

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM
Fall River Municipal Building ~ 641 South Main Street**

**AGENDA
(Agenda is subject to change)**

Call to order

Approve Agenda

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

**Bid Award For Industrial Park Expansion Contract #1 Street & Utilities
Options for Improvements in Industrial Park Water Supply**

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Tree Program Plans for 2023

Water Rate Increase

WRWA – Voluntary Donation to the Loaner Equipment Fund

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Declare the K9 Squad Surplus Property

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to convene to Closed Session per WI Stat 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Negotiation and Discussion on Consideration of a Possible Sale of a lot in the Industrial Park.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2)

Consideration of Offer to Purchase parcel of Industrial Land

NEW BUSINESS

Siren Maintenance Agreement

**Handbook Policy of Accumulation of Sick Time Hours for Health Insurance
Premium at Retirement**

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 03/08/23 and COW 03/27/23

Bills for Payment

Financial Report from March 2023

CDAR Renewals

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Todd Toman and MaryJo Wentz.

Approve Agenda – Add to the agenda a bartender application and the farmland lease. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the agenda with the additions as noted. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Bid Award For Industrial Park Expansion Contract #1 Street & Utilities – There were seven bids received on April 6th. Range from \$1,356,308.19 to \$2,224,165.14. The low bid was from Kartechner Brothers from Waupun, WI. GEC received their list of subcontractors and references have been checked. They are recommending the award go to Kartechner for Contract #1. Trustee Ninmann noted that it is hard to award a contract when we don't know how we are going to pay for it. Financial reports were received from Ehlers. Kory noted that the bids are good for 60 days. It would not be a problem if we waited until next month to award. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to table the award until next month. Trustees Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, and Birr – yes, Slotten opposed. Motion carried.

Options for Improvements in Industrial Park Water Supply – There are lots of various elevations in this new area that make it more difficult to provide a perfect plan. The current plan calls for a booster pump. A new well may trigger the DNR to mandate that we chlorinate. If that comes about a structure needs to be built for each well. President Slotten said there has been a lot of money spent on our wells in the last 10 years. GEC has been asked to come back with suggested options. Trustee Ninmann would like to see if the water can be hooked up on Swarthout Road.

PUBLIC INPUT - Todd Toman wanted to thank the DPW for getting the pier in at the dam. It gets used a lot. He asked that the Police Dept patrol through that area once in a while. There always seems to be someone loitering down by the dam.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tree Program Plans for 2023 – Everyone is very excited about working together to get some trees planted. McKay nursery has the trees that we are interested in. The Lion's Club is

donating \$250 towards the purchase of the trees. The plan is to order up to 10 trees this year. The Lions Club and interested employees and residents are welcome to assist in the Earth Day celebration and planting trees in the Hometown Park at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd. President Slotten thanked Mary Jo Wentz and Bert Freeman (Lions Club) for their help and interest in our tree program.

Water Rate Increase – The auditors are working on completing the PSC Report for 2022. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to apply for the Simplified Rate Increase with the PSC and if we are eligible to proceed with a rate increase of 8%. All Members present – yes – motion carried.

WRWA – Voluntary Donation to the Loaner Equipment Fund – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to make a \$200 Voluntary contribution to the Equipment Loaner Fund. All Members present – yes – Motion carried.

The DPW is getting ready for spring/summer. Hopefully they will be able to open the bathrooms in the parks soon. They have started picking up brush and filling potholes. Jake Rowe will be helping to mow again this summer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brent is on vacation. The monthly report was emailed.

Declare the K9 Squad Surplus Property – There are items in the squad that may have more value than the squad itself. But to take them out and try to dispose of them may not be profitable either. President Slotten said that Brent is trying to find a department that may want the squad as a K9 unit. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to declare the K9 unit as surplus property. All Members present – yes – Motion carried.

The direction from the Board is to have the Judiciary Committee meet on April 26th at 6 PM to go over the applications. This is an open meeting to all Board members. The interviews will be conducted by the Committee of the Whole and a Law Enforcement Panel. These will probably be held during the day.

OLD BUSINESS

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Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2) - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Birr to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote was taken with all Members present – aye – motion carried.

Consideration of Offer to Purchase parcel of Industrial Land – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the offer to purchase from Badger Pallet as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote was taken with all Members present – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Siren Maintenance Agreement – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to renew the Siren Maintenance Agreement for five years at \$450 per year. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Handbook Policy of Accumulation of Sick Time Hours for Health Insurance Premium at Retirement – The payment of Health Insurance has been approved in a prior

meeting. The concern is that portion of a premium that may not be covered by the accumulation. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to pay a full month of coverage at the end of the accumulation period if there is not enough money in that fund. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Farm Lease – No action was taken because we do not know if the street project will move forward or not. The sale of a lot will probably happen so there would be that much less to lease.

Bartender Application – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the application for Natalie Anderson pending the Police Department background check and recommendation. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 03/08/23 and COW 03/27/23 – Trustee Robbins corrected the minutes for the motion for the sign approval – she voted NO. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 03/08/23 with the noted correction. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

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

CDAR Renewals – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to redeem the UDSA Sewer Loan Reserve CDAR (\$173,218) and transfer the funds to Ehlers Investments for one year. The Capital Improvement CDAR (301,463.49) to be renewed at F&M to a 90-day CDAR. Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins and Birr – yes , Slotten – opposed – motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – The Brayton Scholarship reports are here for review. Trustees Ninmann and Robbins will look them over and return with their choices marked.

Trustee Mark Gould did not choose to run this year. President Slotten thanked Trustee Gould for having served on the Village Board. He has been a valuable asset to the Board and our community. He will be missed.

We will contact Greg Johnson to try to find a date for him to meet to discuss the financing proposal for the Industrial Park infrastructure.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen

