

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Standke called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Gates and Slotten.

Village Representatives: Karl Green (Attorney), Kory Anderson (GEC), Craig Schultz (DPW), Brent Van Gysel (PD) and Marie Abegglen (C-T).

Guests: Leroy Dieckhoff, Brian Frank.

Approve Agenda – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Slotten to approve the agenda. All members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Kuck Property Easement** - Mr. Kuck has signed a letter agreeing to allow the Village to begin the easement across his property. We can move forward with this but we also need an easement from the FR School Dist as the final section of the proposed route would cross property owned by them. Karl will contact the school with a proposal to purchase property for this final segment.

Possible Resolution for the Sign Violation** - Mr. Kenrick Womack owns property on Deer Run. He erected a sign on the property that violates the Village's Residential Sign Ordinance. The Police Dept. contacted him to remove the sign. He would not take it down. After warnings, citations were issued and the DPW removed the sign. Mr. Womack has hired an attorney to fight the citations with reasons that it violated his free speech. Atty. Green has been in discussion with his attorney and a proposal was brought forward that the sign would be removed by April 1, 2014. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates that Attorney Green should reply to the attorney for Mr. Womack. The Village agrees with the terms of the agreement made between the attorneys that the sign must be removed by April 1, 2014 from the Village of Fall River. Roll call vote was taken with Trustees Gates, Robbins and Ninmann – yes, Trustees Slotten, Gould and Pres. Standke – no. A tie vote nullifies the motion. Attorney Green will contact the attorney for Mr. Womack.

Possible Resolution for the Pit Bull Violation** - Atty. Green wants the Board to be aware of the violations of a resident regarding the Pit Bull Ordinance. He has been contacted by an Animal Advocacy Group that protests a municipality's right to be breed specific in the restrictions against Pit Bulls. No action was taken. The violations will stand as given.

Nature's Place – Preliminary Resolution 14 0312** - A letter was sent to Atty. Green from the attorney for Badger Bank. In the letter it was stated that they feel that the Village should pay half the costs to finish the street. The Village board is not in agreement with that and will move forward with the Assessment Process. Kory Anderson, the Village Engineer, read Resolution 14 0312, a Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes for Street Paving as Part of Nature's place Subdivision Project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve Resolution 14 0312. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried. Kory will move forward with the assessment process.

PUBLIC WORKS

Savanna Oaks Watermain Upgrades for Fire Protection** - Savanna Oaks is remodeling their facility. They will be required to have fire suppression, a sprinkler system. In order to provide that to them, we need to upgrade the water service. Kory prepared the scope of the work for this watermain extension and hydrant replacement. He received three bids. LMS Construction - \$11,323.00, Allen Steele Co - \$18,900.00 and Denure Excavating - \$13,250.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gates to approve the bid from LMS Construction for \$11,323.00, with a completion date of “as soon as possible” but with consideration and concern of field conditions. The project to be paid for with “Tower Painting Funds”. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried. Savanna Oaks would like to see the project done by early May. The project will be started as soon as ground conditions allow. The existing pipe is fragile and will not be subjected to excavating until the ground is thawed and the go ahead is given by the DPW.

DNR Lagoon Abandonment and Permit documents** - Craig has completed all the reports requested from the DNR and Marie has complied a letter and it has been OK'd by Craig. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates to approve the discontinuance of the Village's WPDES permit documents. Roll call vote was taken with all Trustees – yes – motion carried.

Update on Christmas Decorations – 15 new street decorations were ordered at \$339 each plus \$120 shipping and handling. A bill is submitted with the monthly bills for approval.

Proposal from Central Contracting Electric to Provide Power for Decorations** Central Contracting Electric has proposed a cost of \$320 per location to provide power on the Alliant Energy poles as needed for the decorations. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the proposal from Central Contracting Electric. All members – aye – motion carried. President Standke will contact Mark Meierdirk at Alliant to see if there are any grants available for this.

Preliminary Discussion on possible Street projects for 2015 – A date will be set for a Finance Committee meeting to start work on a Capital Improvement Plan.

Trustee Slotten and Craig attended a meeting at Col Co Hwy. The Local Road Aid form was distributed. We have until June 1st to decide on a project and return the form.

Craig has received a price from Kevin Theel to do some work along the Mill Race ditch. Remove trees - \$1,500, clean ditch \$2,800 and seed and landscape \$1,800 for a total of \$6,100. He also submitted a bid to take down the band shell at the Village Park of \$1,700. There is \$15,000 for Parks in the budget. This includes work on the softball diamond - \$5,349, ditching - \$6,100 and band shell removal - \$1,700. This leaves @ \$1,800. The school is talking about purchasing bleachers and if possible, we may be able to also purchase a set if the \$1,800 is enough. Leroy Dieckhoff was asked at the last meeting to give us a price to take down the band shell. He should get back to us soon if he is interested in the job. This will be put on the April Agenda.

Craig would like to order a couple of signs that would designate the walking trail from the Dykstra Dr Lift station out to the lagoon area. We need to contact Don Borde to discuss an agreement with him to allow the trail or purchase some property. President Standke will call Mr. Borde.

Craig has been looking at flail mowers. He likes the Bush Hog better than the Woods. Farmer's implement has given a price of \$10,713 and with the municipal discount it would be \$8,150. Trustee Slotten would like to be sure this new mower can be attached to our tractor and it is weighted correctly for our tractor before purchasing.

K&B has started removing the trees along South St. They are taking the wood as part of the agreement. There is a resident that is not too happy about this as he had been told he could have it. Taking the wood was a condition of the excellent price that we got for the tree removal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – The monthly report was emailed to all Members. The price for the portable radios for the DPW is more than the allowed price of not to exceed \$250. This would be a heavier duty model. Brent will bring the exact price to the next meeting in April for a decision. He would like to see a budget for Emergency Management. He would like to a purchase of barricades and a small trailer to haul them and any other Emergency equipment. The Finance Committee will look at this at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Siren Proposals** - Brent would like to talk to Gene Adam, the Fire Chief, and do a siren test on the existing sirens. He would like to see a testing night set on a regular basis for the sirens.

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Applications on file: Doris Williams, Kara Lange, Teresa Bohn** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gates to approve the license for Williams and Bohn and deny the license for Lange per the PD background checks and recommendations. All Trustees – aye – motion carried.

EK Power Products Revolving Loan Application** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Robbins to table this until next month. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Participation in Columbia County Consolidated Boundary and Annexation Survey for the US Census** - Columbia County is proposing to work with the Census Bureau regarding annexations and boundary changes. We are required to send this info to them and other state and local government agencies. This would eliminate our having another entity to contact. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the participation in the Columbia County BAS. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Amend 2014 Sewer Budget To Reflect Increase In Amount Put To Reserve From \$8,661.00 to \$17,322.00** - The USDA required amount to be put into the Reserve Account each year is \$8,881 semi-annually for a total of \$17,322. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Amendment to the Sewer budget for the required Reserves from \$8,661 to \$17,322. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 02/12/14** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Minutes of 02/12/14. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report, Final Approval for December 2013 and January 2014** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the revised Financial Reports for Dec 2013 and Jan 2014. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report for February 2014** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Financial Report for Feb 2014. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Increasing Pet License Fees for 2015 – the Finance Committee will review this when reviewing the fees.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 9:10 PM.