

VILLAGE OF FREDERIC
Village Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 9th, 2007 – Village Hall

Call to Order: The meeting of the Frederic Village Board was called to order by President Phil Knuf at 7:00 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Sederlund, took roll call. **Present:** Phil Knuf, Arlen Peterson, Brad Harlander, John Boyer, Kay Friberg and Jamie Worthington. All members present.

Personnel Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Sederlund; Chief of Police, R.J. Severude; Librarian, Chris Byerly; village Administrator, David Wondra.

Motion to Approve Minutes of March 12th, 2007, Village Board Meeting.
Arlen Peterson/Kay Friberg – carried

Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report. Kay Friberg/Arlen Peterson – carried

Motion to Increase the Municipal Court Fees to \$28.00. Brad Harlander/John Boyer

Presentation by David Rasmussen, MSA, Concerning the Tax Increment Financing Districts.

David Rasmussen provided maps showing the existing TIFD #2; TIFD #2 after amending; and TIFD #3. He explained the financial advantage of including “tax base positive” parcels from TIFD #2 in TIFD #3. If the Village Board moves to approve these proposals, the Joint Review Board, consisting of members from the affected tax districts (County, Village, School District, WITC), will meet to make their decision. Village Administrator, David Wondra, commented on the importance of using the TIF District to upgrade and improve the downtown area. He also gave a brief review of previous TIF Districts and the “but for” rule, and how the village was able to achieve certain goals that would not have been possible “but for” the Tax Increment Financing District.

Kay Friberg, Joint Review Board member representing the Frederic School District, questioned the legality of his place on the Joint Board because he owns property within the TIF District.

Motion to Adopt Amendment #2 to the Project Plan for Tax Increment Financing District #2, Village of Frederic. Arlen Peterson/Jamie Worthington (Roll Call Vote)

Brad Harlander, Yes; Kay Friberg, Abstain; John Boyer, Yes; Arlen Peterson, Yes; Jamie Worthington, Yes; Phil Knuf, Yes. 5 – yes; 1 – Abstain

Motion to Adopt Project Plan for Tax Increment Financing District #3, Village of Frederic. Arlen Peterson/John Boyer (Roll Call Vote)

Brad Harlander, Yes; Kay Friberg, Abstain; John Boyer, Yes; Arlen Peterson, Yes; Jamie Worthington, Yes; Phil Knuf, Yes. 5 – yes; 1 – Abstain

Motion to Create Tax Increment Financing District #3, Village of Frederic.

Jamie Worthington/Arlen Peterson (Roll Call Vote)

Brad Harlander, Yes; Kay Friberg, Abstain; John Boyer, Yes; Arlen Peterson, Yes; Jamie Worthington, Yes; Phil Knuf, Yes. 5 – yes; 1 – Abstain

Committee and Department Heads Reports.

Library: Chris Byerly, Librarian for the Frederic Public Library, advised that April 15th through April 20th is National Library Week. The Library staff is also working on summer program ideas and will be offering some fun events for all age groups.

Law Enforcement: Chief Severude presented for the board's review, new report forms which more clearly define the number, types, and areas of incidents handled by the Police department. The new squad car is almost ready for delivery. The chief is hoping to have it totally completed and in use by Family Days in June. There will be a Law Enforcement Golf Tourney on May 21st with prizes and food. The money raised will go to the Junior High Football League. The chief also asked that the Village consider organizing a Public Review/Safety Board, to include residents from the village to pinpoint areas of concern in the village.

Village Clerk: Swearing in of new Board Members and Village President:

The Oath of Office will be given to the newly elected Village Board members (John Boyer, Maria Ammend, & Bill Johnson) and Village President (Phil Knuf) on Monday, April 23, 2007, at approximately 4:00 p.m. If that time is inconvenient for you please let me know. Also, any of the existing board members who are free at that time on April 23rd, are invited to attend to show their support.

Board of Review: The Board of Review is scheduled for May 22nd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., preceded by the "Open-Book", 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Village Assessor Robert Clifton will be available for Board and Public questions & comment. The UWEX course on "How To Conduct a Board of Review" is scheduled for May 1st, 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. for Board of Review members, Brad Harlander, Jamie Worthington, and Kay Friberg.

Grant Check Presentation: The village has received a Stewardship Grant from the Department of Natural Resources, for the construction of a walkway on the South end of Coon Lake, on the "lakeside" of Ash Street. This walkway will connect the East and West sides of Coon Lake Park, allowing everyone access without having to walk on Ash Street where it narrows as it passes over the culverts. There will also be "fishing piers" allowing people to fish off of the walkway without interfering with the pedestrians. The Secretary of the DNR, Scott Hassett, will be presenting the check and speaking to the importance of the Stewardship Grants at a program scheduled for April 18th, at 1:30 p.m., at Coon Lake Park. There will be a presentation by the Grade School commemorating Earth Week. Mr. Wondra will give an overview of the planned walkway; I am waiting to hear from Representative Hrachuck, and Senator Harsdorf about attending, hopefully one or the other will be present. Village Board and Park Board members are asked to attend, and I have been in contact with the Senior Citizens Organization about also being present. There have been some very positive comments from the state level concerning the planned walkway.

Spring Clean-up: Spring Clean-up is planned for May 7th through May 11th. There will be a notice published in the paper giving the important details.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, David Wondra, met with Polk County Revolving Loan Fund Board. This board will consider all R.L.F. requests and is authorized to grant the loans if businesses qualify. There is also \$30,000.00 available for 'façade' improvement, and this coordinates nicely with the TIFD.

There is still \$6,000.00 to spend of the Comprehensive Plan Grant. Mr. Wondra will be meeting with Sarah McCurdy, Land Information Director for Polk County, to get information on what other communities are doing. Mr. Wondra also gave a brief explanation of the organizational meeting which will be held prior to the May Village Board meeting. He suggested that current and new board members should let Phil know with which committees they would like to be involved.

Recognition of visitors: David Rasmussen, MSA, also explained the CDBG Housing Grant Application, and how the “Lottery” method of grant selection worked. The Village of Frederic has MSA complete and submit the grant paper work every year.

Motion to adjourn. Peterson/Worthington – carried 8:10 p.m.

Marilyn Sederlund
Village Clerk-Treasurer