

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
September 16, 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 16th day of September, 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.

Mayor Ferguson started the meeting by reading a proclamation for the FEED FREDONIA CHALLENGE and taking a photo of the participants.

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday September 16, 2024 at 7:05 PM

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

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 September 3, 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. Dade Sedota stood to address the Board regarding the Board's ability to hear and listen to residents for past decisions, and hopes that will take place for the Fredonia Water situation as to where we will be getting our water, she disagrees with a plan to pump water "up a hill." Rob Clark stood and addressed the Board regarding one trustee's mission to change our water supply, in his opinion. He would like the Trustees to be clear minded, independent, and objective. Clerk read a letter from a resident – See Attached

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Company requesting to remove the following names from the active roll: Kayleigh Kujawa; Kathleen Morano; Isaiah Rosado.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove the names Kayleigh Kujawa; Kathleen Morano; Isaiah Rosado from the active roll is hereby approved.

Correspondence dated September 6, 2024 was received from the Reverend Holly Clark-Porter requesting Village endorsement for the annual Feeding Fredonia Challenge and Festival.
Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby endorses Fredonia Presbyterian Church's **Feeding Fredonia Challenge and Festival** to be held this year from October 6 - 18, 2024. A food donation box will be placed in Village Hall.

Correspondence was received from William E. Matteson, Executive Director of the COPE Foundation requesting to hold a "Walk to Remember" on September 29, 2024.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from William E. Matteson to hold a "Walk to Remember" on Saturday September 28, 2024 is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the memorial walk will begin at 1:00 PM at Harvest Chapel Church, 39 Matteson Street, continue down Temple Street and conclude at the new Memory Garden located at 25 Church Street and refreshments will be available at the Barker Common Gazebo. 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 the event. **9/17/24 Clerk received the Certificate of Insurance**

Correspondence dated August 27, 2024 was received from Mr. Robert Wisniewski, requesting permission to place a plaque on a Barker Common bench in honor of the late Thomas Fisher.

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 Mr. Wisniewski to place a plaque on a Barker Common bench in honor of the late Village of Fredonia Policeman, Thomas Fisher, is hereby approved.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT- 9/7 CONGRATULATE Festivals Fredonia on the RWB successful festival; 9/7 started the "Assisted Living" week; 9/10 announced that United Way will combine north and south into one United Way; Chaut Co. work group will be partnering with SUNY Fredonia placemaking has named the GOBIKE project in the top 5 of Chaut County; 9/12 he had his weekly financial meeting with the Treasurer. 9/13 special meeting held re: Canadaway Creek project; attended a legislative meeting in Mayville on 9/16 to discuss options for the Village's water project.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler- he stated that the Board will consider and listen to options moving forward with water project.

Espersen- attended a NCCWD meeting last week and the following was approved: contract 23-25-311 was passed to provide and conducting initial evaluation water system for a potential interconnect with NCCWD at a cost not to exceed 69,900.00. The deadline is due to the fact that we don't want to miss funding opportunities. He reminded people that Trustees have the authority to put resolutions on the agenda.

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Siracuse- resolution for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 26 11 – 1; contracts for all 3 unions have been passed out and meetings will be scheduled.

Twichell-read a statement.

Wandel- stated that he is listening to the public and their wishes; met with Scott Marsh re: lead pipe program; he believes we need to chase grants for the Village; a “slipline” technique may work in our community; Firehall meter is installed. micropaving will be done on various streets in the Village.

H. TREASURER’S REPORT –

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

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

J. RESOLUTIONS-

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

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

- \$7,000 from A5142.411 Snow Removal Salt to H5110.2 Street Sander Control System
- \$5,000 from A4540.43 Ambulance Training to A3410.43 Fire Protection Training

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the purchase of pumps to ensure redundancy for the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Siewert Equipment, Rochester, NY provided a quote for the purchase of two (2) Verder Peristaltic Pumps in the amount of \$9,490.00; and

WHEREAS, the pumps are necessary for the Village’s purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the two (2) Verder Peristaltic Pumps from Siewert Equipment in the amount of **\$9,490.00**.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the purchase of a snow salter system for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Boyles Motor Sales, Jamestown, NY provided a quote for the purchase and installation of a Force 5100Ex sander control system for \$7,000; and

WHEREAS, the salter is necessary for the Village’s purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the Force 5100EX sander control system and installation for \$7,000 from Boyles Motor Sales.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Noah C. Coffaro, Lakewood, NY is hereby appointed, provisionally, as full-time Firefighter/Paramedic with the Village of Fredonia Fire Department effective September 16, 2024 at a rate of **twenty-dollars and thirty-three cents (\$23.73)** per hour.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia's Recreation Department wishes to hold a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 26, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the "Trunk or Treat" event will take place at Russell Joy Park upper pavilion and participants will trick or treat among parked vehicles, enjoy cider and donuts and entertainment from various musical performers between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., on October 26, 2024, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fredonia's Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event is hereby approved and is subject to the direction of the Fredonia Police Department.

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

WHEREAS Water Operator Trainee, Jonah Brock, Dunkirk, NY, successfully passed the Chautauqua County Health Department On-Site Assessment Test, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Jonah Brock is hereby promoted to Water Treatment Plant Operator, effective immediately at a rate of **twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$22.25)** per hour.

Correspondence dated September 16, 2024 was received from Luis Fred, supervisor of the Water Treatment Plant, requesting to send Corbin Dissell to Basic Laboratory Skills Training.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Luis Fred to send Corbin Dissell to Basic Laboratory Skills Training, September 18, 2024 at JCC North Campus at a cost not to exceed **One Hundred-Twenty Dollars (\$120.00)** is hereby approved.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION- N/A

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

The next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Monday September 30, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

ANNEMARIE JOHNTON