

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM
CAUCUS**

President Standke called the Caucus to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Gates, Slotten. Guests: Bill Braun, Paul Scharf, Rachel Engeler, Leroy Dieckhoff, Ron Kennedy. Village representatives: Craig Schultz, Marie Abegglen and Brent VanGysel.

Nominations for 3 incumbent positions (2 yr terms) and one replacement position for a one year term.

Nominations were open for three, 2 year positions.

Leroy Dieckhoff nominated John Ninmann and second by Jeff Slotten
Judy Robbins nominated Jeff Slotten and second by Steve Gates
Jeff Slotten nominated Judy Robbins and second by Leroy Dieckhoff.

President Standke asked three times for any other nominations. Hearing none, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Leroy Dieckhoff and second by Bill Braun to close the nominations for three, 2 years positions. All – aye – motion carried.

Nominations were open for one, 1 year position to complete the vacant term due to the death of Trustee Duane Durtschi.

Brent VanGysel nominated Ron Kennedy and second by Jeff Slotten
John Ninmann nominated Leroy Dieckhoff and second by Ron Kennedy

President Standke asked three times for any other nominations. Hearing none, A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Ninmann and second by Steve Gates to close the nominations for one, 1 year position. All – aye – motion carried.

Close Caucus – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Steve Gates and second by Bill Braun to close the Caucus. All – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES

President Standke called the meeting to order.

Approve Agenda – Add to New Business: Set date for Concert In the Park and discuss Christmas decorations. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gould to approve the agenda with the additions as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Update on obtaining easement for sewer extension and possible action** A conference call was made with David Kuck and the Village Attorney on Monday, January 6th. Mr. Kuck was receptive to the idea of allowing an easement across his property for a sewer replacement project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to have the Village Attorney draw up an offer to David Kuck for \$4,500 to allow a sewer utility easement across his property. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Update on street improvements on Nature's Trail and possible action** - A meeting scheduled for January 6th was cancelled due to the weather. It has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st at 3:00 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS

Any update on Savanna Oaks watermain – We have not received any plans from EK or his contractor.

The shaft in Well #1 on Kane Street needed repairs in 2013. The contractor, CTW, has since sent a letter stating that during their repairs it was revealed that there is a worn headshaft. Other parts could need replacing also. They have sent an estimate of not more than \$9,480 to do repairs. This does not have to be done right away but should be done before anything else goes wrong. Craig will keep the Board posted.

Pay Request from City of Columbus for \$8,901.72** - We had a conference call with Pat Morrow and Dave Arnott the engineer from the City of Columbus. They are asking for \$8,901.72 as an additional cost to upgrade the aeration system. We do not believe there should be an extra cost according to the Inter-governmental agreement, Exhibit B. We have not heard a response from anyone at the City. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gates to deny the request from the City of Columbus for \$8,901.72. Roll call vote was taken with all Members –yes – motion carried.

Craig said the General budget included \$10,000 for tree removal. He would like to get bids and get started on South Street. Bids may come in at a better price right now. The Christmas decorations will be coming down on Thursday. He would like to see a few more purchased for this next year. It would be nice to finish on N Main and start on South Street. We can get rid of the old decorations to anyone interested. The last day that the contractor was at the lagoon site there were ruts that need to be attended to. Seeding was done. Craig was not able to get back to the areas where the manholes were abandoned.

President Standke has talked with Don Borde and he seemed to be in favor of a trail from his property to the lagoon for walking. He will be contacted in the spring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – The November and December monthly reports were sent out by email. The PD continues to be busy.

Pay scale for part time Officers** - Brent presented a pay scale for the part time officers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the pay scale as presented, effective January 5, 2014 as the first day of earnings. All Members – aye – motion carried. This will be reviewed and he plans to work within his budget.

2009 Squad Repairs @ \$6,000** - The squad has been repaired for @ \$2,900 plus the cost of a new battery.

OLD BUSINESS

Permanent date change for meetings** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Ninmann to table this until the February Meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall River Volunteer Fire Dept Picnic License Feb 8, 2014 (Gun Banquet) and April 5, 2014 Bingo and Meat Raffle** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the 02/08/14 and 04/05/14 Picnic Licenses for the FRFD. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ECCJMC Amended 2014 Budget** - The State of WI has approved a \$10 increase in the court costs from \$28 to \$38. \$3 of each ticket goes to Columbia County. This will change the budgeted income by @ \$25,000. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and

second by Trustee Gates to approve the amended budget for ECCJMC. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Employee carryover vacation hours Craig Schultz – @ 6 hours, Dan Raley – 3.75 hours, Marie Abegglen – @ 24 hours** A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Gould to allow the vacation carryover hours for all listed employees and the hours must be used within 90 days. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/05/13** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the Minutes of 12/05/13. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve payment of all bills presented with the exception of the bill for the City of Columbus for \$8,901.72. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from December 2013**- A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gates to approve the Financial Report from December as presented (not complete). All Members – aye – motion carried. There will be tow investments that are coming up for renewal in February.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Trustee Robbins has been working on the tourism book for Columbia County. There has been \$500 budgeted for this within the 2014 budget.

Interviews will be set up in the coming weeks. The agenda for February should include the welcome sign and the siren.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gates and second by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.