

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Birr and Dykstra. Absent: Gould and Pawlisch.

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Ben Upward (GEC).

Approve Agenda – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the agenda. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Ben gave an update on the project. All of the gas relocates are complete. Most of the sidewalk is done. A couple of areas may need to be fixed. The crew got rained out today. They will be coming back to work on the driveway approaches. Dorner will be back after that to do the restoration. Trustee Ninmann discussed some of the issues that residents have brought to him.

Dorner Change Order #4 – This change order does not have an amount but depends on the quantities required. This order is to repair parts of Hilltop Dr that are outside of the project area but were damaged in part due to the heavy equipment traffic. Craig is asking for confirmation that this repair is done as he requests and not just a patch over. He will confirm with Dorner at the meeting tomorrow morning. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Change Order #4. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Dorner Pay Request #5 - \$363,571.27 A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Pay Request #5 for \$363,571.27. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Sign Ordinance Amendment – An amendment was presented at the last meeting. It was tabled so we could include clarification of the roof sign portion of the ordinance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Amendment to include a roof sign with a maximum height of 10' above the roof line and 300 square feet maximum. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Classify 99 Chevrolet as Surplus Equipment and Sell – DPW found a 2020 GMC Sierra to purchase. It has been decaled and lights mounted. Craig would like to use the money from the sale of the 1999 to purchase a plow for the 2020. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to declare the 1999 Chevy Pickup surplus property. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Classify the Emergency Management Trailer as surplus equipment and sell – This trailer has been sitting for six years. The PD has been asked several times to provide a list of equipment needed. We have budgeted for this equipment. No list has been provided or equipment purchased. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to table this until a list is put together of surplus equipment for the next meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried. This includes the next item on the agenda.

Classify bicycles and miscellaneous as surplus equipment and sell

The DPW was audited by the DSPS. All equipment, safety and procedures were looked at. They did very well and had only a few things to correct.

The Prairie Street water tower is painted and is now curing. Once they received safe bac-t samples it will be put back into service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was emailed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fall River Community Fire District Budget and Assessments – This budget and assessment amount did not pass in Ft. Prairie. They would consider an increase of no more than \$8,000 for the assessment. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to agree to an increase in the assessment of no more than \$8,000. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bartender application from Tabitha Killerlain – The PD did not recommend approval of this application. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to deny the application from Tabitha Killerlain. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 09/14/22 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes from 09/14/22. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

CDAR renewals – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to renew the Capital Improvement for 26 weeks @ 3.60% and the Sewer Equipment Replacement for 52 weeks @ 3.90%. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

CDAR Early Withdrawal – The USDA Loan Reserve is currently earning .50%. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to take an early withdrawal penalty and re-invest for 26 weeks @ 3.60%. The renewal should be for the same amount of \$173,218. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to pay the bills as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from September – The LGIP account #15 had previously been title for ARPA funds. Those fund have been used in full and that account is now being titled for the escrow account for the VG Condo Development. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from September. All Members present – aye – motion carried. The Board would like to see an income/expense report from the K9 Fund. The costs of the Niehoff Drive pavement repairs is to be paid from Village Funds. This last pay request included some of those costs.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – The City of Columbus has requested to rejoin the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court. The ECCJMC meeting is November 2nd at 5:30 here at the Village Hall. The Shred Event went well. They had more activity in the first hour. There has been no word from Dollar General.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Move December Meeting to December 7, 2022 – This earlier date allows the Clerk to submit all the reports to Columbia County and get the tax bills out before 12/15/22.

Clerk Request to be closed Friday 11/25 and Friday 12/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to allow the Clerk’s Office to be closed as requested. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 PM.