

March 20, 2023

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

PRESENT: Council Members Brewer, Lanuzza, McKnight, and Shoemaker; Administrator Snell; Fiscal Officer Graves; Chief Myers.

ABSENT: Council Members de Rojas and Hobson. Lanuzza made a motion to excuse the absence of Council Members de Rojas and Hobson. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea.

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

INVOCATION: Brian Snow, First Baptist Church.

MINUTES:

Lanuzza made a motion to approve the February 20, 2023 council meeting minutes. Seconded by McKnight. All Yea, except de Rojas and Hobson.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Helen Fry would like to see the final draft of the new Zoning Ordinance on Facebook and the Village website.

LEGISLATION:

(Third 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**

Shoemaker made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-08. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea, except de Rojas and Hobson.

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

Lanuzza made a motion to take Ordinance No. 2023-07 off table. Seconded by McKnight. All yea, except de Rojas and Hobson. Followed by first reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Administrator Snell said that the OPWC Grant was denied for 2023 Street Paving. Looking at paving North and East sides of Struble Circle and all of Mulberry Street.

NEW BUSINESS: None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: See attached.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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

- Need to schedule Public Records meeting.
- Employee health insurance renewal rate with Ohio Insurance Services is +8.88, will move forward with the renewal.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Monitoring street light outages and reporting to AEP – 13 currently out.
Neighborhood Watch Meeting, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next meeting to be determined

FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY: Next meeting April 17th

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by McKnight. All Yea, except de Rojas and Hobson.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Jerry Day, Mayor

Suzan Graves, Fiscal Officer

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: BRUCE SNELL, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: MARCH 15, 2023
SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AC

T-Mobile subcontractors are continuing their work in installing the new communications equipment on the old water tower. The subcontractor has also graciously agreed to reinstall the FLS Bus Garage's communications equipment as well as the FCFD's communications equipment. In addition to this, the painting contractor (Worldwide Industries) has paid TD Landscape in advance to restore the lawn around the water tower this spring.

The Sewer Separation Project (Phase 9, 10 & 11) was finished in later November. The contractor, Underground Utilities, will be back in the spring to fully restore the right-of-way on this project back to its original condition.

BILLBOARD

After consulting with and communicating through our Solicitor, we removed the LIND billboard from the new AEP right-of-way on N. Main Street, at Ankenytown Road. We saved the banners from both sides of the billboard and we have given LIND our contact information so they can reuse the banners on another billboard outside the Village.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No new business.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Fredericktown Community Development Foundation (FCDF) met on March 2nd and discussed ongoing economic development matters. Sarah Auchard will serve as FCDF President through 2023. The FCDF will meet next on April 6th at the Fredericktown Local Schools Administrative Building.

LIBRARY ROOF SHINGLE REPLACEMENT

The Fredericktown Community Library lost several shingles from the roof during the last strong windstorm. Revere Roofing has reinstalled those shingles and the roof is watertight. The problem with putting a new roof on in the middle of the winter is the roof doesn't really bond together as one unit summer when the shingles adhere together. Now the roof is hundreds of separate shingles nailed to the roof. The roof has a forty-year warranty so we are not expecting any problems with the roof, once it gets exposed to the summer heat.

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUNDING

We had applied for OPWC funding for the 2023 paving project and it has been determined that we will not be receiving such funding this year. We had applied for grants covering 48% of the estimated construction costs of milling and paving:

- all of N. & S. Mulberry (estimated \$125K)
- Struble Circle, the northern half of the circle (think of the top half of a backward letter "C" (estimated \$80K)
- Grant Street, from High to Tuttle (estimated \$25K)

I would recommend prioritizing the streets in the order they are listed in above. I don't know for certain how much we can afford to put into paving with us paying 100% of the costs this year but Suzy should be able to help us with determining what we can afford to pave this year. Anyway, this will give the Public Works and Finance Committees time to look at the streets and see what you think. We anticipate the Public Works Committee and/or Finance Committee making a recommendation to Council and Council giving us a directive on which streets to pave this year – but hopefully all three, if possible. Basically, they all three need paved as soon as possible but Mayor and I prioritized them and KEM estimated Average Daily Traffic (ADT) figures, as estimated by the engineer.

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT

Our application with the OEPA for hydrant/valve exercising equipment is currently pending OEPA approval. We anticipate hearing back from OEPA in regards to this sometime this month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission held a public hearing in February 13th to allow public input on the final draft of the revised zoning ordinance, the Planning Commission has approved the draft of the Zoning Code and they have sent the ordinance to Council for review and approval.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

We have had four snow/ice events thus far that required salting/plowing. We hope mother nature will bring springlike weather to us soon and we will save our salt for next year.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Fredericktown Local Schools 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.

STREETSCAPE

The Streetscape project will NOT include the traffic masts and traffic signals at the square and existing traffic lights will be eliminated from the three intersections downtown

- 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 2023 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 into 2024
- The paving (overlay) will be included as part of the project

UTILITIES

Alumni Roofing has completed with replacing the roof at the Water Plant for the previously quoted cost of \$19,000.

We currently have a grant application pending with BWC for inflatable shoring for open trenches, which occasionally used while performing a sewer tap. If we receive this grant, this equipment will help to prevent injuries/deaths in the event of a ditch cave-in. We currently have a steel ditch box, which also prevents cave-ins but it is much heavier and not nearly as safe to work with as inflatable shoring.