

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 ~ 6:00 PM**

**BUDGET HEARING**

President Slotten had an excellent visual presentation and explained the budget. There were no questions. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to close the Budget hearing. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**MINUTES**

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

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Schmiechen and Birr. Absent: Freedman.

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

Guests: Bill Braun

**Approve Agenda** – Kory requested to go before the closed session. The Water and Sewer Budgets require final approval now that the wages are included. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the agenda with the changes as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Approve Pay Request #3 for Cardinal Construction\*\*** - The pay request is for \$18,761.55. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the Pay Request #3 for Cardinal Construction. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Kory noted that the bar screen was delivered today. It should be installed with a couple of weeks. The manhole project is completed.

**Motion to convene to Closed Session per WI Stat 19.85(1)(e), Negotiating the investing of public funds\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to convene to Closed Session. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Motion to reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2)\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Approve Proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement Amendment\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to have Attorney Green prepare and present to the City of Columbus an amendment to the Inter-Municipal Agreement with a confirmed dollar amount of the balance of our funds and 13.6% share of future capital project and improvement costs. He will add a notification clause for any projects that will involve the Village and our funds.

**PUBLIC INPUT** - None

**PUBLIC WORKS** – With the completion of removing the cracked manhole the flows to the lift station should be reduced by 30 – 35,000 gallons per day. Advance Construction is a very good company to work with and did a great job. The bar screen is here. They are hoping to have it installed and completed by Christmas. The old “muffin monster” will be removed. Craig has been told that these are not selling because it is not the best option for taking care of the fabric sheets. There are a lot of bar screens being put in. McGann’s came in to clean the main lift station. They did an amazing job. It may have cost a bit more but well worth it. Sewer televising has been done. We should budget more for jetting sewers next year. Tom Pawlisch has been trapping muskrats at the lagoon. He has removed @ 40 of them. There are still more to get out. Trustee Birr has the name of another party that would do this.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - 8:00 PM - Introduce and swear in Officer Nathan Sharp** – The Clerk swore in the new officer. His family was here to witness his introduction. Nathan is being shared with the Village of Rio. The monthly report was emailed before the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve wage increases for 2016\*\*** It is proposed to give all full and part time employees a \$.50 per hour increase. This does not include part time police officers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the \$.50 per hour increase as proposed. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Adopt Resolution 15 1209 to take the allowable carry over adjustment to the 2015 levy\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve Resolution 15 1209. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Approve the Budget and Levy for 2016\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the budget for the Village at \$1,149,028.48 and the levy at \$696,322.00. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

**Approve the Mill Rate for 2015\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the Village Mill Rate at 0.0054909010. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried. The total Mill Rate including all other levies is 0.01911793. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the final Water Budget. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the final Sewer Budget. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Columbia County MOU for 2016 SVRS/WisVote Fee Agreement \$750\*\*** A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the MOU with Columbia County. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Set Date for Caucus\*\*** - The caucus is usually held on the date of the first meeting in January. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Schmiechen to set the date for caucus on January 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Approve list of Pollworkers for 2016\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the List of Pollworkers for 2016.

**Employee Bonus\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the employee Christmas Bonus of \$100 for fulltime and \$50 for part time. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Purchase laptop for Clerk-Treas\*\*** - The Clerk is looking for a way to participate in webinars using the TV screen in the Board room. A laptop would enable participation. As time goes on other uses will be possible. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to allow up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a laptop computer to come from remaining 2015 budget funds. All members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Approve Minutes of 10/28/15, 10/28/15 Closed Session, 11/11/15\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 10/28/15. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the minutes of the 10/28/15 Closed Session. All Members- aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 11/15/15. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Approve Financial Report from November\*\*** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Financial Report from November. All Members – aye – motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.