

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**President Slotten called the meeting to order.**

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T)

Guests: Brad Johnsrud, Pat Ann St.Germain and sons

**Approve Agenda** – Add bartender applications for Jenny Olson and Seth Christianson. Move discussion on the sign ordinance up to Engineering. The change order for Dorner should be before the Pay Request as it is part of the pay request. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve the agenda with the changes as noted. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Dorner Change Order #3** – The water lateral owned by Dan Jacob on Fox Trail is 1 ½” rather than 1” as planned. There is an additional cost of \$4,160. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Change Order #3. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Dorner Pay Request #4, \$319,954.87** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve Pay Request #4 for \$319,954.87. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**CSM for Curt & Linda Hanson** – The Planning Committee has recommended approval of the CSM. Dollar General is looking at Lot 1. The remainder of the parcel is still up in the air. The CSM also grants an easement to the Village for the existing water and sewer mains on the property. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the CSM as presented. Roll Call Vote was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Update Sign Ordinance 13-1-145(d)(4) Type 4 – Ground Signs** – This update brings most existing signs into compliance. Recent applications for signs has led to more scrutiny of the ordinance. There seems to be some old language brought into the new ordinance. This update proposes to clean it up. There are still a few changes and updates that should be made. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to table updating the sign ordinance until the next meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Brad Johnsrud** – Brad has recently become a member of the Board of Directors of Savanna Oaks. He believes this is a diamond in the rough for our community. Knowing that the Village is working on budgeting he is asking the Board to consider support for the upcoming year.

Pat Ann St.Germain saw a little girl push the warning light at the school crossing and a truck rushed past her and almost hit her tire. Her son talked about liking Officers Robin and Gunner. They should watch that crossing for cars that don’t follow the rules. He thanked the Board for hiring another fulltime officer.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Truck Replacement** – The hoist on the 1999 pickup does not work. Craig is getting a price on a new bed for the 2012 pickup. There is a long wait to get a “new” truck. A MOTION

WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to allow Craig to spend up to a base price of \$50,000 for a new pickup if he can find one. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**County Highway Match Project** – We have an estimate of \$19,800 to do various areas on Prairie Street. We have already sent \$7,000 to the County for participation in this program. The \$7,000 will be returned if we do nothing or in 2023, we will receive \$3,500. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to accept the bid from Columbia County for the Prairie Street repairs. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Th monthly report was emailed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bartender Application for Sara Schick, Jenny Olson, Seth Christianson** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the applications from Sara Schick and Jenny Olson. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to deny the application from Seth Christianson. Roll call vote was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Columbia County Economic Development Corp request for support \$1.50 X 1712 = \$2,568.00** – The Board does not feel like they have received any type of support or information from the CCEDC. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Birr to deny participation with the CCEDC for 2023. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Resolution 22 0914 Recognition of League Curt Witynski and Gail Sumi** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the Resolution 22 0914. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Update Sign Ordinance 13-1-145(d)(4) Type 4 – Ground Signs** (discussed above)

## **MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Minutes from 08/10/22 Regular Meeting** – *In the Police section the motion to Amend should say that Robin must have \$30,000 in the K9 account before he can purchase a vehicle up to \$20,000. \$15,000 would come from the K9 account and borrow up to \$5,000 from the village.* A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes with the change as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Minutes from 08/10/22 Closed Session** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the minutes of the Closed Session. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Bills for Payment** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bills to be paid. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Financial Report from August 2022** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from August. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – The Judiciary Committee met, and reviewed Craig Abegglen and he was sworn in as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn the meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen