

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
9-11 Church Street  
Fredonia, NY 14063  
October 28, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 October 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees Present: Brauchler, Espersen, Siracuse, Twichell and Wandel.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

**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 October 15, 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. Robb Clark stood to address the Board re: Village water availability, billing, structure and maintenance, and no reliable facts; wants the Board to be careful with putting their support behind the latest LaBella study. Jim Lynden stood to address the Board re: the LaBella water study, he would like the Board to table it; he discussed the North Chautauqua County Water District budget and how they owe tax payers; he discussed water rates and the billing rates from CPI for Chadwick Bay; He also discussed who would be responsible for billing the proposed new hospital. Jim Sedota stood to address the Board re: updating the LaBella report, they used inaccurate figures for water loss; Sam Drayo stood to address the Board re: a resolution and a contract on the agenda; Mark Twichell stood to address the Board re attorney in abstentia; he discussed a resolution for the DPW, he would like it tabled; he discussed live streaming coverage of the meeting, or lack thereof.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE-**

Correspondence was received from DeJohns' Spaghetti House, notifying the Village that they will be renewing their on-premise liquor license for property located at 26-30 West Main Street, Fredonia, NY 14063.

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**Correspondence dated October 23, 2024 was received from Mayor Ferguson recommending re-appointments to the Fredonia Cable Board**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendation to re-appoint Alex Wieloszynski, 23 Matteson St., Fredonia NY, and David Fridmann, 131 Chestnut St., Fredonia NY to the Fredonia Cable Advisory Board for a 2-year term, is hereby approved. Both re-appointments shall expire in October of 2026.  
The Clerk read two letters from residents. See Attached

**F. MAYOR’S REPORT-** Thanked Kayla Sullivan for a record turn-out for Trunk or Treat. Met with Rich Goodman; appeared on WDOE morning radio; marched in the Fredonia High School Homecoming parade; met with Board members on a renewal project on Central Ave; took part in the grand opening of “Beyond Support Network” ; took part in the Harvest Moon Festival on 10/17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> . Attended the Monte Carlo fundraiser; met with Dunkirk Mayor Kate Wdowiasz, Cody Britton, and coaches of both the Hillbillies and the Marauders to present the inaugural Central Connection Mayors Cup to the Dunkirk Marauders for the 131<sup>st</sup> match-up between the teams. He attended the soft opening of Monster Beach Brewery.

**G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Brauchler** – N/A

**Espersen** – took part in the Harvest Moon Tour; attended Trunk or Treat; attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Family Health Medical Services; attended a NCCWD meeting and after speaking with Eric, Trustee Espersen was told the modeling would indicate the size tower we would need should we combine our water source with the Town of Pomfret. Addressed a comment from Jim Lynden that was inaccurate;

**Siracuse-** Happy First Responders Day to Police and Fire

**Twichell-** attended the Dunkirk Fredonia Football game NCCWD meeting. Please see attached.

**Wandel** – N/A

**H. TREASURER’S REPORT –**

**I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-**

1. Code Enforcement Report for the month of September 2024 was read and ordered filed.

**J. RESOLUTIONS-**

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$37.68 to Amazon for Binder Dividers, purchased by the Fire Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$717.50 to mechanic work done by Eastbound Express, authorized by the Street Department.

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BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$92.64 to Irr Supply for a water curb box, authorized by the Street Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$482.33 to BECC Electric for the take down of light pole on Castile Drive, authorized by the Street Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$16.00 to Douglas Bunge for engine oil, authorized by the Street Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$60.00 to Madenford for the replacement of a Ubolt, authorized by the Street Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$4.21 to Advantage Fredonia for carburetor and choke cleaner, authorized by the Street Department.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$68.74 to James B Thompson for an oxygen cylinder, authorized by the Street Department.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Espersen and seconded by Trustee Siracuse the following did not pass, as all trustees were not asked to state their vote audibly.

WHEREAS, The Village has been reviewing the options to continue providing water to residents through its own water system or to explore the options that could be provided by other municipal groups; and

WHEREAS, LaBella, PLLC; Buffalo, NY, provided a proposal to perform the additional study of the North County Water District's selling water to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is necessary for the Village's purpose and will be of no cost to the Village of Fredonia; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby supports the North Chautauqua Water District's decision to retain LaBella to conduct an additional evaluation and modeling study, proposal No. P2404268, to evaluate the feasibility of a connection from the NCWD to the Village of Fredonia.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Luis Fred to send Jeff Lascola to WNY Waterworks Fall Workshop, October 30, 2024 at Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company Conference Center, Buffalo, NY at no cost to the Village, is hereby approved.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Siracuse and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was passed by a 4 – 1 vote: Trustee Twichell voting Nay.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fredonia issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit qualification proposals for Engineer of Record for the Village of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were evaluated based on examples of similar work, experience and technical expertise and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to continue the contract with LaBella & Associates now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Master Professional Services Agreement between the Village and LaBella Associates for professional services to be provided to the Village as needed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to breakdown and itemize all future Village Tax Bills.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Daniel Aldrich, Webster Rd., Fredonia NY, is hereby permanently appointed to the position of Fire Captain with the Village of Fredonia Fire Department, at a rate of \$43.49 hourly, effective immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Douglas Bunge, W. Main St., Fredonia, NY is hereby permanently appointed to Labor Supervisor with the Village of Fredonia Department of Public Works at a rate of \$31.26 hourly, effective immediately.

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

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

- \$8,700 from G8130417 Waste Water Equipment Repairs to G8130.49 Waste Water vehicle maintenance

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the repairs to the dump truck at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Rexford Services Inc, Dunkirk, NY provided a quote to replace the DPF filter, outlet module, king pin set, inspection, and labor for \$8,215.39; and

WHEREAS, the repairs are necessary to pass inspection and necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the costs of a DPF filter, outlet module, king pin set, inspection, and labor for \$8,215.39 to Rexford Services, Inc.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**L. MEETING SCHEDULE-**

The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will be Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Trustee Rm, second floor, Village Hall.