

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 11, 2021, ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Birr. Absent: Gould, Dykstra and Pawlisch.
Village representatives: Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD).

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

Closed Session – Per WI Stat 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Discuss the sale of Industrial Park Property, Discuss acquisition of ROW from JDSG Group LLC. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to convene to closed session. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session – Per Wi Stat 19.85(2) A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Sale of Industrial Property to JDSG Group LLC – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to move forward with offer as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ROW purchase Agreement with JDSG Group LLC – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to have the ROW agreement run concurrent with the offer to purchase for the sale of the property. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Resolution 21 0811 to rename a section of Quality Court – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve Resolution 21 0811 to rename a section of Quality Court to EK Way. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

United Coop New Utility Easement Agreement – It was discovered that the water main turns just a bit to the north. United Coop requested that the new easement follow the water main which allows them just a little bit more for them to build and not cover the main. The legal description is not completed at this time. It should reflect a 20' easement over the center of the main. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the Utility Easement drafted by Attorney Spankowski and pending the legal description. All Members present – aye – motion carried. The Board would like to move the main but do not have plans to do that. President Slotten thought this could be a TIF eligible expense.

United Coop Release of Utility Easement – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to release the old utility easement. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS – President Slotten reported that the DPW is busy cutting trees. Stump grinding and dirt work will be in the 2022 budget.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Closed Session – Per WI Stat 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Discuss promotion of Officer Messer and discuss wage and benefit options for the Police Chief. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to convene to Closed Session. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session – Per WI Stat 19.85(2) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Monthly Report – The dog bite was a bite to the owner of a dog. A DNR violation was issued for a party that was hunting clams.

Policy for K9 – There are a couple of times that the words *Officer Messer* should be replaced with *Canine Handler*. Page 12 last paragraph is the same as Section C. A \$75 stipend will be given to the Canine Handler. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the K9 Policy with the changes noted. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Discuss Part Time officer pay for budget 2022 – The current pay range for the part time officers is \$11, \$13, \$15, \$18. Would like to get rid of the \$11 and \$13. Start \$15, \$16, \$18. Fall River has to be the same as Rio as the officers are hired to serve both communities.

Discuss body cameras for the Police Department – Cameras are going to be needed soon.

Promotion and compensation of Officer Robin Messer – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to promote Officer Messer to sergeant and a \$1.50/hour pay raise. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Wage and benefits for Chief Van Gysel – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to table this until more information is available. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Unemployment Compensation for Officer Jason Moczynski - \$127.56 – We are unsure of how he is eligible for Unemployment, but we have been charged. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to pay the claim for unemployment of \$127.56. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Garbage Contract – Our contract is due 12/2022. We would need to send out RFPs in June 2022 or sooner.

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Applications for Eugene Adam, Thomas Stoltenburg and Brittany Bayer – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the applications on file. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 07/14/21 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes with the changes (deleting the redlined items). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bills for payment as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from July 2021 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report from July. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The Judiciary Committee should do a review of Kinsey Detert. A lunch meeting will be scheduled.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM.