

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
August 4, 2025
6 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Monday August 4, 2025 at PM

Roll Call of the Trustees:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

TWICHELL/BRAUCHLER

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of July 21, 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

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated July 16, 2025 was received from Firefighter Brenden Pieszak, Chairman of the MDA Boot Drive Committee, requesting to hold the annual boot drive on Friday August 29th at the intersection of Temple and Church Street.

ESPERSEN/TWICHELL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fredonia Professional Fire Fighters Association IAFF Local 2931 has permission to hold its annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Fill the Boot Drive on Friday August 29th at the intersection of Temple and Church Street.

Correspondence dated July 14, 2025 was received from Larry Fiorella, Chairperson for the Red, White and Blues Festival, requesting the Following uses of village property for the annual Red, White and Blues (RWB) festival on September 5th and 6th 2025.

SIRACUSE/BRAUCHLER

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Festivals Fredonia to use the Gazebo and Barker Common Friday September 5th & Saturday, September 6th, 2025 for the “Red, White and Blues Festival and 9/11 motorcycle memorial run is hereby approved as set forth below:

On Friday, September 5th, activities will take place first at The American Legion at 6 PM, and then move to Prospect Street. There will be a band performing at 8:00 PM at The Fredonia Beaver Club. We respectfully request the following for Friday: please place trash receptacles/barrels on the sidewalk at the end of the driveways at the American Legion, and The Beaver Club, and at the front of each establishment. This will serve as virtual boundaries for alcohol, if allowed and approved, as well as keep littering to a minimum. No glass containers will be permitted outside the doors of any establishment.

On Saturday, September 6th, activities around the park will include music in the Gazebo, Fredonia Farmers Market and many craft vendors, wineries, and food vendors. We respectfully request the following for Saturday:

1. Use of West Barker Common and Gazebo from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
2. Parking meters bagged as “No Parking” around the perimeter of West Barker Common, including both sides on Park Street and Church Street (in between Temple Street and Center Street) and the north side of Main Street, starting at 8:00 AM. Musicians/vendors will use this space for loading and unloading.
3. Request to suspend the open container law within West Barker Common, and throughout the village in front of establishments participating in the festival, to allow wineries to operate near the park from noon until midnight and festival participants to be outside on the sidewalks in front of participating establishments. The list of participating establishments is attached for your information. Committee will provide clean-up assistance in the park after the festival.
4. Picnic tables (as many as possible) placed in the Gazebo side of Barker Common, closer to Park Street.
5. Close Water Street between Main and Canadaway streets from noon to midnight. (It is imperative that this occurs for the safety and well-being of our volunteers, vendors, event attendees and musicians.)
6. Close Church Street from Temple to Center, the Churches will be formally notified. Also, close Park Street from Church Street to Main Street. (It is imperative that this occurs for the safety and well-being of our volunteers, vendors, event attendees and musicians.)
 - a. If necessary, “frame” tents will be set up in front of the Gazebo, in the middle of Church Street, in the event of inclement weather.
 - b. “Frame “tents will not require any pounding of stakes into Church Street.

7. Trash receptacles throughout the park, and in front of taverns on Water and Main Streets which will also serve as practical boundaries for alcohol. No glass containers will be permitted outside the doors of any establishment.
8. We will be hosting a VIP only tent for corporate and community sponsors in Barker Common on the Gazebo side of the park near Temple Street. We will be requiring private ticket attendees only and **will not** be selling any food or drinks in the tent; all will be complimentary for the attendees. You will receive copies of the event permit, if necessary, prior to the event. This will be secured by volunteers at the entrance to the tent throughout the event.
9. In addition to the street closures above, please allow for additional closure of the alley/way parking lot driveway between DeJohn's and Monster Beach Brewery & Tiki Bar and from Mrs. Fred's to Eagle Street. Pedestrians have tended to remain in the way of traffic and closing these alleyways will improve safety in this area. The western parking lot is still accessible from the main entrance near Lena's Pizza via Canadaway Street. The entrance to the alleyway between Mrs. Fred's and Eagle Street will have limited access from Eagle Street, we also request an exception to the vendor fee requirements. Additionally, we request that no vendor, food or otherwise, be allowed to operate within 150 feet of the event venues (Barker Common, American Legion and Fredonia Beaver Club without express written authorization from Festivals Fredonia and The Red, White & Blues committee.
10. Lastly, we request a police escort out of the village and the start of the annual 9/11 Motorcycle Run and a police escort back into the village as the motorcycles return. Although the route has not yet been finalized, the plan for escorting out would be at 11:00 AM from the American Legion to routes 60 & 20 and return from the top of Main Street at Houghton Park back to the American Legion parking lot by 2:00 PM.

The Farmers Market will set up in the park and street as usual, in front of Village Hall and will extend its hours until 5 PM on Saturday if they choose to. This will allow for participating wineries the ability to sample and sell their wine in accordance with NYS agricultural laws. Each winery will provide their certificate of insurance, including Liquor Legal Liability rider, naming the Village as covered under their liability policy. We respectfully request that the Fredonia Police Department set up their lighted sign to warn of pedestrian traffic on Main Street near Prospect Street on Friday and Main Street near Water Street on Saturday.

Correspondence dated July 23, 2025 was received from Lauren Boyle and Greg Krauza, Co-Chairs of the Fredonia Farm Festival requesting the following uses of Village property August 22-24, 2025 for the annual Fredonia Farm Festival.

BRAUCHLER/TWICHELL

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Fredonia Farm Festival Committee to use Village property August 22-24, 2025 for the 57th annual Fredonia Farm Festival is hereby approved as set forth below:

That the Fredonia Farm Festival have exclusive access and use of the East & West Barker Commons on August 22-24, 2025 for the 57th year of the Fredonia Farm Festival

- That the Fredonia Farm Festival may use the parking facility off Water Street August 22-24, 2025 to accommodate the vendors' and crafters' cars, trucks, and trailers.

- That the Gazebo will be used on August 22-24, 2025 for the purpose of musical entertainment, opening ceremonies, set up for vendors, presentations, and festival activities.

- That the craft and food vendors be permitted to set up their booths from 9am to 3pm on Friday, August 22, 2025. All booths will open at 4:00pm on Friday, August 22, 2025.

- That the following streets be closed: ○ Church Street between Center Street & Temple Street and Temple Street & Day Street from 6:00am August 22, 2025 to 10:00pm August 24, 2025. ○ Park Street between Church Street & Main Street from 12:00pm August 22, 2025 to 10:00pm August 24, 2025. ○ Temple Street from Risley Street to Main Street be temporarily closed on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 12:00pm to 2:30pm for the annual Farm Festival Parade. Lineup for the parade will be at the corner of Risley Street & Temple Street. Parade to start at 2:00pm.

- That the Fredonia Police Department provide a police escort for the parade on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from Risley Street to Main Street.

- That the Village Hall parking lot (first two rows only) may be used from 7:00am August 22, 2025 to 10:00pm August 24, 2025 for a large dumpster, toilet facilities, and concession trucks & trailers. • That any food or craft vendor not approved through the Fredonia Farm Festival Committee not be allowed to set up within 200 feet of the festival.

- Use of the outside electrical outlets & AC outlet on Village Hall for the use of the Main Stage.

- Use of the water hookups for the concessions.

- That the Fredonia Police Department bag the parking meters for no parking on Day Street & Park Street from 6:00am Friday, August 22, 2025 until 10:00pm Sunday, August 24, 2025.

- That the Fredonia Police Department bag meters on Main Street by each park for the use of handicapped customers from 6:00am Friday, August 22, 2025 to 9:00pm Sunday, August 24, 2025.

- That the sidewalks downtown be open during the festival to the local merchants to take advantage of the pedestrian traffic from August 22-24, 2025.

- That additional picnic tables and garbage cans be provided for the festival.

- The use of TWO parking spaces on Day Street in front of the Policeman's parking lot and across from the U.S. Post Office for the refrigerated truck that all concessions share.

- That the Open Container Law be suspended within Barker Common Park, August 22-24, 2025 during the festival to allow us to have Merritt Winery as a vendor selling wine slushies as they have for the past several years. The wine slushie will be sold during the normal food vendor hours from 4:00pm-8:30pm on Friday, August 22; 10:00am-9:00pm on Saturday, August 23, and 10:00am-6:00pm on Sunday, August 24, 2025. Please see Public Health Law #1352-C Frozen Dessert made with Wine.

- That the Farm Festival Committee be allowed to post yard signs advertising the Fredonia Farm Festival at the corner of each park ten days prior to the festival (August 12th).

- That the large banner be hung across Temple Street from August 8-24, 2025.

- That the Fredonia Police Department place their light up sign on Main Street advertising the festival and warning motorists of increased pedestrian traffic starting Thursday August 21, 2025.

The Fredonia Farm Festival will COMPLY with the Fredonia Village Board's request in regards to the following:

1. No vendors between the sidewalks and the curbs along Route 20.
2. The number of vendors is subject to the Board of Trustees receiving a PLAN showing the number & location of all designated vendor spaces to allow water hookups August 22-24, 2025.
3. No vendors shall sell distasteful adult items.
4. Trash will be picked up on an as needed basis and nothing left overnight.
5. Walkways will not be obstructed.
6. Electric wires will be properly protected to prevent accidents.
7. Food vendors shall be located on Church Street in front of Village Hall and additional picnic tables will be available in the park.
8. Festivals Fredonia will provide the Village of Fredonia with an Insurance Certificate showing the Village of Fredonia as an additional insured in the amount of at least one million dollars. a. Copies of the policy will also be provided to the Fredonia Fire Department, Fredonia Police Department, and DFT Communications for signage.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT-

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

**Brauchler
Espersen**

Siracuse
Twichell
Wandel

H. TREASURER'S REPORT –

I. ADDITIONAL REPORT-

POLICE REPORT JUNE 2025

J. RESOLUTIONS-

ESPERSEN/TWICHELL

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia has an immediate opening in the position of Fire Lieutenant.

BE IT RESOLVED that Levi Wright, Conewango Valley, NY is hereby appointed provisionally to the position of Fire Lieutenant at a rate of \$35.67 per hour, effective August 10, 2025.

WANDEL/BRAUCHLER

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia received a proposal from PPR Energy Solutions to engage in good faith discussions and negotiations on establishing EV charging stations within the Village of Fredonia.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign the letter of intent with PPR Energy Solutions to develop an agreement for EV Charging stations.

ESPERSEN/WANDEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the training request of David Felt, Chief Operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, as well as Waste Water Operator, Michael Woodward, to attend the Chautauqua County Professional Water Operators Association, Sunset Bay, NY on August 19, 2025 is hereby approved at no cost to the Village.

BRAUCHLER/TWICHELL

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

- \$26,000 from G599 Sewer Fund Balance to H8130.2 Screw Pump Repairs

WANDEL/ESPERSEN

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia requires the repairs to one of the screw pumps at the Waste Water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS Moley Industries, Lockport, NY provided a quote in the amount of \$25,483.30 to remove, evaluate, and fabricate a support bar for the screw pump; and

WHEREAS these repairs are essential for the Village's purpose; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment for the screw pump repairs of \$25,483.30 to Moley Industries.

WANDEL/ESPERSEN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fredonia agrees to retain STAG LIUZZA, LLC and Law Office of Robert King, PLLC for the purpose of providing legal services related to the filing of a civil action and/or claims in the pending settlements for recovery of costs associated with damages to the public drinking water system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the agreement with STAG LIUZZA, LLC and Law Office of Robert King, PLLC at no cost to the Village.

ESPERSEN/WANDEL

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations, and in its ongoing review and exploration of viable remedies to the Village's Water System, the Village Board of the Village of Fredonia hereby announces its intent to serve as Lead Agency to conduct an environmental review of certain proposed improvements (Alternative 2) for the PWS including but not necessarily limited to: the installation of distribution system piping (to 24", 12" and 10" diameter piping along Water Street) as necessary support to proposed infrastructure, the installation of three (3) interconnection structures along the border between the Town of Pomfret and Village of Fredonia, the construction of a new water storage tank (completed under separate SEQR review by the Town of Pomfret as lead agency), the decommissioning and demolition of the Village's existing water treatment plant (WTP), and modifications to the Village's existing dam and reservoir to comply with NYS Dam Safety regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board has determined that the proposed action is a Type I action as defined under SEQR; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board has commissioned LaBella Associates D.P.C. to prepare Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form regarding the project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board will notify the Involved Agencies of its intention to act as Lead Agency for this project and will provide them with a copy of the completed Part 1 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form for review during the 30-day comment period.

SIRACUSE/WANDEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia does hereby elect to provide the pension benefit of Section 375-I of the Retirement and Social Security Law for paid Police Officers, as presently or hereafter amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the effective date of such shall be effective June 1, 2025.

TWICHELL/BRAUCHLER

BE IT RESOLVED, that payment in the amount of \$608.01 is authorized to be paid to Heath and Kathy Forster, 2 Bryant Place, Fredonia, for damages done to their property.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop will take place Wednesday August 13, 2025 at 9AM and Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday August 18, 2025 at 6 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall, Board Meeting.