

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
REGULAR MEETING
9-11 Church Street
Fredonia, NY 14063
October 15, 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 15th 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 Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Trustees present: Brauchler, Espersen, Twichell.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Trustee Espersen made a motion to amend the resolution regarding the Labella Study at the end of the agenda, Trustee Brauchler seconded it, and upon the vote taken it failed 2-1.

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

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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 authorizes LaBella to perform the connection of the Village to the North County Water District.

(Amended section)

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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 September 30, 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)

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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. James Lyndon stood to address the report from Trustee Siracuse at the 9/30/24. Sam Drayo stood to address the Board regarding the article published in the Observer on October 5, 2024, alleging the lack of action by Village Officials. The US Census does include the college population. The decrease in residents could possibly be attributed to the decrease in collage students.

E. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence was received from Fire Chief Joshua Myers requesting to add Joshua Fritz as a Volunteer Associate Firefighter.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the name of Joshua Fritz ,Tindle Ave, West Seneca NY, is hereby added as an Associate Firefighter of the Village of Fredonia Fire Department.

Correspondence was received from Fire Chief Joshua Myers requesting the names David Sinclair, Saantha Borges and Austin Henry be added to the Active Rolls of the Volunteer Fire Department.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the names of David Sinclair (Townsend St, Dunkirk NY), Samantha Borges (Temple St, Fredonia NY) and Austin Henry (Johnson Rd, Ripley NY) are hereby added to the Active Rolls of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated.

Correspondence dated October 11, 2022 was received from Ashley Kipferl President for the Applied Communication Association at SUNY Fredonia informing the Village of their annual Fall Sweep Event on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby endorses the Annual Fall Sweep Event on Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Correspondence dated October 8, 2024 was received from the staff at Village Hall requesting the day after Thanksgiving (November 29, 2024) off.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Hall Offices will be closed Friday November 29th 2024 (the day after Thanksgiving) and that each Village Employee will use a personal/vacation day.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT- N/A

G. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler – N/A

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Espersen- Meeting with Chief Myers re: his concerns and his ideas about those concerns which Chief Myers will inform the Board; attended a mix-tape bingo event to benefit the Feed Fredonia Challenge; will be involved in the Harvest Haunted Tour this Friday and Saturday night; sat in on interviews for the vacant dispatcher position.

Siracuse -N/A

Twichell – Trunk or Treat will be October 26th from 11 -1 pm. Contact Kayla Sullivan if you want to be involved.

Wandel – N/A

H. TREASURER’S REPORT – No Report

I. ADDITIONAL REPORTS-

1. Fredonia Police Department Report for the month of September 2024 was read and ordered filed.
2. Fredonia Justice Court Report for the month of September 2024 was read and ordered filed.

J. RESOLUTIONS-

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

BE IT RESOLVED the hours for Trick or Treating are hereby approved from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday October 31, 2024, for the Village of Fredonia and the Town of Pomfret and a curfew be set for 8 PM and that parents be encouraged to tell their children not to trick or treat beyond 8 PM. Residents are also encouraged to turn porch lights off at 8 PM thus signaling further trick or treating will not be accepted.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Espersen, 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

- \$7,641 from F8320.41 Purification Water Supplies Purchased to H8330.2 Filtration Flow Meter

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the purchase and installation of a flow meter at the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry Inc., Amherst, NY provided a quote for an Emerson Flexim Clamp-On Meter with mounting hardware in the amount of **Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,641.00)**; and

WHEREAS, the flow meter is necessary for the Village’s purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the flow meter from Siemens Industry in the amount of **Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,641.00)**;

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

WHEREAS National Grid has requested as a certain condition that the Village provided necessary proof of insurance and sign an indemnification agreement, now, therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Village provide proof of insurance and the mayor is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Village of Fredonia, an indemnification agreement to National Grid for all liability arising from the attachment, maintenance, or removal of the decorations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval from National Grid, the Streets Department is hereby authorized to place Christmas decorations on the said streetlight poles.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the purchase of a new sampler for the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Manning Environmental Inc, Florence, TX, provided a quote for a VSR5 Sampler and miscellaneous attachments in the amount of **Five-Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars (\$5,406.00)**; and

WHEREAS, the sampler is necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the VSR5 Sampler in the amount of **Five-Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars (\$5,406.00)** from Manning Environmental Inc.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires the study of the chlorine system at the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, LaBella, PLLC; Buffalo, NY, provided a proposal to perform this study using the rates included in their Engineer of Record contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes LaBella to review the chlorination system in an amount not to exceed **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)**.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular and overtime payrolls of the various Village Departments and bills approved by the Finance Committee and set forth in Abstract #733 through #736 are hereby approved and directed paid and filed in the Village Clerk's Office 9-11 Church St. Fredonia NY.

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

WHEREAS, The Village requires new turnout gear for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Emergency Services, Poughkeepsie, NY has provided a quote for the necessary turnout gear for **Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$4,234.58)**; and

WHEREAS, this turnout gear is suitable for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the turnout gear from Municipal Emergency Services for **Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$4,234.58)**;

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WHEREAS, The Village requires new gauntlet gloves for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Emergency Services, Poughkeepsie, NY has provided a quote for the necessary twenty pairs of Excalibur Gauntlet Gloves as well as twenty hoods for **Three Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars and Forty Cents (\$3,110.40)**; and

WHEREAS, the gloves and hoods are suitable for the Village's purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the gloves and hoods from Municipal Emergency Services for **Three Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars and Forty Cents (\$3,110.40)**.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Luis Fred to send Corbin Dissell to Math for Water/Wastewater Plant Operators and Microbiology, October 22, 2024 at JCC North Campus at a cost not to exceed **One Hundred-Twenty Dollars (\$120.00)** is hereby approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby rescinds the resolution adopted by the Board on August 19, 2024, authorizing Brenden Pieszak to be paid his regular forty-eight (48) hour schedule while attending paramedic school.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia has an immediate opening in the position of Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew Edwards, Dunkirk, NY is hereby hired as a full-time Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee to work at the Filtration plant at an hourly rate of \$19.13 and a six-month probationary period effective October 21, 2024.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that as of November 1, 2024, Emily Raiport, Gowanda, NY, separation of employment as a Clerk II with the Village of Fredonia has been approved.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution failed with a 2 -1 vote: Trustee Twichell voting nay

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village needs a paramedic/firefighter for the Fire Department and will be offering a \$15,000 sign on bonus to be paid over three years for a candidate that holds a valid paramedic certification.

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K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

L. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Workshop will take place Wednesday October 23, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

The next Village of Fredonia Board Meeting will take place Monday October 28, 2024 at 7 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor Village Hall.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Twichell and seconded by Trustee Brauchler and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the regular meeting.

ANNEMARIE JOHNSTON
VILLAGE CLERK