

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
9-11 Church Street  
Fredonia, NY 14063  
August 19, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 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, August 19, 2024 at 7:01 PM

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

Trustee Espersen answered some questions that Trustee Twichell had asked him at the Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> workshop.

**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 August 5, 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. No one stood to address the Board so the mayor closed the public portion.

Mayor Ferguson read correspondence from Chautauqua County Health Department, Natalie Whitman. – see attached.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

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**A letter of resignation was received from Daniel Berg, retiring as a firefighter/paramedic with the Village of Fredonia Fire Department.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Daniel Berg, Fredonia, NY as a full-time firefighter and paramedic with the Village of Fredonia Fire Department is hereby approved, effective September 20, 2024.

**Correspondence dated August 7, 2024 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Company requesting to remove Jonathan Tresler from the active roll.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to remove Jonathan Tresler, Fredonia, from the active roll is hereby approved.

**Correspondence dated August 7, 2024 was received from the secretary of the Fredonia Volunteer Company requesting to add the following names to the active roll: Rebecca McDonnell Paige; Kelsy Berg; Michael Petsch.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request to add the names Rebecca McDonnell Paige, Fredonia, Kelsy Berg, Fredonia, and Michael Petsch, Brocton, to the active roll is hereby approved.

**Correspondence dated July 24, 2024 was received from Jeff Woodard, Director of Marketing & Communications at SUNY Fredonia, requesting to hang banners on Temple Street and Central Avenue welcoming students back to campus for the 2024-25 year.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Director of Marketing and Communications at SUNY Fredonia, to hang banners on Temple Street and Central Avenue, welcoming SUNY Students back to campus from August 16 – 30, 2024 is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DFT has been contacted and is receptive to said request.

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**Correspondence dated July 27, 2024 was received from Festivals Fredonia requesting the use of village property on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> for the Harvest Moon Cemetery Tour.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Festivals Fredonia to hold the Harvest Moon Festival and Tours on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 7 PM to 11 PM in Barker Common East & West is hereby approved along with the following:

1. Use of West Parker Common Gazebo during the tour hours from 7PM to 11PM. We will have horse drawn carriages that will load passengers at the Gazebo site and return them to that place afterwards. We will also use the Gazebo for ticket distribution. We will need the Gazebo lights turned on.
2. Please bag meters and spaces around the perimeter of West Barker Common, including the nearest side of Park Street. This permits the carriages to widen their turns around the park to the Gazebo.
3. Please permit the horse drawn carriages (2) to remain in the parking lot on the other side of Darwin's Health Club, near the bridge. They will need to remain there Friday(10/18) night, but will be gone by Saturday night (10/19) after the tour, unless something changes.
4. Possible carriage route to the White Inn, not definitive yet.
5. Pumpkin carving/decorating contest on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Gazebo.

**F. MAYOR'S REPORT-**

Mayor congratulated Todd Langworthy and Kayla Sullivan for their work for the success of Summer Music Series. Attended the Chadwick Bay Advisory Committee meeting via zoom; Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> began budget discussions; Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> met with Scott Marsh re: parking spot changes and pre-paving; met with Jim Sedota about current programs; Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> began discussion with Town of Pomfret re: Fire and EMS contract negotiations; Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> Attended National Night Out; Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> attended 3 Lakes Café opening; Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> met via zoom with the NYMS committee to award final bids; Aug 12<sup>th</sup> met with interested parties for the occupancy of the WCA Home; Aug 15<sup>th</sup> attended a CSEA grievance meeting; Aug 17<sup>th</sup> attended the Risley Family Reunion and gave a proclamation, returning to Fredonia. Risley Family came to Fredonia in the early 1800's.

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Brauchler-** working with the Farm Festival Committee and excited about the upcoming festival.  
**Espersen-**met with Jason Sandborn with Johnson Controls re: WWTP. Participated in Embrace Fredonia Trivia Bar crawl, it was a success; Monday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> is the next Cannabis Committee meeting. Farm Festival is still looking for volunteers.

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**Siracuse**-working through some personnel issues and a reminder that the Village is still accepting applications for full and part-time firefighter paramedic.

**Twichell**-attended the picnic for the Darwin Barker Library Museum. We have a wonderful group of people working at the library. She encouraged resident to come and see the museum.

**Wandel**- GOBIKE project started last week, he was there too witness it in action. He met with a company called Coast Stream to address cyber security at our water plants; Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> , Motion AI will visit our WWTP to enhance and improve the valve operation; water system and asset management training; Michael Kessler, engineering director for the Town of Tonawanda, responsible for the WWTP. Trustee Wandel met with him to see how they run their plant; Mike will visit our operations to give us some pointers on efficiency and grant opportunities;

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT** – This past April, the Treasurer applied for the congressional spending for water projects and today she received an email stating that Kristin Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer have placed Fredonia on their appropriations list for the upcoming budget.

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

1. Fredonia Police Department Report for the month of July 2024 was read and ordered filed.
2. Code Enforcement Report for the month of July 2024 was read and ordered filed.
3. Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of July 2024 was read and ordered filed.

**J. RESOLUTIONS-**

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

WHEREAS, various devices and equipment in Village Hall are no longer considered of use to the Village of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the sale of these items would provide greater value to the Village than their retention; and

WHEREAS, Auctions International, Inc., 11167 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY having experience in the sale of government assets by on-line auction, has offered to provide said services to the Village; and

WHEREAS, some of the items are: monitors, keyboards, several pieces of old, outdated video and audio recording equipment, tripods, and headphones, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the sale of said items by Auctions International Inc., per the cost of service per the existing contract.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia hereby schedules a Public Hearing on Tuesday, the 3rd day of September 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Trustees Room, second floor, Village Hall, Fredonia NY to receive comments from the public regarding the Village of Fredonia's proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 entitled "A local law amending Section 297-21.3B of the Code of the Village of Fredonia to Change Number of Allotted Dogs and for on Premises."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish said notice of said hearing pursuant to Village Law.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2024**

**This local law shall be entitled "Local Law Amending Section 297-21.3B. of the Code of the Village of Fredonia to Change Number of Allotted Dogs and for on Premises."**

**Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia as follows:**

**Section 1. Section 297-21.3B of the Code of the Village of Fredonia, is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Section 297-21.3B. Animals within the Village of Fredonia:**

**B. Not more than a total of four dogs and four cats may be kept on any one premises except kennels as defined by this article as are permitted in the C-2 District.**

**Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York as required by law.**

**ESPERSEN/BRAUCHLER- This resolution was replaced by the Board with the more specific and more descriptive resolution regarding Brendan Pieszak being paid to go to training below.**

WHEREAS, The Village requires paramedics for the Fire Department; and  
WHEREAS, Brenden Pieszak, Village of Fredonia Firefighter will be attending paramedic training for the upcoming thirteen months beginning August 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Village will be paying Pieszak for the time in which he will be attending classes; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes Brenden Pieszak to be paid by the Village for his attendance at paramedic training.

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WHEREAS, Brenden Pieszak, Village of Fredonia Firefighter will be attending paramedic training for the upcoming thirteen months beginning August 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the Village will be paying Pieszak his regular salary, not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours, unless he is scheduled to work more than forty-eight (48) hours at the fire station; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes Brenden Pieszak to be paid his regular forty-eight (48) hour schedule while attending paramedic school.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Treasurer Erlyssa LeBaeu to attend the NYCOM Fall Training from September 16 to 20, 2024 in Saratoga Springs at a cost not to exceed **Nineteen Hundred Dollars (\$1900)** is hereby approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Chuck Labarber and Tom Kawski of the Village of Fredonia Code Enforcement Office to attend the Western Southern Tier Building Officials (WSTBOA) Educational Conference from September 11 – 13, 2024 at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel at a cost of **Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars each (\$275 = \$550)** is hereby approved

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Village Hall Offices will be closed on August 23, 2024 (the Friday of Farm Festival) and that each Village Employee will use a personal/vacation day.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the closure of Canadaway Street for hose testing on September 4, 2024 from 7 am to 5 pm is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both directions from West Lot to Water Street (local traffic only) will be closed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that southbound from Main St to West lot, (Northbound/lot exit to Main St will remain open) This will allow traffic to access the West Lot and businesses through the one-way alleys and exit via Canadaway.

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**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE-**

The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place Wednesday August 28, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday Sept. 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

The next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Tuesday September 3, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON

VILLAGE CLERK

