

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
May 27, 2025**

During the workshop LaBalla presented the findings on the engineering study to include the North County Water District as an option for the Village to receive water instead of its own reservoir.

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday May 27, 2025 at 8:02 PM

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

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 4-0 vote:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of May 12, 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

Anastasia Landis-was out of town for budget meetings, but would like to speak on the budget. If she had ever proposed a tax rate increase such as the one in place, she would have resigned. The budget is not sustainable and we knew that last year when creating the budget with the 6% tax increase. The budget was overspent by between \$1.3 and \$1.9 million dollars and now asking the Village to foot the bill. What am I getting for the additional money that I am paying? What are the visions/goals for the year? If continuing down this path the Village will be bankrupt, is that what you are trying to do?

Sam Drayo-There are no specifics to the auditing resolution. There are no specifics to the water connection request. As for the damage to the urns on the fountain, thank you to Tom Annear for

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assisting with this. Has the board met with the insurance company about this? When will cameras be placed in the park?

Mark Twichell-has a huge trust issue with the water. The county is using money from general fund to pay for North County Water District. The connections that are already in place for the Village to use the NCWD as a backup source do not work as they were supposed to. The Village was supposed to be an emergency supply source with the NCWD. The contract with them is in breach because the connections do not work and no one seems to care. Concerned with LaBella not having completed the SEQR yet as that was the issue with the last proposed water connection. When and will they comply this time?

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated May 17, 2025 was received from Maxwell Walters; Darwin Barker Library requesting permission to place two portable restrooms in the Village parking lot for the Lafayette Bicentennial Jubilee event on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler; the following resolution was approved by a 4-0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Darwin Barker Library has permission to place two portable restrooms in the Village parking lot on June 3, 2025 for the Lafayette Bicentennial Jubilee event.

Correspondence dated May 13, 2025 was received from Ann Eckman; Board of Directors of Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care, requesting permission to block off four spaces in front of the WCA home on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10am to 12pm to release butterflies in honor of loved ones.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Wandel; the following resolution was approved by a 4-0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care has permission to block off four spaces in front of WCA home on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10am to 12pm.

Correspondence dated May 12, 2025 was received from Maisie Strader; a SUNY Fredonia student and General Manager of Fredonia Radio Systems requesting use of Barker Commons on September 27, 2025 from 7am to 7pm to hold Rockin' in the Commons.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler; the following resolution was approved by a 4-0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that Fredonia Radio Systems has permission to hold the Rockin' in the Commons event at Barker Commons on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 7am to 7pm.

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F. MAYOR'S REPORT- Progress is being made on the summer recreation program. The VFW and American Legion put on a ceremony for Memorial Day that I participated in in the park. The piano was placed back in Barker Commons, with work being done by McKenzie Sheldon. Attended a meeting on the Fredonia reservoir safety and resiliency funding that may be a possibility for the Village depending on the direction the Village chooses for the water. Discussions are being had on the option of the creation of a fire district with communities surrounding the Village. There are also discussions (Tim Carle) on the County taking over Central Avenue since they already maintain most of the road.

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler-No report

Espersen-The grant that the mayor was discussing for the reservoir safety and resiliency funding is a matching grant. The Village's portion would be \$41,500. We will be submitting the information from the engineering study so FEMA is able to review the study, but this will be put off until we determine what our long-term decision is going to be.

Siracuse-Absent

Twichell-Attended the Lake Erie Commission meeting for work behind the fire hall. Currently waiting on paperwork from Albany to move ahead with that project. There are Fredonia residents throwing grass clippings in the creek, which must stop. It is spreading knot weed, which is not good for the creek. The Lafayette event is coming up on June 3rd.

Wandel-Has received specs for generator requirements from Luis for the plant so we can get quotes to replace it. Had a meeting with the mayor to discuss Village business. Had a meeting with Motion AI at Wast Water plant to discuss different pieces of equipment within the plant and the need for the implementation of a SCADA system.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT -yes

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

Building Inspector for the month of April 2025

Court Report for the month of April 2025

Fire Department report for the month of April 2025

J. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

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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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Clayton Frazier | 25 Chestnut Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 2. Keegan Whitfield | 19 Central Ave Apt 4 | Fredonia, NY |
| 3. Francesca Pucci | 16 Birchwood Dr | Fredonia, NY |
| 4. Julia LeBaron | 167 Temple Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 5. Jon Mann | 40 Eagle Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 6. Abigail Joy | 187 Liberty Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 7. Elizabeth Joy | 187 Liberty Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 8. Cecelia Donisi | 739 Eagle Street | Dunkirk, NY |
| 9. Brady Crawford | 9 Woodcrest Drive | Fredonia, NY |
| 10. Jaelyn Davis | 10703 Newell Road | Dunkirk, NY |
| 11. Zachary Davis | 36 Ryan Place | Fredonia, NY |
| 12. Cruz Bauza (per diem) | 116 Chestnut Street | Fredonia, NY |
| 13. Joe Askar (per diem) | 14 Beach Place | Fredonia, NY |
| 14. Margaret Gray | 159 Temple Street | Fredonia, NY \$17.50/hr |

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Twichell, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS the Village issued a request for proposal for auditing services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year with the option of up to two years; and

WHEREAS, Drescher & Malecki LLC, Elma NY provided a quote for annual auditing services in the maximum amounts of:

1. 2025 \$25,900
2. 2026 \$26,680

WHEREAS, the auditing services are necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED; the Village Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Drescher Malecki for the auditing services at the amounts listed above for the associated years.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

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

\$3,000 from G8130417 Sewage Treatment Equipment repair to G8130413 Sewage Treatment Chemicals

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

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BE IT RESOLVED that Luis Fred, of Serval Street, Dunkirk, NY is hereby permanently appointed as Chief Water Operator for the Village of Fredonia at a salary of **ninety thousand six-hundred and fourteen dollars (\$90,614)** after successfully passing the civil service test.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 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 North End water district, service at 9674 Route 60, and

WHEREAS The Pomfret Town Board had this on their agenda to approve the application at the Town Board Meeting, May 14th, 2025, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Fredonia hereby approves the residential water service connection at 9674 Route 60, Fredonia, NY.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Espersen, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia approved the purchase of a car in the 2025-2026 budget for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex, of Niagara Falls, NY has supplied a proposal for a 2025 Durango Police V6 in the amount of \$39,895; and

WHEREAS, the police car is being purchased on state bid and the 2025 Durango Police V6 vehicle is suitable for the Village's needs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the 2025 Durango Police V6 on June 2, 2025 in the amount of \$39,895.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel, the following resolution was approved by a 4 – 0 vote:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia has parking meters outside of the business district.

WHEREAS, parking meters are meant for the business district within the Village; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED; the Village Board hereby authorizes the removal of all parking meters east of White Street.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Brauchler entered into executive session at 8:45pm to discuss contract negotiations and approved by a 4 – 0 vote.

No votes were taken

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Wandel to exit executive session at 9:35pm was approved by a 4 – 0 vote.

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Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Twichell, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:36 pm.

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Monday June 9, 2025 at 6 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall, Board Meeting to follow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTH END REPORT

April 2025

BUILDING

Permits issued	33
Inspections	24
Cert. of Occupancy	21
Cert. of Compliance	30
Violations found	04
Violations satisfied	02

.FEES COLLECTED

Permit fees	\$ 2,673.09
Rental fees	\$ 540.00
Cert. of compliances	\$ 2,745.00
Electrical license fees	\$ 150.00
Hearings, water&sewer	\$ 499.00
Total fees	\$ 6,457.09

RENTAL

Permit
Inspection 07
Renewals 03

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property Maint. Found -8- Removed -2-
Junk cars & Parts Found -4- Removed -0-

MISCELLANEOUS

Annual Fire Inspections: -32- Fire Notifications: 0
Appearance Tickets -0-
Complaints 4 /3 satisfied
Demolitions
Stop Work Orders 2

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

Thirty-three Permits generated \$ 2673.09 in revenue. The estimated cost of work for the month of April was \$ 551,045.00

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA JUSTICE COURT

Chautauqua County

9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, New York 14063
Phone: (716) 679-2312

Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice

Nancy A. Dietzen
Associate Justice

TO: Village Board
Village of Fredonia

Dear Board Members:

The following is the report for the month of APRIL 2025.

Total number of cases closed: **118**

<u>VEHICLE & TRAFFIC</u>	<u>CRIMINAL CASES</u>	<u>VILLAGE ORDINANCES</u>
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78

37

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<u>CIVIL CASES</u>	<u>ABC LAWS</u>	<u>N.Y.S. LAWS</u>
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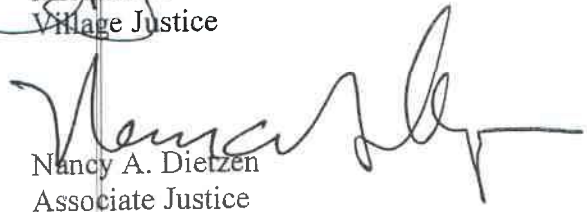
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TOTAL FINES & SURCHARGES \$ 3,616.00

PARKING TICKET FINES \$ 2,162.00

TOTAL \$ 5,778.00


Michael R. Cerrie
Village Justice


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Associate Justice

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Fredonia Fire Department

Date Range: From 04/01/2025 to 04/30/2025
Company: All Companies

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Total Est Loss
1 Fire				
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)				
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	102	67.11%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	103	67.76%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	6	3.95%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	9	5.92%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5	3.29%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	10	6.58%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	3	1.97%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	8	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	1.32%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3	1.97%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	21	13.82%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
Totals	0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special Incident Type				
Totals	0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Totals	152		\$0	

Fredonia Fire Department
Year-to-date Incident Participation
Activity Dates From 01/01/2025 to 04/30/2025

Name	ID#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Percent
Adkins, Elizabeth	269	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ahrens, Adam	200	0	5	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3.12
Aldrich, Craig	202	11	26	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	10.39
Aldrich, Daniel	21	31	52	36	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	24.33
Barter, Larry	204	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.59
Bayles, Tyler	31	72	54	53	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	31.90
Borges, Samantha	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Boudreaux, Colton	208	8	5	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	3.56
Carpenter, Craig	209	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.78
Cloos, Tyler	32	65	43	63	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	31.16
DeJoe, James	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ensalaco, Leonard	211	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Essek, Adam	37	40	44	44	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	26.26
Essek, Doug	213	7	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3.12
Faso, Anthony	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Figueroa, Genavieve	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Fisher, Timothy	26	51	40	38	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	25.98
Foster, Joshua	217	5	12	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.71
Fritz, Joshua	218	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1.04
Galas, Jacob	39	38	61	53	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	29.67
Gustafson II, Michael	33	37	54	28	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	23.44
Haas, Kenneth	219	11	19	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	6.08
Henry, Austin	222	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.74
Johnson, Brent	25	0	18	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.71
Kurgan, Alexander	24	1	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1.63
Leone, Julius	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Maytum, Kurt	260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Myers, Joshua	35	40	8	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	10.39
Olmedo, Robert	240	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.89
Otolano, Charles	241	73	49	37	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	30.71
Pieszak, Brenden	36	35	45	32	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	21.36
Powell, Justin	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Riewaldt, Daniel	244	23	19	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	9.79
Riewaldt, Hannah	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sayers, Robert	248	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.30
Schwabenbauer, Amy	249	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.89
Sheldon, Bruce	251	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.15
Shuler, James	252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sracuse, Benjamin	23	45	47	47	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	28.04
Sullivan, Michael	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Volk, Eric	261	14	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3.86

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Name	ID#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Percent
Winters, Timothy	20	60	40	47	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	25.22
Wright, Levi	34	50	57	52	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	30.42
Zacher, Robert	38	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.30
Zentz, Steven	267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Total Runs by Month

JAN	173	FEB	183	MAR	166	APR	152	MAY	0	JUN	0
JUL	0	AUG	0	SEP	0	OCT	0	NOV	0	DEC	0

Grand Total Runs: 674