

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 ~ 6:00 PM
Fall River Municipal Building ~ 641 South Main Street**

**AGENDA
(Agenda is subject to change, **Discuss and Possible Action)**

Call to order

Approve Agenda

COMMUNITY COMMENT

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ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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Bucket Truck**

Nature's Trail Street Repairs**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OLD BUSINESS

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Doug Waterworth and Sally Peterson regarding Prairie St Entrance to Lift Station**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Honoring Duane Durtschi**

Budget for Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court**

FR Community Fire District Budget and Assessments**

Sirens**

Purchase block for planter on west side of building (\$369.93)**

Bathroom fans (@ \$500.00)**

Bartender Application for Daniel Haas**

Bartender Application Appeal from Kristena Kniess**

Consider a policy on Community Comment for Board Meetings**

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 09/10/13**

Bills for Payment**

Financial Report from September 2013**

Consider re-allocation of funds at Dodge Central into higher yield accounts**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion on filling vacancy on the Board for November meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES**

President Standke called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Gates, Slotten. Trustee Durtschi passed away 09/17/13.
Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent VanGysel (PD).
Guests: Kristena Kniess, Doug Waterworth, Sally Peterson, Joyce Abegglen, John Niehoff, Otis Ostrander and Mike Hanousek.

Approve Agenda – The Police Department completed the background check on a bartender application received today. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Slotten to approve the agenda without the addition of the bartender application for Penny Schumann. All members – aye – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

John Niehoff and Joyce Abegglen regarding vehicle and yard clean-up – Pictures of properties of concern were provided. They would like to see the Village look better. It was suggested that letters be written to the property owners in the hopes that they will clean-up their property. Chief Van Gysel can ticket for junked vehicles but there are some that are not junked. They are licensed and they run. The Village used to do a spring clean-up. Maybe that would help again.

The agenda was re-arranged to be of convenience to attendees.

Doug Waterworth and Sally Peterson regarding Prairie St Entrance to Lift Station** - They are working on setting up a non-profit foundation to raise funds for a new athletic facility for the school. They are asking if the Village would work with them to change or re-locate the drive into the Prairie Street lift station. The Village would be willing to work with them as long as we maintain access to the lift station and manholes. The access needs to be able to withstand a tractor (heavy) truck.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Letter to David Kuck regarding sewer line** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to instruct the Village Attorney to contact David Kuck to pursue access, (preferably an easement) across his property to the lift station on Prairie Street. Roll call was taken with all members – yes – motion carried. This would be necessary to eliminate the lift station on Lazy Lake Drive.

Update regarding lagoon alternate abandonment plan** - There is @ 2.5 feet of water in the upper lagoon. This is down from @ 4 feet earlier in the year. It has been a dry summer. Craig would like to see the pumps left so that water could be pumped from the lower lagoon to the upper lagoon. Trustee Ninmann has a concern about the pumps needing repairs and if there would be enough water in the upper lagoon to maintain the fowl that we hope to get there. We will continue to pursue the plan and have Miron Construction propose a change order.

USDA on furlough – There are unpaid bills and the project is on hold until the Federal Govt is back on track.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ashley sewer lateral** - Dave Ashley contacted the Village about a month ago stating that his lateral has backed up at least 4 times since the replacement of his lateral last year. Country Plumber was called to televisc his lateral. Roots were found about 2 ½ - 3 feet from the house. Advance was called to take care of the problem. General Engineering was contacted for the history of this property and how much of the lateral was taken care of with the project. Advance did what they were instructed to do within the scope of the project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gates that the Village Ordinance states that the lateral is the responsibility of the property owner. Advance Construction did not perform faulty workmanship. Ashley's should have made the Village aware of the problem in a more timely fashion. The Village denies responsibility for the payment of the costs to

repair this lateral. Ashley's will be billed and will have up to six (6) months to repay. Roll call vote was taken with all members – yes – motion carried.

Bucket Truck** - The Safety Program consultant gave Craig restrictions on the type of equipment that needs to be used if a bucket truck is purchased. Craig should contact the Columbus Water & Light to see if they could be hired to hang our decorations this year. The DPW has one more safety class to attend and then it would be an annual refresher.

Nature's Trail Street Repairs** - Badger Bank is concerned that the original estimate of @ \$38,000 is now @ \$60,000. The Village would like to see the binder course come out and redone. Craig has concerns that just putting the final course over will only end up going to dis-repair in a couple of years. The Village Attorney should be contacted to see about the process for this street.

Craig will be attending the DNR/Rock River discussions in Juneau on Tuesday, 10/15.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was provided by Chief Van Gysel. An officer was injured while helping Lifestar Ambulance Service. The Halloween Bash at school is scheduled on Sunday, October 27th from 3-5 PM and Trick or Treat from 5 – 7 PM. The PD is working with the School in preparation for emergencies of various kinds. The school is getting a new camera system.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on EK Machine Land Purchase – The purchase is all taken care of. EK just needs to have it recorded at the County.

Doug Waterworth and Sally Peterson regarding Prairie St Entrance to Lift Station** - Discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Honoring Duane Durtschi** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Slotten to adopt the Resolution Honoring Duane Durtschi who passed away 09/17/13. Roll call vote was taken with all members – yes – motion carried.

Budget for Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court** - Trustee Gates reported that the court is self supporting and there are not contributions required from the municipalities. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gates to approve the 2014 Budget for ECCJMC as presented. All members – aye – motion carried.

FR Community Fire District Budget and Assessments** - The monthly report from Lifestar should be forwarded to the Board. The Budget and assessments were reviewed. The assessments as presented reflect a total assessment of \$111,625.00. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Slotten that the assessment total not exceed \$100,000.00 for 2014. Surplus funds from 2013 should be used if needed. Roll call vote was taken with all members – yes – motion carried.

Sirens** - President Standke has met with a rep from American Siren. They will send out a proposal for a new siren.

Purchase block for planter on west side of building (\$369.93)** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the purchase of block for a planter on the west side of the building. Trustee Slotten – no, all other members – aye – motion carried.

Bathroom fans (@ \$500.00)** - TAS has given a price of not to exceed \$500 to install fans in both of the restrooms. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to have TAX install the fans. All members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application for Daniel Haas** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gould to approve the bartender license for Daniel Haas. All members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application Appeal from Kristena Kniess** - Kristena appeared to appeal the denial of her bartender license. She stated that she forgot a couple of charges and was not trying to hide anything. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to deny the appeal of the bartender license for Kristena Kniess. Roll call vote was taken with all members – yes – motion carried. She is eligible to re-apply in six months.

Consider a policy on Community Comment for Board Meetings** - The Clerk should check with the League to see if they have any guidelines to follow.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 09/10/13** - Trustee Slotten stated that he had the August monthly report from the Police Dept. The Clerk has not receive a copy for the record of the 09/10/13 meeting. The chief will be sure she receives a copy. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 09/10/13. All members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to pay the bills as presented with all costs related to the Ashley sewer lateral be billed to them.

Financial Report from September 2013** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from September. All members – aye – motion carried.

Consider re-allocation of funds at Dodge Central into higher yield accounts** - The finance Committee should review this at their next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion on filling vacancy on the Board for November meeting – This will be on the agenda at the next meeting for filling the vacancy on the Board. Trustee Robbins was an alternate on the Finance Committee and should fill that vacancy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Clerk has been forwarding emails from Dawn Dollak regarding the purchase of a parcel in nature's Place subdivision. The Clerk has received a Petition to rezone from Badger Bank. The Plan Commission will meet at 5:30 prior to the next Board meeting in November.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Slotten to adjourn. All members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 9:45 PM.