

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March, 8, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM
Fall River Municipal Building ~ 641 South Main Street**

**AGENDA
(Agenda is subject to change)
(All Items are for Consideration and Possible Approval)**

Call to order

Approve Agenda

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Final Plans for the Industrial Park Infrastructure
Industrial Park Infrastructure Going out for Bids**

PUBLIC INPUT

**PUBLIC WORKS
Replace Welcome Sign near Hwy 16
Discuss plans for Tree Replacement**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
Police Chief Application and Hiring Process Approval
Consider Disposition of K9 Rico
Establish Eligibility List Proceed with Hiring for Full Time Officer Position
Monthly Report**

OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS
Fence Ordinance Amendments 13-1-202(d)(5) and 13-1-202(g)(1)
Picnic License #2 for Fall River Fire Dept 03/25/23
Columbia County Haz-Mat Agreement
Marco Telephone Agreement Renewal \$151.20
Replace Village Drinking Fountain
VG Condo Amendment to Allow Alternate Floor Plan – Recommendation from PC
Sick Time Retirement Policy – Discuss recommendation from Judiciary Committee
Bartender Application: Jill Kaufman**

**MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT
Minutes from 02/08/23
Minutes from COW 05/24/22 and 02/27/23
Financial Report from February 2023
Recommendation of Moving Investments to Ehlers**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Todd Toman, Devin Gill, Bill Gill.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Final Plans for the Industrial Park Infrastructure – The plans have not changed. They plan to loop the water main in the new street. Connect to 12” in Quality Ct. Sewer is 8” gravity. They hope to have plans ready soon to go out for bid. The plans just meet the DNR requirements for water. They recommend a booster station. They did not include plans to go back to Swarthout Rd. Craig indicated that there are still concerns that he has. He will go up to Portage to meet with the engineers on Tuesday, 3/14. The booster pump proposed would only benefit this area. He feels that to be a responsible caretaker we should look at the whole town. We have enough water supply but we lack substantial pressure. It is at least an eight month wait for a booster pump. We could put out two separate bids.

Industrial Park Infrastructure Going out for Bids - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlsich to put Contract #1 out for bids for the Industrial Park, streets, water and sewer improvements. Members Gould, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra, Pawlsich and Slotten yes, Ninmann – no – motion carried. It will be advertised next week. Bid opening will be the first week of April. Craig asked for an updated price list.

PUBLIC INPUT - Devin Gill asked about the changing of the fence ordinances. She has applied for a permit to put up a fence. It was denied. The administration decided after looking into the ordinance that it needed to be changed. That change is on the agenda tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS

Replace Welcome Sign near Hwy 16 – There are 4 options for repairing or replacing the Welcome sign. Aluminum with white background \$5675, Aluminum with vinyl or painted background \$6605, Sandblasted red cedar similar to current \$11,750, Sandblasted redwood same as current \$12,250. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to select Option 4, Redwood for \$12,250. Members Ninmann, Gould, Birr, Dykstra, Pawlsich and Slotten – yes, Robbins – no - motion carried.

Discuss plans for Tree Replacement – A Committee of the Whole will be set up to discuss a plan. Mary Jo Wentz and Bert Freeman will be invited.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

President Slotten placed a telephone call to Chief Van Gysel.

Police Chief Application and Hiring Process Approval – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Pawlsich to approve the Job Description and application as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried. He will have the job posted by the end of the month. It will be posted for 30 days.

Consider Disposition of K9 Rico – Sgt Robin Messer has been offered a position with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Dept. Brent provided options for the future of the Village’s K9 Unit. A possible \$13,000 has gone into training. \$5,000 would be a fair amount spent of Village

taxpayer funds. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to propose an offer to sell Rico to the Columbia County Sheriff's Dept for \$5,000 with the funds going into the K9 Fund. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Establish Eligibility List Proceed with Hiring for Full Time Officer Position – The PD is holding interviews on 3/24. Officer Witthun will probably wait to see who the new Chief is before deciding to stay or not. There are three new officers going to school. We will lose three officers at the end of the month. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to establish an eligibility list and proceed with hiring for a full-time position. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Monthly Report – It was noted from the report that we assisted Columbus 15 times.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fence Ordinance Amendments 13-1-202(d)(5) and 13-1-202(g)(1) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Ordinance Amendments as discussed. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Picnic License #2 for Fall River Fire Dept 03/25/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the license for 03/25/23. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Columbia County Haz-Mat Agreement – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Haz Mat Agreement for \$373. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Marco Telephone Agreement Renewal \$151.20 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the renewal agreement with Marco for \$151.20, All Members – aye – motion carried.

Replace Village Drinking Fountain – A price has been received from Gould Plumbing for \$3,794.44 plus @ \$500 for installation. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the proposal from Gould Plumbing to replace the drinking fountain. All Members – aye – motion carried. Trustee Gould abstained.

VG Condo Amendment to Allow Alternate Floor Plan – Recommendation from PC – The Plan Commission is recommending that there could be up to four units that can change the floor plan from the original submission. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to go with the PC recommendation. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Sick Time Retirement Policy – Discuss recommendation from Judiciary Committee – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to add a benefit to the employee handbook for accumulated sick time payment at retirement. Basic requirements and benefits: 15 years of continuous employment, must elect WRS Retirement benefits, any amount of accumulated hours (up to 720) valued at \$20 per hour to go towards payment of health insurance premiums for whatever health insurance that the Village is offering. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application: Jill Kaufman A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the application on file. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 02/08/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the minutes of 02/08/23. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Minutes from COW 05/24/22 and 02/27/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 05/24/23 and 02/27/23. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from February 2023 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Financial Report as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Recommendation of Moving Investments to Ehlers – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to follow the recommendation of the COW and move funds to invest with Ehlers Financial. Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra and Pawlisch – yes, Slotten – no – motion carried.

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Badger Custom Pallet is still interested in Lot 1 of the Industrial Park addition. They are agreeable to our terms and conditions. This will be on the April agenda.

We have been consulting with Jesse Spankowski regarding the lawsuit brought against the Village and Officer Meier. There will be some costs associated with that.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.

Marie Abegglen