

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
July 7, 2025
6 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday July 7, 2025 at 6 PM

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

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 June 23, 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.

James Lynden-The resolution that was just passed in support of the engineering project is a continuation of illogical spending. The state frowns on throwing away the grants that were previously received; which is what the Village will be doing if we just shut down our plant. Fredonia is already an intermunicipal water utility; we do not need to purchase water from Lake Erie to satisfy the dream of using Lake Erie water for those on the Board. Buying water from Dunkirk is going to cost many millions more for residents than just spending the money on our own system.

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

A “Doing Letter” dated June 12, 2025 was received from the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department Incorporated for Board approval.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the “Doing Letter” of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Company Incorporated is hereby approved.

Correspondence dated June 4, 2025 was received from Steven Waterson; Community Relations Director of The Resource Center/Filling the Gap, Inc. requesting permission to sell newspapers downtown in the Village on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 from 6am to 9am for the annual “Laurel Run” edition.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Laurel Run Planning Committee’s request to sell newspapers within the downtown Village on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 from 6 to 9am is hereby approved.

Correspondence dated June 4, 2025 was received from Steven Waterson; Community Relations Director of The Resource Center/Filling the Gap, Inc. requesting permission to allow participants of the “Laurel Run” to pass through Fredonia with the accompaniment of a patrol unit on Friday, July 18, 2025 between 12 and 12:30pm.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Laurel Run Planning Committee’s request to allow participants to pass through Fredonia with the accompaniment of a patrol unit on Friday, July 18, 2025 between 12 and 12:30pm is hereby approved.

F. MAYOR’S REPORT- Would like to commend Fire Chief Joshua Myers and his staff; a young boy was lost by the creek and was found safe and sound. Thank you to all of those involved. Again, repeating that it is important to obey the crosswalks; it is the law to wait for people to get on the curb. Would like to congratulate Angry Squirrel for winning “America’s Best Restaurant”. I would like to wish great success to the Laurel Run committee as well as mention that the Farm Fest is doing a great job and things are coming along well. “NY Alert” reminder, it is a free program to keep people informed. Unless we start moving ahead with on our spillway/dam we are also in danger of a flood as just happened in Texas.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler-Would also like to wish the Laurel Run a great success and acknowledge that the Farm Fest is doing a great job.

Espersen- Had another meeting with multiple municipalities regarding the Fire District as well as the attorney assisting putting all the information together. The municipalities in attendance are taking all information back to their respective stations and we will meet again soon, more to follow. Met with a company about EV charging stations; continuing to look into the cost and

options of placement if we choose to proceed. Also, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the White Inn.

Siracuse-No report

Twichell-Attended ribbon cutting ceremony at the White Inn; would like to encourage people to visit and see the work that was put into the building. There were 337 kids registered for the recreation program this year. The Fredonia pool is closed through the end of this week, the first picnic is this week and all are welcome to attend. Would like to thank Jake and Josh from DPW as well as Chief Price and Scott Marsh for all of their help getting everything started.

Wandel-LaBella visited water plant as part of the chlorine project process. This project has begun and will continue to provide updates as we have them. Reached out to Municipal Solutions to see what they can offer the Village.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS- None

J. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Bracuhler and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was approved by a 5 – 0 vote:

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

- \$41,250 from F599 Water Fund Balance to H8330.2 FEMA Engineering Study

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was approved by a 5 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS, the Village continues to review ways to improve its water system in order to maintain safe and reliable drinking water for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village was approved for a grant through FEMA to perform a study on three options including drawing-down the normal pool and rehabilitating the dam, reconstructing the spillway and dam configuration, or decommissioning of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the Village's portion of the one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) grant will be forty-one thousand two-hundred fifty dollars (\$41,250) to perform the study and provide the information that would allow for the Village to obtain more grant funding with their water source option.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute and accept the contract with FEMA and will pay forty-one thousand two-hundred fifty dollars (\$41,250) twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant funding that the Village is expected to contribute to the cost of the project.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was approved by a 5 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS the agreement with the Pomfret Water District requires Village approval for all new water services; and

WHEREAS the Town of Pomfret has received the application of a residential water, within the Berry Road water district, service at 9691 Chautauqua Road; owned by Marc Pacos, and

WHEREAS The Pomfret Town Board has this on their agenda to approve the application at the Town Board Meeting, July 9th, 2025, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Fredonia hereby approves the residential water service connection at 9691 Chautauqua Road, Fredonia, NY.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Siracuse, the following resolution was approved by a 5 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS, The Village is responsible for the building repairs at the library; and

WHEREAS, Jamestown Roofing Company, Jamestown, NY has offered a quote in the amount of two thousand five-hundred (\$2,500) to make the necessary repairs to the roof; and

WHEREAS, the roof repairs are necessary for the Village of Fredonia; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes Jamestown Roofing Company to make the necessary roof repairs to the library in the amount of two thousand five-hundred (\$2,500).

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting no:

WHEREAS, The Village requires two new sets of structural gear for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Emergency Services, Poughkeepsie, NY has provided a quote for ten thousand nine-hundred ninety-six dollars and four cents (\$10,996.04) for the structural gear; and

WHEREAS, the gear is suitable for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the two sets of structural gear from Municipal Emergency Services for ten thousand nine-hundred ninety-six dollars and four cents (\$10,996.04).

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board hereby authorizes the truck committee; Chief Joshua Myers, Assistant Chief Chuck Ortolano, Captain Daniel Aldrich, and Firefighter Tyler Cloos to travel to Wyoming, MN to the Rosenbauer plant to perform the final inspection of the fire pumper, at no cost to the Village

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting no:

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

- \$19,500 from F599 Water Fund Balance to F8330.44 Purification Contractual

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

WHEREAS, the Village continues to review ways to improve its water system in order to maintain safe and reliable drinking water for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Engineer of Record, LaBella Associates, has the professional expertise to perform the grant writing process as well as work with support staff on intermunicipal agreements which are necessary for the grant applications; and

WHEREAS, LaBella has submitted a proposal in the amount of nineteen thousand five-hundred (\$19,500) to perform the engineering services to support the intermunicipal agreements as well as the submission of the EFC state water grants in the amount of nineteen thousand five-hundred dollars (\$19,500); therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign the work order with LaBella to perform the EFC grant writing as well as the engineering services in support of intermunicipal agreements in the amount of nineteen thousand five-hundred (\$19,500.00).

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Siracuse, the following resolution was approved by a 5 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendations of Kayla Sullivan, Director, Fredonia-Pomfret Recreation Department, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the seasonal positions for the 2025 Summer Recreation Programs effective immediately:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these hires will be effective immediately at minimum wage (\$15.50) an hour, unless otherwise noted, and ending August 1, 2025:

1. Owen Caserta Fredonia, NY 14063

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse entered into executive session at 6:26pm to discuss personnel issues was approved by a 5 – 0 vote.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Espersen to exit executive session at 6:40pm was approved by a 5 – 0 vote.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:41 pm.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees workshop will take place Wednesday July 16, 2025 9 PM in the Trustees Room, second floor, Village Hall, Board Meeting.