

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
WORKSHOP
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
October 22, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Bradford Lumber to present to the Board

Neil Walker & Sam Burns discuss that there are possible landslides within their timbering locations. They say that their timing will be the most important part of the planning process and that after the logging is done water bars can be placed to assist in deterring landslides. At the property location, there has already been logging done in the past and landslides are always a possibility. The plan would be to harvest again in 8-10 years to rid the overmature and damaged trees to promote the growth. The nearest point to the reservoir is about 800 yards away and 100-150 feet from any stream. The root structures of the trees will remain in the ground and the stump will be left at the height of about six inches; which does not allow for erosion or movement.

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. Police 375i Retirement Chapter 674 Laws 2003
2. Scott Marsh Consultant

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement Office- Zoning board approved Crosby's site plan and is set for the first of the year to begin work. They will be putting in new tanks and the place will be two times the size. The house on Berry Road has been taken down. Would like to remind those advertising for candidates that signs cannot go in the right away and need to be placed in lawns.

DPW- Leaf season is coming, will begin picking up next week, if it does not start this week. This will be Scott's last week and meeting with the Village. Vineyard Drive works, but we were not at a level where we needed to turn it on yet during the conservation order.

Fire Department-Chief Ortolano in for Chief Myers, have been busy, but other than that, nothing to report.

Police Department-Officer Lawson graduating on Friday.

Recreation Department- Trunk or Treat on 10/25 from 11am-1pm. Will be using lower pavilion and parking in upper pavilion parking area to use more of the parking area and less of the streets to park. Please pay attention to barricades. Trick or Treating will take place 4-7p on Halloween.

Wastewater Treatment Plant-Turned in DMR Lab Quality report to DEC for the fourth quarter. WET testing is in process and will be completed by Friday. Still in discussions with Moley on Screw pump number three.

Water Treatment Plant- Chlorine project is underway, excavating has begun. The concrete pouring is waiting for the weather to let up until it is poured. We are almost ready for the water conservation order to be lifted with the rain that we have received.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. 40 plus acres for sale in Cassadaga, resolution for Monday's meeting-discussions on whether we can use the water still coming from Cassadaga. Brauchler would like to donate the property to a conservancy.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Vineyard Drive would be important to open that line to supply some water to conserve reservoir and the lines on Route 20. Was this a one-way deal to get to use North County Water District? Per Twichell

Why would we spend money buying water from the city if we did not need to? Per Espersen

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MEETING MINUTES**

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October 27, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday October 27, 2025 at 6 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Present Twichell, Espersen, Brauchler, Wandel, and Siracuse.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler; the following resolution was approved by a 5-0 vote:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 14, 2025 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 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

Sam Drayo would like to speak on two concerns; one being the benefits plan that is up for a vote. The Village is required to contribute to the retirement plan. How much is it going to cost the residents? This should be included in the resolution. The second is the Glasgow Park resolution. The resolution that is in place from 1931 and 1932 should be reviewed before anything takes place. The park is located on a lake and a SEQR will be required before the property is sold. This property cannot be sold and can be useful to the Village as a backup with Cassadaga water. Lastly the North County Water District owes the County over five million dollars and the Village will be the largest user. We should not be responsible for paying back that debt. Is there a draft contract and why is it not available for the public to review?

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated October 20, 2025 was received from the staff at Village Hall requesting the day after Thanksgiving (November 28, 2025) off.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Espersen; the following resolution was approved by a 5-0 vote:

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BE IT RESOLVED that Village Hall Offices will be closed Friday November 28th 2025 (the day after Thanksgiving) and that each Village Employee will use a personal/vacation day.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT-

10/15 Attended the wake of Carl Brandt; firefighter of the Village. Also attended the White Cane Walk. Here, it was brought up that the Eagle Street and Route 20 tones are not working, this is being worked on by the state as this was part of their project.

10/16 Attended the funeral of Carl Brandt

10/16 Met with Spectrum news on the draught. Thank you to the DPW, emergency management, and Luis Fred for their work on the draught.

Also attended the 80th birthday celebration of Mary Privatera.

As promised, held the pizza party for the Dunkirk High School football team for the win over Fredonia last year. Last Friday, Fredonia won the trophy back with a 16-9 win.

Spoke on the viewpoint last Thursday.

On the 22nd, met with Chief Myers to go over the emergency winter plan.

Trunk or Treat had a tremendous turnout. Trick or Treat hours will be from 4-7pm on Halloween.

Doug Bunge has been put in the supervisor position at the DPW until a new one is hired.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler-*Would like to extend congrats to Scott for retirement.*

Espersen-*The resolution for the Glasgow property doesn't say we are selling the property. This is permission to list the property for sale. We are trying to figure out how much it is worth. The Village would have to apply for a permit to withdraw water from Cassadaga from the DEC and the DEC would turn us down.*

Siracuse-*Attended Trunk or Treat, congrats to Angela on her first event as Recreation Director; she did great.*

Twichell-*Attended Trunk or Treat, Angela did a great job. Everyone kept moving, was a great time.*

Wandel-*Would like to express gratitude to those involved in the water shortage; Luis Fred, Chief Myers and the DOH team for helping navigate through this serious event.*

On 10/20 at the water plant, the chlorination project was underway, SOP's are a little behind schedule due to the number of projects that are happening. The intake structure is being fabricated offsite and will be brought to be put in place by the divers. The Town issued the building permit necessary for the project.

Met with the Treasurer to discuss finances as well as the fund balances and the allegations made by the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

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H. TREASURER'S REPORT – ATTACHED

I. ADDITIONAL REPORT-

**CODE ENFORCEMENT SEPTEMBER 2025
POLICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025**

J. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Wandel; the following resolution was approved by a 5-0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia does hereby elect to provide, pursuant to Chapter 674 of the Laws of 2003, the age 55 retirement without benefit reduction of Section 375- or 375-j of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel; the following resolution was approved by a 4-1 vote; with Trustee Twichell voting no:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia requires a consultant for the Department of Public Works and,

WHEREAS, Scott Marsh was the previous DPW Supervisor and knows the operations thoroughly; and

WHEREAS, Scott Marsh is willing and able to continue to provide consulting at a rate of \$35/hr. to assist on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$10,000 annually; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to retain the services of Scott Marsh.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel; the following resolution was voted down by a 3-2 vote; with Trustee Twichell, Brauchler, and Wandel all voting no:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia owns property on Glasgow Road in the Town of Pomfret and,

WHEREAS, the property SBL number is 065889-181.00-2-1 and is 43.10 acres and,

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to list the property located at SBL 065889-181.00-2-1 on Glasgow Road in the Town of Pomfret for sale.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

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Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler entered executive session at 6:36pm to discuss lawsuits that we are a part of was approved by a 5 – 0 vote.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Espersen to exit executive session at 7:06pm was approved by a 5 – 0 vote.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Espersen, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:07 pm.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop will take place Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 9AM and Board of Trustees Meeting on November 10, 2025 at 6 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall, Board Meeting.

**ERLYSSA LEBEAU
DEPUTY CLERK**

Michelle's Comments 10-27-2025 in regards to selling Glasgow Park

I would like to refer to the SEQRA Handbook page 183

Municipalities are required to obtain the permission of the State Legislature to alienate parkland via a legislative bill signed by the Governor.

A municipality must complete a SEQRA before adopting its resolution to alienate parkland.



FREDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Office of the Chief of Police
David E. Price – Chief of Police

October 16, 2025

To: Honorable Village Mayor and Trustees
Re: 2025 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Attached please find the Fredonia Police Department monthly report for;

SEPTEMBER 2025	
INCIDENT TYPE	INCIDENTS
Total Incidents Reported	644
Fredonia Central Schools call for Service	4
Accidents	17
Arrests Reported	30
Vehicle and Traffic Incidents	95
Domestic Incidents	10
Parking Tickets	7

Respectfully,

David E. Price
Chief of Police



**CODE ENFORCEMENT
MONTH END REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2025**

BUILDING

Permits issued	25
Inspections	40
Cert. of Occupancy	07
Cert. of Compliance	18
Violations	04
Violations satisfied	01

FEEES COLLECTED

Building Permit	\$ 5,253.49
Rental fees	\$ 170.00
Cert. of compliances	\$ 200.00
Electrical license fees	\$ 300.00
Hearings, water, sewer	\$ 600.00
Total fees	\$ 6,523.49

RENTAL

Permit
Inspection 04
Renewals 02

PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE

Property Maint. Found -0- Removed -0-
Junk cars & Parts Found -0- Removed -0-

MISCELLANEOUS

Annual Fire Inspections: -2- Fire Notifications: 1
Appearance Tickets -0-
Complaints 3/2 satisfied
Demolitions

Stop Work Orders 1

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

Thirty-five Permits generated \$ 5,253.49 in revenue. The estimated cost of work for the month of September was 486,301.00