

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
June 24, 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 24th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 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, June 24, 2024 at 7:01 PM

Mayor Ferguson showed a 3 minute video of a Channel 7 News clip.

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees present: Brauchler, Espersen, Siracuse, Twichell, Wandel.
Present: Mayor Ferguson

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 approved:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of June 10, 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. Jim Lynden stood and addressed the Board regarding the Prohousing Community Program, urging the Board to not pass the resolution. Marcia Johnson stood and addressed the Board in support of the Prohousing Community Program.

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated June 1, 2024 was received from New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, requesting membership dues for the year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village pay **Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$4283.00)** for its Annual 2024-2025 Membership Dues to the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials.
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F. MAYOR'S REPORT- Citizens Advisory Council will be formed by the Mayor; Council on derelict properties will be formed; NYMS awards will be issued soon; attended the Empire State Development presentation in Celeron NY; met with a regional developer on June 12th in Buffalo; attended the meeting of New York State Mayors and Supervisors; GOBIKE plans were finalized on June 13th, tables will be set up at the Farmers Market so that the public can see the plans. He presented a proclamation to the garden club on June 15th, celebrating their 100th Anniversary; attended a ribbon cutting for the Chamber of Commerce for the expansion of 21 Brix Winery; attended a Juneteenth celebration at Veterans Park in the City of Dunkirk; met with the American Legion on June 17 to discuss the upcoming "pup" crawl to raise money for dogs for Veterans; attended the Farm Festival Board meeting on Saturday with Trustee Brauchler; he was the emcee of the Fredonia Italian Festival; the Prohousing plan was given to the Fredonia Planning Board, the mayor read their letter; he read a letter from Peter Baines in support of the Prohousing Community Plan.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler – attended the Farm Festival Board Meeting, and the Garden Clubs celebration

Espersen – workshop at Clarion gave him a chance to speak to Frank Plagiese regarding the issues facing the Village and he will take that message back to the Governor; took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Lake Erie Medical Services; attended the Italian Festival and thanked the Beaver Club; he does not agree that the county misled the Village with the numbers regarding water usage; he would like to look at a plan for a drought situation this year.

Siracuse-spoke about the capacity of our Reservoir; working with Elyssa on some personnel issues.

Twichell – Summer registration will take place June 27th from 5 -7 pm and Sat June 29th from 9 – 11 am; Trustee Twichell read a statement regarding the Prohousing Community Initiative and the Village's Water Filtration Plant.

Wandel-met with Scott Marsh last week, discussed status of DPW and employees; micro-paving will take place with Chips money; SUNY sewer line project ongoing; winter plowing may be an issue due too the condition of our plow truck.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT – Village taxes are due without penalty by July 1, 2024. She will have to fiscal end of year report for the next meeting.

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

1. Fredonia Police Report for the month of May 2024 was read and ordered filed.
2. Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of May 2024 was read and ordered filed.

J. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse, the following resolution was passed by a 4 -1 vote; Trustee Twichell voting nay.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia, NY (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

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WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Fredonia, NY to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse and carried unanimously, the following resolution was moved to be tabled and included in the agenda for the June 26, 2024 Special Meeting and Public Hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Schedule of Workshops and Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia for the period of July 2024 thru December 2024, as set forth and attached to these minutes is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish said notice in the Observer and to mail a copy of said schedule to WDOE radio, the Jamestown Post Journal and Holly Hewitt of the Buffalo News.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Eryssa LeBeau, Treasurer, to attend the University of Buffalo' Grant Management two-day workshop on August 1 – 2, 2024 at a cost not to exceed **Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650)** is hereby approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Mayor Michael Ferguson, to attend the NYCOM Community Revitalization Conference, July 10 – 11, 2024 at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center in Oswego NY not to exceed **Four Hundred Dollars (\$400)**, is hereby approved.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia (“Village”) and CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO Village of Fredonia Unit 6313 of Local 807 (“CSEA”), are parties to a collective bargaining agreement (“Contract”), which is current and in effect; and

WHEREAS, the CSEA filed a grievance regarding overtime assignments at the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of resolving this matter without proceeding to arbitration and to acknowledge the practice previously permitted by the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Village and CSEA agree to the following:

1. Section 10.02 provides that all permanent employees will have an equal opportunity for overtime and that if an employee in line refuses overtime, then the refusal will be counted as his/her turn for overtime.
2. When there are overtime opportunities at the Department of Public Works, the Supervisor will offer overtime to all permanent employees on a rotating basis to ensure that they have an equal opportunity for overtime.
3. If all operators refuse the available overtime, the Supervisor may perform the operator work that is the exclusive bargaining work of CSEA. CSEA waives any claim that such work is exclusive when all operators have refused the overtime work and the Supervisor is performing such work.
4. The Village agrees to remit payment for the missed overtime as requested in the next payroll run.
5. The parties agree that the grievance is hereby resolved in full.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Steven Waterson, Community Relations Director, on behalf of the 28th Annual Laurel Run, to use various Village Street corners to sell a special edition of the Observer on July 10, 2024 is hereby approved, subject to the direction of the Fredonia Police Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the volunteers shall take all precautions including use of group leaders and the Board requests that the volunteers shall stay off the streets and be restricted to the sidewalk street corners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request to use various Village streets for the 2024 Annual Laurel Run on Friday, July 19, 2024 is hereby approved, subject to the direction and escort of the Fredonia Police Department and the Village receiving a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1 million naming the Village as an additional insured which it has already been received.

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Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse and carried unanimously, the following resolution was moved to be tabled.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Village of Fredonia Clerk to advertise for a Seasonal Laborer with the Department of Public Works for a maximum of 1,000 hours, or eight weeks.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday June 26th at 6:30 PM in the Trustee Room regarding the USDA Grant for miscellaneous equipment.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Siracuse and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON
VILLAGE CLERK