

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

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD).

Guests: Bill Braun, Ben Agnew, Brian Frank, Doug Waterworth.

Approve Agenda** - Greg Robbins asked the Board to hold off on the annexation until further notice. It may happen after the first of the year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the agenda. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Approval for USDA – GEC Invoice \$4,517.50** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the pay request from GEC for the USDA funded bar screen project . Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried. The storm sewer repairs on Brayton Blvd are completed.

PUBLIC INPUT – Ben Agnew was present to ask the Board to review the sewer connection fee that is paid when a new structure is connected to our sewer system. He believes that the \$3400 fee is driving people away from building in Fall River. He presented the cost from a few surrounding communities. He was told that a study was done at the time of the increase. It was determined that rather than increasing the overall sewer rates, the growth factor of the community should come from the new service connections as necessary. As our flows increase the costs increase. It is a misconception that our rates are high because we connected with Columbus. We were required to do something to increase our capacity. Upgrading our lagoon system may have only been a temporary fix with very close to the same costs. The fee could go to committee to review.

Brian Frank was present to ask about closing the dam area off for the Tri-Lazy being held on 09/19/15. He should work with the Police Dept. There will be officers on duty to help out. He can borrow the barricades.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sidewalk repairs on South Street** - Craig has marked @ 30 squares that need attention. A company, Safe Step, has come down to look at them and they have given us a bid of \$3,208.50. This would buy us time until the South Street project would be started. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to accept the bid from Safe Step for \$3,208.50. The funds should come from LGIP Streets. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Remove trees on Lazy Lake Drive \$4,000** - Craig has a bid from Steinhorst Tree Service to remove all 11 trees for \$4,000. This is not a budgeted item. The cost is very favorable to take down that many trees. The price is only good for this year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve taking all 11 trees down for

\$4,000 by Steinhorst Tree Service. All Members – aye – motion carried. Funds should come from LGIP Roads.

Adopt a sidewalk inspection program** - After experiencing the previous sidewalk issue, the Board feels that an inspection program should be started. The DPW Committee should look at this.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was emailed to Members. Trick or Treat is set for Saturday, October 31st from 4- 6 PM. There will be a Halloween Bash at School from 2 – 4 PM.

A bearing on Crown Vic needed to be repaired. The cost is @ \$670.

A Trustee would like him to look into the camper that is parked frequently South Main Street just past the railroad tracks. It is a hazard in a busy area.

No passing on the right signs at N Main/South and N Main/Bradley** A third location on South Street in front of the school should be added. The Board agrees that if the “no passing on the right” signs will help prevent incidents they should be posted. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to have permanent signs posted in the three places suggested by the Police Chief. All Members – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Employee Handbook** - The Human Resource person at Richards Insurance has reviewed our handbook and made suggestions. The Judiciary Committee should meet to review and make final recommendations to the Board.

Annexation Ordinance 13-1-32(150909) to annex property owned by Greg Robbins**** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to table the annexation until further notice from Mr. Robbins. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Fall Cleanup Day** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to hold the Clean Up Day on October 24th from 9 AM until noon.

South Street Rehab Project timeline** - The DPW Committee would like to see the project completed in 2017.

Resolution 15 0909 adopting the Columbia County All Hazards Mitigation Plan** - As a Member of the County’s plan we do not have adopt our own mitigation plan. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to adopt Resolution 15 0909. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

Premium Computer Service quote for 2016 Budget to upgrade computer/Galaxy system, \$7,783 - \$9583** - This upgrade is for the server in the Clerk’s Office. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to upgrade to the \$9,583 package. The Clerk Equipment Funds should be used and the balance in the 2016 budget. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Fire District Budget (increase of \$10,350), possible levy increase for Village (estimate \$5,000)** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to recommend approval of the FRCFD Budget with an increase of @ \$5,000 for Fall River’s portion of the assessment. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 08/12/15** - There were two changes needed to the first draft of the minutes. *John Gardner* needed to be changed to *James Gardner*. A sentence needed to be added to the Koehler discussion that *Trustee Birr recused himself* as he lives on that street. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 08/12/15 with the corrections as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Notes are attached.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

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