

FREDERIC VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Frederic Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E

Monday, November 11, 2024 · 7:00 PM

Call to Order by President Amanda Blackmon at 7:07 pm at the Frederic Village Hall

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda by B Harlander/P Swenson. Vote: Carried

Convene Public Hearing

Motion to convene public hearing by B Harlander/D Wisse. Vote: Carried

2025 Proposed Budget and 2024 Levy

J Schott reviewed a few small changes in the budget since publication and went over the levy numbers. No public questions or comments.

Close Public Hearing

Motion to close public hearing by P Swenson/J Peterson. Vote: Carried

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve October 14, 2024 minutes as presented by J Peterson/B Morris. Vote: Carried

Public Comments – None

MSA Project Update

Drew Lindh, MSA was present and reviewed ongoing projects: 1. Village Wisconsin Avenue project is moving forward and the plan is to complete the work in the summer of 2025. The Village received the maximum in grant money and principal forgiveness. 2. DOT Wisconsin Avenue project is scheduled for 2028 with an accelerated timeline of 2026. 3. Third Avenue S project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2025. The DOT will be handling this project. Local business owner questioned Drew regarding road closure, Drew stated there should be no real disruption for businesses on Wisconsin Avenue.

Wisconsin Avenue – MSA contract for Bidding and Construction Services.

Drew Lindh, MSA went over the contract for MSA to handle the bidding and construction process for the project. Motion to approve the MSA contract for Bidding and Construction Service as presented.

Historical Society Annual Depot Report

William Johnson and Roxanne White were present to answer questions on the report. William discussed “earned media” and how the Historical Society helps advertise the Village of Frederic.

CDBG Loan Extension at Sterling Bank

The CDBG loan for the Birch Street project has come due. Sterling Bank will renew the loan for an additional 5 years with a remaining amortization of 15 years. The new rate will be 5.50%, which is competitive. Motion to approve extending CDBG loan with Sterling Bank for an additional 5 years by P Swenson/B Harlander. Vote: Carried

Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting

Members of the chamber were present to discuss the event. There is more excitement around the event and the Chamber is looking forward to a fun evening. Two requests were presented: 1. Request to close Traffic Avenue from Oak Street W to Elm Street. Motion to approve road closure of Traffic Avenue from Oak Street W to Elm Street for Tree Lighting event from 5-7 pm. 2. Board and Chamber discussed the desire to serve spiked cider at the event. Motion to extend the Friendly Tavern liquor license north of Oak Street W to Elm Street and from the depot to the grocery store parking lot for tree lighting event from 5 pm to 7 pm by B Harlander/D Wisse. Vote: Carried

Village Phone Request

J Schott requested a Village owned work phone for the Clerk/Treasurer office. There is possibly a line available and there will be no charge for the phone. Motion to approve Clerk/Treasurer phone by either adding a line to the Verizon bill or using the available line by R Lillehaug/P Swenson. Vote: Carried

Approve 2025 Budget and 2024 Levy

J Schott and Board reviewed the 2025 budget and 2024 levy. There were no questions. Motion to approve 2025 budget and 2024 levy in the amount of \$443,420 by B Harlander/D Wisse. Vote: Carried

Committee and Department Head Report

B Struck reviewed some Public Works topics. Second Avenue should be paved this week. Service line letters are going out this week regarding unknown service materials. These are form letters and may be alarming to some residents, a list of FAQs will be included with letter. Board members and Village Staff also have a copy of the FAQs to assist residents with concerns. T Larsen reported that no applications have come in for the Chief position and the Tyler H, new officer, has completed training and is working on his own. No additional questions.

Approval of Check Register – Check #193526-193589

Motion to approve checks 193526-193589 by P Swenson/J Peterson. Vote: Carried

Items for Future Agendas

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm by P Swenson/J Peterson. Vote: Carried.