

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

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

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

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen and Hannah Rohlinger (C-T).

President Slotten introduced Hannah Rohlinger to the Board. She has been hired as an assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer.

**Approve Agenda** – Trustee Robbins would like to add a couple of items to the agenda for Economic Development and a refrigerator unit for the park. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the agenda with the additions as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

There were no representatives. President Slotten gave an update on some topics. Don Borde has still been hard to get in touch with. We have received the paperwork for the easement from C&L Investments for the sewer from Main Street to the back of the lot on Steel Road. We have not heard anything further from them regarding an easement to use our access at the lift station on Main Street into their remaining lot off of Steel Road.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Ed Freber and Al Koehler were here to ask about the zoning on a section of Al's property. Mr. Freber said the zoning was agriculture. Our zoning map has it zoned Residential. It could be residential with an agricultural land assessment. Al has had inquiries about selling part of the property to an owner on Lazy Lake Drive. Without knowing plans it was hard for the Board to give any answers. They just want the Board to be aware of what might be coming.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – There was not a representative from the PW Dept. President Slotten updated the Board. They have laid gravel along the new bridge railing on South Street. Columbia County has completed the road work on North Pass. Trustee Schmiechen made note that there is wild parsnip along the walking trail to the lagoon area. It is hoped that after a couple years of mowing it will not keep growing. Trustee Ninmann has sprayed some of the nuisance trees. Trustee Schmiechen also noted that Henrietta Lane off of Lazy Lake Dr is getting overgrown with weeds and wild parsnips. Who is supposed to be taking care of that area? Trustee Ninmann thought he would be able to get that sprayed also. Trustee Robbins wondered about the debris that gets caught in the fence around the cemetery. Who is supposed to take care of that?

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Officer Fredricksen stopped in to see if there were any questions on the monthly report. He reported that there were no tickets or arrests the evening of the bands at CJ's Bar. There were a few minor issues. He did not know of any plans for the speed cart but he would look into it.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 9-2-6(f)(4), An Ordinance regarding the High-Strength Wastewater In The Public Sewer System\*\*** - Alan Harvey provided an Ordinance for approval. It would mimic the change in the Columbus Ordinance. The Village is required to adopt their ordinances for sewer as a part of the Inter-Municipal Agreement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee

Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve Ordinance 9-2-6(f)(4). Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Associated Appraisal 5 Year Agreement\*\*** - Our contract is up after this year. The new contract starts out at \$2600/2016 and increase by \$50 each year up to \$2800 in 2020. There is an option to have them post the assessment data on their website for an additional cost of \$.015 per parcel. Right now there are 785 parcels = \$11.78 per month. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to enter into the Five year Maintenance Agreement with Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc with the option of the website posting. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Associated Appraisal Revaluation Agreement\*\***- The Board discussed the revaluation and did not believe it was time for a revaluation. No action was taken.

**Consider a Simplified Rate Increase (3%) for the Water Utility\*\*** - The Board discussed the need for the increase. Water rates need to be higher but a full rate case could mean much, much higher rates. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Ninmann to apply for the Simplified Rate increase (3%) with the Public Service Commission. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes –motion carried.

**Approve Clerk Assistant and Benefit Package\*\*** - President Slotten provided the employment benefit package that the Judiciary Committee has recommended to be offered to Hannah Rohlinger if she is approved as a “fulltime”, (36 hours per week) employee. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the Judiciary recommendation to hire Hannah Rohlinger for 36 hours per week and the benefit package as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Consider request for a Blind Person Sign\*\*** - A request has been made for a “Blind Person” sign to be put on South Street for a resident. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Freedman to have DPW purchase two signs to be put up on South Street. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Consider Increase in Liquor License Fee (can go anywhere up from \$300 to \$500)\*\*** - The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the fees. No action was taken.

**Consulting for Employee Handbook Revision/Updates\*\*** - A Human Resource representative from Richards Insurance Agency would charge \$75.00/hour to help with the upgrade of the employee handbook. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Freedman to have the Judiciary Committee continue to work on the handbook upgrades and have Richards Insurance Agency review when completed for \$75/hour. All Members – aye –motion carried.

**Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan or set date for meeting\*\*** - This discussion will be held at the end of the agenda.

Trustee Robbins discussed an upcoming Columbia County Economic Development Corp meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Friesland. She plans to attend and would welcome any other committee or Board members to go with her. She has spoken to a Coke representative and he may be able to supply us with a cooler. She will find out more details.

Trustee Schmiechen noted that the RR crossing on Johnson Road is getting bad. President Slotten thought the RR may have it in their plans for repairs. Trustee Schmiechen asked about the possibility of the Village Hall Clerk hours extending to 5 or 5:30.

Trustee Robbins would like the Economic Development Committee to meet on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM.

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

**Minutes from 06/10/15\*\*** - A change should be made to the ‘Agreement/Easement with C&L. It should be C&L Investments to make it clear. The Approval for Chief Van Gysel needs to state “All Members – aye – motion carried” A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and

second by Trustee Robbins to approve the minutes with the changes as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Bills for Payment\*\*** - President Slotten has an additional bill to add for the Apple TV and screen that he purchase from Best Buy. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to reimburse President Slotten for the Best Buy purchase. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bills as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Financial Report from June 2015\*\*** - The Bank statement from Landmark Credit Union has not been received by the time of this meeting. That updated data is not included in the report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Financial Report from June as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Slotten attended the Rec Meeting today. They reported being @ \$9500 in the red last year and \$6,000 - \$7000 this year. The major discussion was allowing student athletes into the facilities without having to purchase a pass. There were no decisions made.

There has been no word from US Cellular about starting their building. This will need to be looked into.

**Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan or set date for meeting\*\*** - Many ideas were discussed. Some of the major items that should be looked into are: Painting the water tower on Quality Court, replacing the 1999 Plow Truck, purchasing a generator and the culvert replacement for the Hometown Village park access.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Schmiechen to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 9:15 PM.