

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2015 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**President Standke called the meeting to order.**

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

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

Guests: Bill Braun, Angela Freedman, Andy Schmiechen and Dan Birr.

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Update on Bar Screen Project Plans\*\*** The main lift was cleaned. They found 2 – 2 1/2 feet of wrapped waste rags and solids. There ended up being @ 7 tons of product to be disposed of. The cost is over \$1,000 which is @ \$400 more than normal. Trustee Robbins thought that we were not going to spend the extra\$6,000 for the brick on the exterior of the building. Jerry Foellmi will discuss with the City of Portage to see if they would be interested in purchasing our old grinder. Chief Van Gysel inquired about getting cameras on the building. Trustee Slotten said that cameras are not a USDA fundable item and will not be purchased. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Slotten to have GEC move forward with the Bar Screen Project as presented. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Update on Board of Appeals Decision** – The Board of Appeals approved the variance requested by Doug Lee and Brent Van Gysel. They requested two lots to have a frontage of 80' which is less than the required 90'.

**CSM submitted by Brent Van Gysel & Douglas Lee\*\*** - The CSM representing the division of two lots on North Main Street into three lots is here for approval. The 80' frontage on two lots was approved by the Board of Appeals. Kory (GEC) has reviewed the CSM and recommends approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to approve the CSM as presented. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Kory stated that we did not receive enough surveys back from the South Street residents to qualify for CDBG funding for a South Street Project. We have applied for Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water funding. We have not scored well for either of them.

**Easement for the Borde Property Walking Trail\*\*** - Attorney Green wants to be sure we have covered everything that is needed in the easement including emergency vehicles. Karl will have to verify if there is mortgage on the property. This will be on the next agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Central Contracting Electric Bid for replacement of outside lights, \$3,248\*\*** - Central has replaced a few of the outside light per Craig's request. The Focus on Energy is sponsoring a rebate program. We have an estimate of \$3248 to do the remaining outside lights. We have \$5,000 in the budget for building repairs. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve replacing the outside lights, not to exceed \$3,248. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Columbia County Highway Aid Program\*\*** - Craig will take a look at the roads and have a list ready for the next meeting.



**Approve press release for Cross Connection Inspection Program\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Robbins to approve a press release for Fall River residents only, not a joint letter with the City of Columbus. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Policy to Shut off water to residents that are non-compliant with Cross Connection Inspections\*\*** - This is per our ordinance. The Clerk asked to see the correspondence from Amy Kubly at the DNR.

**Discontinue adding hfs acid (fluoride) to our water\*\*** - The DNR leaves the decision to add or not add fluoride to water up to the municipality. There is about a 50/50 split of municipalities that do or do not add fluoride. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Dieckhoff to discontinue adding fluoride to our water with notification to the public. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

A new water heater is needed for the Village Park Shelter. Door handles need to be replaced. Oelke Construction is getting them.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Brent handed out the monthly report. About 150 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt. They found and arrested the suspect in the stabbing at CJ's Bar. Brent is concerned about the weed ordinance and who and how it is to be enforced. The empty lots are a concern. Could we implement something that they have to be mowed for the first 25 feet nearest the street? Alan Harvey will be contacted for his advice. We should have something for next month's agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Clean-up Day and Flyer for May 16\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Dieckhoff to approve May 16<sup>th</sup> as Cleanup Day and use the flyer and price list as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Resolution Opposing Elimination of Personal Property Taxes\*\*** - President Standke read the Resolution. This is to oppose plans by two government officials to eliminate the personal property taxes. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Dieckhoff to approve the Resolution 14 0408. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Delta Dental Renewal – no increase in premiums\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Gould to approve the renewal of the Delta Dental Agreement with no increase in the premium. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Brayton Park Use for Tri-Lazy, September 18, 2015\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Dieckhoff to use Brayton Park for the Tri Lazy on September 19, 2015. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Amend Revolving Loan Handbook to \$35,000 per job\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Slotten and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve increasing the per job contribution from \$20,000 to \$35,000. All members – aye – motion carried.

## **MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Minutes of 03/11/2015\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dieckhoff and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 3/11/15. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report from March 2015\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Dieckhoff to approve the Financial Report from March. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Approve moving funds to American National Bank\*\*** - The Bank will honor the rates for a minimum balance of \$450,000 even if we split it up between accounts. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to approve moving funds from LGIP to American National Bank into CDs for six month terms, Road Funds - \$260,314.05, Street Equipment Funds - \$50,128.23, Squad Sinking Funds - \$12,004.40, Water Tower Painting Fund - \$34,755.45 and Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund - \$95,164.26. The 2015 budgeted amount of \$12,000 will be added to the Squad Sinking Fund. Roll call vote was taken with all Members - yes – motion carried.

The CDAR Capital Improvement funds to be renewed 04/30/15 for the same terms. The CDAR for Sewer Reserves of \$500,000 is to be split into two at \$250,000 each with 6 month term as before.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Walk Bridge Cost Split with the Snowmobile Club\*\*** - The costs will be split with the Snowmobile Club. It was estimated at \$2,000 and was approved last year.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dieckhoff and second by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 PM.