

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
February 5, , 2025
Regular Meeting
8 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR FERGUSON

I call this meeting to order on Wednesday February 5, 2025 at PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees present: Braucler, Espersen, Siracuse, Twichell and Wandell
Mayor Ferguson was absent, so deputy mayor Espersen ran the meeting

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

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

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025 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. Doug Essek stood to address the Board regarding the hiring of Bryce Fisher, he is in favor; Tyler Bayles stood on behalf of the Fredonia Firefighters and voiced support for the hiring of Bryce Fisher. Mark Twichell stood and addressed the Board regarding water boil order and the interconnections between the Village of Fredonia and the NCCWD that are functional. Mark Carlson stood and addressed the Board regarding parking tickets paid and not paid. Deputy Mayor then closed he Public Portion.

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence dated January 8, 2025 was received from Fire Chief Joshua Myers requesting names be removed from the Active Rolls of the Volunteer 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 names Christa Hagberg and Caryn Tresler be removed from the Active Rolls of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated.

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Correspondence dated January 8, 2025 was received from Fire Chief Joshua Myers requesting names be transferred to the Honor Roll.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the names R. Steve Lesch, Linwood Dr. Joe Kucmierz, Webster Rd., Dan Smith, Chautauqua St., are hereby transferred to the Honor Roll and removed from the active roll. These members have served for over 54 years in the Department.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT- N/A

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler – LaBella study being done is looking into making that interconnection usable; the Village does not need a policeman to right parking tickets, we could use citizens. That can be added on to the next meeting

Espersen

Siracuse – GOBIKE finished report is on our website re: the painting of bike lanes down central avenue; boil water notice was an issue with a hose; the Village has been steadily overspending for the last few administrations, probably 10 years.

Twichell – the overspending in our has limited our ability to hire for the police and fire departments; she believes the Village Best Law should be separate from the Village Solar Law. She read a statement.

Wandel- read his reports out loud.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT –

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

The Police Department report for the moth of January 2025 was read and ordered filed.

J. RESOLUTIONS-

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fredonia wishes to hear public comments relating to the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") project supporting the renovation, equipping, and furnishing of The White Inn at 52 East Main Street in the Village by D&S White Inn, LLC, and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, OCR requires that grant recipients hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding CDBG funded projects to help make determinations for the future use of CDBG funds, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Village of Fredonia hereby calls for a Public Hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing shall be held on February 18, 2025, at 5:15 PM in the Village Hall, Trustees Room, 9-11 Church Street, Fredonia, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least eight (8) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the Village Clerk by the due posting thereof in the Municipal Building and on the Village's website, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the Village.

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 of the Village of Fredonia hereby schedules a Public Hearing on the 18th day of February 2025 at 5:30 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 2025 entitled "A Local Law Amending Section 208-36 of the Code of the Village of Fredonia Reports of Violations; citations.", and

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

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025

Section 1. Purpose. The Local Law Section 208-36, Reports of Violations; citations to amend current parking violation rates.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Section 208-36 of the Code of the Village of Fredonia Reports of Violations; citations"; last amended on November 10, 2009 by LL No. 7-2009

- A. It shall be the duty of the police officers, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief of Police, to report:
1. The location of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this article.
 2. The state license number of such vehicle.
 3. That such vehicle is parked in violation of any of the provisions in this chapter.
 4. Any other facts, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances in attending such violation.
- B. The police officer shall also attach to said vehicle a tag or notice to the owner thereof that a provision of said chapter or amendment hereto has been violated and instructing the owner, operator, or chauffeur thereof to report to the Village Clerk's office or Police Department and pay a traffic recording fee in the following amounts:
1. For a violation involving a metered parking space, the sum of \$25; provided, however, that whenever there is any meter violation in excess of two hours, the sum of \$15 shall also be paid, and a \$15 tag or notice shall also be attached to said vehicle.
 2. For unauthorized use of a handicapped parking space, the sum of \$75, plus any additional state surcharge.
 3. For violation of any of the following:

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Violation	Fee
Overnight parking during time prohibited by this chapter	\$40
Parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant	\$50
parking within a zone or space or side of street designated as prohibited or a no-parking zone	\$40
Vehicle facing wrong way	\$40
Parking on a crosswalk	\$45
Parking in or in any manner obstructing a driveway, alley, or entranceway	\$45
Parking on sidewalk	\$45
Double parking	\$45
Unauthorized parking in fire-hall parking lot	\$50

Violation	Fee
Parking more than 24 hours in a designated twenty-four-hour parking space or more than two hours in a two-hour designated parking space (This applies to Village parking lots)	\$40
Parking in violation of designated one-half-hour or ten-minute parking space on Village streets	\$35
Parking in a non-metered handicapped zone for more than two hours	\$40
For violation of any other provisions of this chapter or any amendment thereto, unless otherwise specified	\$35
Too far from curb	\$25
Ten-minute parking zone	\$25
Parking a vehicle in violation of 297-19.3B of the Code of the Village of Fredonia (front yard parking prohibited), except for temporary loading and unloading	\$40
Unauthorized parking on private property (208-25.1)	\$60

4. In the event that any of the above penalties are not paid within 14 days of the date of violation, an additional sum of \$15 shall be paid per violation, and if not paid within 28 days of the date of violation, an additional sum of \$30 shall be paid per violation. The Village Clerk's office or Police Department shall issue a receipt for the payment of such recording fee whenever requested.

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5. If any of the fines set forth above are not paid after 30 days from the date of violation, any police officer of the Village of Fredonia is authorized to issue an appearance ticket as authorized under Article 150 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York for failure to pay the fines set forth above.

Section 3. This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler and carried unanimously, the following resolution was moved to be tabled”

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal/invoice from Elevator Maintenance of Buffalo, Inc., 65 Innsbruck Drive, Cheektowaga, N.Y. for **Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00)** is hereby approved.

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

WHEREAS, Auctions International, Inc., having experience in the sale of government assets by on-line auction, has offered to provide said services to the Village; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Auctions International, Inc. for their sale.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop and Board Meeting will take place Tuesday February 18, 2025. 6 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall, Board Meeting to follow.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON

VILLAGE CLERK