

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Gates and Slotten. Absent: President Standke.

The Clerk announced that Dale Standke, Village President was unable to be here tonight. It would be in order to appoint a chairperson to run the meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates that Trustee Slotten be appointed to chair the meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING on Nature's Place Subdivision Street Paving Project and Special Assessments for Village of Fall River.

Trustee Slotten opened the Public Hearing by explaining the purpose was to inform the public and accept any questions that they may have. The project involved is the paving of Nature's Trail. Mike and Dawn Dollak of 136 Nature's Trail were present and asked a few questions. Village Engineer, Kory Anderson was able to explain the project. This street should have been done 5 – 7 years ago. Badger Bank had gotten the subdivision back after the Developers defaulted with the bank. The Village was promised year after year that the street would be taken care of but it never was. The existing asphalt needs to be taken out and two new layers will be put in. Mr. Dollak stated that the curb was chipped due to snow plowing and the chips have flown into his yard and ruined his lawn mower and snow blower. Atty. Green was informed only an hour and a half ago that there would not be a representative from the bank in attendance tonight. He did have a conversation with the bank's attorney and the bank's attorney stated that the bank would be willing to send a check to Atty. Green to put into trust for the amount of the lowest bid that they had received to complete the project. Dollaks stated that they have an agreement with the bank that the bank would pay the assessment on Lot 8 that they recently purchased. No other comments at this time.

Close the Public Hearing – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to close the Public Hearing. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Call to order – Acting Chairman, Trustee Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Gates and Slotten. Absent: President Standke.

Village representatives: Karl Green (Attorney), Kory Anderson (GEC), Craig Schultz (DPW), Brent VanGysel (PD), Marie Abegglen (C-T).

Guests: LeRoy Dieckhoff and Doug Waterworth.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Nature's Trail Assessments & Final Resolution for Street Repairs** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to table the Final Resolution until the May Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried. Kory could start the project bidding process with a bid opening the week of 5/5/14. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to have Kory proceed with the bidding process for Nature's Trail Street Repair. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Kuck Easements** - Atty. Green has an easement drafted for Mr. Kuck. Karl will get back to Kuck regarding the delay due to the Pirate Foundation.

Acquire Property From School for Sewer Utility Connection to Lift Station** - We still need the easement from the school. Karl has had conversations with Kellie Manning, the school superintendent. She was receptive to the idea but needed to discuss it with the Fall River Pirate Foundation to see what their plans are. Doug Waterworth was in attendance to represent the Foundation. They do not have a definite plan yet. They probably won't until December 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS

Band Shell Removal Bids** - There were two bids received, LeRoy Dieckhoff \$600 and Kevin Theel \$1,700. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Robbins to accept the bid from LeRoy Dieckhoff as long as a waiver is signed and he can assure that he is insured and covered for this type of work. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Pagers for DPW, \$378** - This should be radios for the DPW @ \$299 for the heavier duty model. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates to purchase the two radios for the DPW at \$299 each, with a 2 year warranty.

Mill Race Ditch Cleaning** - We have a bid from Kevin Theel to do this work for \$6,100. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the bid from Kevin Theel to clean and reseed the ditch along the Mill Race. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Designate Roads for County Road Aid Program** - No action – Craig would like to wait until more frost is out of the ground.

Prairie Street Water Tower Repairs** - The Foundry is looking to decrease their water consumption even more than their current usage. This could cause problems if we have an extreme cold event like this past year. The consensus is that we will wait to see what happens next year. Hopefully, it will be a milder winter.

Savanna Oaks Water upgrades** - No action. The frost needs to be out of the ground.

Kane Street Well Pump Repairs** - They need one more safe sample. There is a sand issue at this pump. It will continue to wear but it should be good for another 8 – 10 years.

Bleacher Proposals** - Craig has a bid of \$1,765 for a set of bleachers, 27' long and 2' high. He has another bid for a higher set of bleachers for \$3,049. He would prefer the lower set. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to accept the price from Highland Products for a set of bleachers at \$1,765. All Members – aye – motion carried. Trustee Robbins asked if they have done an inspection of the playground equipment. Craig stated that they have and everything is in safe condition.

Trustee Slotten and Craig attended a session at Columbia County concerning the lowering of phosphorus limits for discharging. Columbus's permit expires in December of this year. The DNR plans to lower the phosphorus limit to 0.075. Upgrades will need to be made within 5 years. This will affect our rates as well as the City's customers. We should work with our business customers on ways to lower any phosphorus that they contribute to our wastewater system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was emailed.

Siren Report and Possible Purchase** - Brent has met with Gene Adam, Fire Chief. They plan to test the sirens on the second Monday of each month. Brent will discuss this more when Dale is back.

Emergency Management Equipment** - Nothing has been budgeted for 2014. The cones that we have are not compliant. Brent has looked at a couple of enclosed trailers to store and haul the equipment needed. He has a price on one of @ \$1,700. He would like to order a new pager for himself. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Gates to allow Brent to order a new pager for \$378. All Members – aye – motion carried. The Explorer does not have a hitch. He should look into the cost to add a trailer package to the Explorer.

OLD BUSINESS

Main St/CTD Welcome Sign Upgrade** - Marie should review the insurance recovery and expenditures to see if there is money left to do the work.

NEW BUSINESS

EK Machine Revolving Loan Request** - Karl has reviewed and OK'd the application for EK. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Revolving Loan for \$175,000, 0%, 10 years. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Donna Tuttle yard cleanup** - Donna Tuttle is concerned that her yard has not been cleaned up after the trees were taken down. K&B has to come back to grind the stumps after the ground thaws. That is the time that we would have to be sure that everything is cleaned up. Tuttle is concerned because she wants to put her house up for sale now and she spent a lot of time in the fall to clean it up and now it is a mess. Craig said that not everything is from the tree removal. A lot of it is just leaves and debris that blows from one property to the next. The Board can only be sure the cleanup after the stump removal is done to our approval. We cannot have them come back now to cleanup one yard.

Finance Committee Report – Trustee Slotten sent an email regarding the Fee Schedule, the Capital improvement Plan and the Emergency Management funding that were discussed. The Fee Schedule and Capital Improvement Funds will follow on the agenda.

Delta Dental Premium Renewal Increase** - Marie made the Board aware of the increase in premium for Delta Dental Insurance.

Bartender Application for Dana Grossman** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates to approve the bartender application for Dana Grossman. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Report from Post Office Meeting** - The PO sent out 1134 surveys and received 386 back. They plan to cut back hours from 6.5 hrs to 6 hrs. It was suggested to stop Saturday delivery but the Federal Govt will not allow it.

Fee Schedule** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Fee Schedule as presented. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried. Now the fees will have to be incorporated into the ordinances as they fit in.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 03/12/14** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes of 03/12/14. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from March 2014** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report from March. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Transfer Funds from Debt Retirement to Capital Improvement Funds, \$231,794.71 plus accrued interest** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to transfer the Debt Retirement funds to a Capital Improvement Fund. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Transfer Funds from Assessment Savings to Capital Improvement Fund, \$320828.17 plus accrued interest** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to transfer funds from the Assessment Savings into a Capital Improvement Fund. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Change Title of LGIP #14 from Assessment to Capital Improvement Fund, current balance \$18,571.28** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to change the name of the LGIP Account #14 from Assessment to Capital Improvement Fund.

Transfer Capital improvement Funds into the CDARs Program at F&M Bank** A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to deposit the Capital Improvement Funds as follows:

50% into a CDARS for 6 months

25% into a MMDA at F&M Bank or Landmark Credit Union

25% into a CDARS for one year.

All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Trustee Gates informed the Board that he sold his house and would be leaving Fall River. This will be his last meeting as a Member of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.