community Cleanup Day is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PBA and its sponsors cover all the expenses and the event is at no financial cost to the Village.

Correspondence dated Feb. 7, 2024 was received from the Fredonia Fire Chief requesting to transfer Carl O. Brandt to honor roll of the Fenner Hose Company.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Joshua Myers, Fredonia Fire Chief to transfer Carl O. Brandt to the honor roll of the Fenner Hose Company is hereby approved.

Correspondence dated February 1, 2024 was received from the Fredonia Farmers Market, requesting use of Church Street and Barker Common from May 18, 2024 through October 26, 2024.

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

WHEREAS the Farmer's Market has requested the exclusive use of 9-11 Church Street as well as East Barker Commons every Saturday from 7am to 1:30 pm beginning May 18, 2024 through October 26, 2024.

WHEREAS the Farmer's Market is requesting to close Church Street between Temple and Day Street and between Village Hall and Main Street during these hours.

WHEREAS the Farmers Market is required to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village as additionally Insured, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmer's Market has permission for use of 9-11 Church Street as well as the East Barker Commons for approved market vendors each Saturday Morning beginning May 18, 2024 through October 26, 2024 and is subject to the direction and control of the Fredonia Police Department.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that request from the Farmer's Market to use Village Hall downstairs restrooms and equipment shed every Saturday from 7am to 1:30 pm from May 18, 2024 through October 26, 2024 is hereby approved.

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F. MAYOR'S REPORT- on March 4, met with Chautauqua County Health Dept.; met with CSEA to discuss current water projects and the effect it will have; Trustee Espersen and Mayor Ferguson attended the SUNY Job Fair; March 12th began the process of looking for a Recreation Director; presented the proposed 2024 budget to the Trustees; held a press conference at the Fire Dept. regarding the State stipend to support the firefighter recruitment process;

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler- No Report

Espersen- Discrepancy list from Chaut. County Health dept has been completed. Placing water meters on the DPW and the Fire Station. He stated that no party speaks for him.

Siracuse- No Report

Twichell- a resolution passed is a law; and there are questions about the direction of the water agreement; we are currently looking for cable board members if anyone is interested. She does not want Fredonia to buy water directly from Dunkirk.

Wandel- he thinks it is important to prioritize the list from the health dept; and our distribution system needs to be addressed. He is available to the public.

Trustee Twichell stated that because of the agreement that Dunkirk entered with the County, she would not trust the City of Dunkirk at this time.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

1. Code Enforcement Year End Report for 2023 was read and ordered filed.
2. Code Enforcement Report for the month of February 2024 was read and ordered filed.
3. Fredonia Police Department Report for the month of February 2024 was read and ordered filed.
4. Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of February 2024 was read and ordered filed.

J. RESOLUTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following dates and times for individual Department Supervisors to meet with the Board of Trustees regarding the 2024-25 budget, are hereby approved:

Monday, March 25, 2024 11 am

Tues. March 26, 2024 11am

Thursday March 28, 2024 11am

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

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 5-520 of Village Law, the following budget transfers are hereby approved and filed in the Village Clerk's Office at 9-11 Church Street, Fredonia, NY 14063 and available upon request. (see attached)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a letter of support in reference to the Water Street Project, to Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to the Literacy Volunteers of Chautauqua County for the use of the sidewalk and parking spaces in front of 10-12 Park Place for the following dates:

April 27th – National Independent Bookstore Day

Saturday June 8th

Saturday June 15th

Saturday August 3rd – 5th Anniversary Celebration of Move to Fredonia

Saturday August 31st

- use of the sidewalk area adjacent to 10-12 Park Place for sales throughout the calendar year as weather permits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sidewalk permit and a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village as additionally insured in the amount of 1 million dollars will need to be filed in the Clerk's office at least 2 weeks prior to April 15, 2024, and the event is subject to the direction of the Fredonia Police Department.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia requires the upgrading of the Neptune meter reading equipment and software for the Meter Reader; and

WHEREAS, TI Sales, Sudbury, MA, has supplied a quote for a Neptune R900 Belt Clip Transceiver V3 including battery, Neptune MRX920 Mobile Data Collector, and Handheld Tablet Computer as well as the software and training for a total of \$26,416.30; and

WHEREAS, the Neptune meter reading machine and software are suitable for the Village's needs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the Neptune equipment as well as the necessary software for \$26,416.30.

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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 #707 through #710 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 Twichell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Brian Luce is hereby appointed to the Fredonia Village Planning Board as Chairman. This appointment is a change in title and will expire in March in 2025.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Scott Mackay is hereby reappointed to the Fredonia Village Planning Board for a 5-year term, expiring in 2029.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation letter received from Francesca Sysol is here by accepted, effective March 1, 2024.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler and carried unanimously, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:46 PM.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously, the Board exited Executive Session with a vote taken (see minutes) at 8:13 PM.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:14 PM.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE- The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place on Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 9 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

The Next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall. 38

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON
VILLAGE CLERK

