

February 20, 2023

The Fredericktown Village council met in regular session on February 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredericktown Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council Members Brewer, de Rojas, Hobson, Lanuzza, McKnight, and Shoemaker; Administrator Snell; Fiscal Officer Graves; Chief Myers; Solicitor Landon and Lyndsey Gallwitz.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Carolyn Fergus, Fredericktown First Baptist Church.

MINUTES:

Lanuzza made a motion to approve the January 16, 2023 council meeting minutes. Seconded by Hobson. All Yea.

Brewer made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023 special council meeting minutes. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

LEGISLATION:

(Third Reading) **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING GOV.DEALS AS THE ONLINE SITE FOR PUBLIC AUCTIONING OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR**

Lanuzza made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-01. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea.

(Second Reading) **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023, BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN AND THE KNOX COUNTY AREA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION TO THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN**

(Emergency) **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE**

McKnight made a motion to waive the three readings of Resolution 2023-06. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea. Brewer made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-06 and pass as emergency. Seconded by Lanuzza. All Yea.

(First Reading) **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07 - AN ORDINANCE SPECIFYING THE STAFFING AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO**

Ordinance was tabled for further discussion.

(First Reading) **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08 - ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Shoemaker made a motion to waive the three readings of Ordinance 2023-08. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea. Hobson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-08. Seconded by Lanuzza. All Yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

- de Rojas asked about the status of the EV charging stations. Administrator Snell we are waiting on AEP to install electric meters. Discussed signage for the charging stations. Solicitor Landon will check to see if revenue from the stations would affect the property tax exemption for the property the charging stations are on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- High speed internet companies are installing in the village. Solicitor Landon said the village cannot collect franchise fees from these companies because they are not specifically broadcasting video. Looking at the possibility of requiring a permit to install.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: See attached.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Council reviewed the bills, financial reports and bank reconciliation statement for the month of January 2023. Hobson made a motion to approve the financial reports, bills and bank statement for January 2023. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next meeting March 27th

FINANCE: Next meeting February 27th

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY: Next meeting March 20th

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Planning Commission – Will hold a public hearing at the Council Meeting in April for the new Zoning Ordinance.
- Finance – Special Finance meeting on February 27th to discuss the pay ordinance.
- Public Works – Discussed the Streetscape Project rebid with construction to start after the 2023 Tomato Show and finish before the 2024 Tomato Show.
- Safety – Chief Myers gave overview of Officer Simulation Training.

ADJOURNMENT – Hobson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by McKnight. All Yea.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Jerry Day, Mayor

Suzan Graves, Fiscal Officer

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: BRUCE SNELL, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: FEBRUARY 2023
SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

High Street Water Tower Rehab – The work has been completed on this tower. T-Mobile is currently installing their communications equipment back up on the tower. The Fire Department and School District had equipment removed from the tower while we painted and that equipment seemingly disappeared (possibly thrown away by mistake??) but both parties are in the process of replacing their equipment and having it reinstalled. The prime contractor on this project has contracted with TD Landscaping to have the surrounding topsoil and grass restored to its original condition later this spring. For the most part, this \$430K project has been successfully completed using 100% federal funds and no local funding.

The Sewer Separation Project (Phase 9, 10 & 11) has also been all but completed. The only remaining work on this project appears to be the little bit of touch up landscaping on the right-of-way on Mulberry Street. This \$675K project has also been successfully completed using 100% federal funding and no local funds.

BILLBOARD

We formally notified Lind Media on numerous occasions and the Solicitor even reached out to the owner of the billboard that their billboard was on our property, located north of the intersection of Ankenytown Road and N. Main Street. Both Adam and I separately requested some sort of documentation showing us that they had legal right to have this billboard on our property. After receiving no such documentation, and with multiple notifications that we planned on removing the billboard without such notification, we removed the billboard without incident.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No new business.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Fredericktown Community Development Foundation (FCDF) met on February 2nd and discussed ongoing economic development matters. Sarah Auchard will serve as FCDF President through 2023. The FCDF will meet next on March 2nd at the Fredericktown Local Schools Administrative Building.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Mayor and I discussed the Streetscape Project at length with both KE McCartney and ODOT officials last week. ODOT will rebid the Streetscape Project as we discussed last Tuesday evening. We will run this by the committees and through Council in the meeting Monday evening. Ultimately, this rebidding will obviously require Council approval. Here is the tentative plan:

- The project will NOT include the traffic masts and traffic signals at the square
- ODOT will complete their estimated construction costs around April 21st
- The project will be advertised beginning around May 11th
- The project will likely be awarded around July 3rd
- Construction will likely start right after the Tomato Show ends

- The project will likely be finished sometime in 2024, depending on supply chain issues
- We will receive our TAP funding as planned, even if the project runs well into 2024
- The paving (overlay) will be bid as an option but will likely be included in the project

There is certainly more to share but these are some of the highlights – nothing major besides the change in dates.

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUNDING

We submitted our OPWC grant application materials for our 2023 Street Improvements ten days prior to the November 4th deadline. The project entails overlaying all of Mulberry Street, the north side of Struble Circle, and Grant Street, from Tuttle to High. The engineer’s estimate on this project is \$254,505, including engineering and inspection. We have asked for forty-eight percent of the cost of construction and inspection. We will not likely be receiving this grant funding. Next month, we will need the Public Works Committee to make a recommendation to Council as to what we will be paving this year.

OTHER GRANT FUNDING

We are waiting to hear back in regards to OEPA grant funding for reimbursement of equipment used for mechanically opening and closing valves and hydrants. We annually close/open valves and hydrants in order to flush sediment out of lines and to jeep mechanical components from freezing up due to not being used.

We are also waiting to hear back on a BWC grant application for trench safety equipment (inflatable shoring). The grant would cover approximately 75% of the cost of this shoring and accessories.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission met on February 13th to wrap up the final proposed revisions of the Village’s Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission is recommending that Council adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Council will be required by law to provide thirty-days’ notice and hold a public hearing prior to approving this ordinance. The hearing may be held at the next Council Meeting, as long as it is prior to Council taking action on this ordinance.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

We will plan on meeting later this month. Fredericktown Local Schools staff has reached out to us in regards to elementary students getting more involved with planting trees next spring. In the wake of the storm in June, we look to have plenty of tree planting for them to assist us with.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Service Department worked from approximately 8PM to 5AM in repairing a 4” water main leak on College Street earlier this month and the vehicle worked out quite well for us on this repair.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Please see your Council Packet for the Mayor’s newly written 2023 State of the Village report.

UTILITIES

We have taken delivery of the used jet-vac-truck that we recently acquired from the City of Mount Vernon. We put approximately \$3,500 into replacing the (broken) rear leaf-springs and we spent approximately \$1,500 on new vacuum lines.

Alumni Roofing will be coordinating with T-Mobile in getting the new roof installed on the Water Plant later this month.