

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Phyllis Foulkes, Susie Salter, George Ferriter.

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

George Ferriter Introduction – Mr. Ferriter introduced himself and stated that he is running for the Representative to the Assembly in the 42nd District. He is from the Village of Doylestown and has served on that Village Board.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Final pay Request for Cardinal Construction – Punch list items are completed. There were questions regarding the fan vibration. The space inside is not meant to be an occupied space. The door should remain open if going inside is necessary. GEC will be sure to have any concerns corrected if need be. The retainage is \$2,500. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the final pay request for \$2,500. Roll call was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Foulkes CSM – Phyllis was in attendance. The CSM was presented. She does not have an offer to purchase from the neighbor yet. An item of concern that was found by doing the CSM is that there is an area in the curve of the road that is designated as an outlot belonging to the Village. If so, why was she assessed for the curb, gutter and sidewalk. And why is she mowing and taking care of the property. The Board was unaware of this. It will need to be researched and addressed. Phyllis is not looking for approval of the CSM tonight. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Ninmann to table this until Phyllis is ready to present it for approval. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Centurylink Easement Request – Craig (DPW) was originally emailed this easement request on 06-13-15. He replied with questions. No response was received. We now have been given the easement request with very little time to have it reviewed by the engineer and attorney. It was first stated that lines were necessary for AT&T. If that were the case, there would be more negotiating that would need to be done. They said that was an error on their part. They meant to say Alliant Energy. Alliant has an antenna on our water tower. Apparently there is not an easement for Centurylink for the existing line that is being used. The new easement would be for upgrades to the line and to get a recorded easement. They would like to have this approved contingent upon the engineer and attorney review and approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to table this until the engineer and attorney can review and make their recommendation to the Board. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Doug Waterworth property tiling – Doug owns the property known as Hometown Village that is not yet developed. He uses the property for agriculture. He is looking to install tiling in his field to help with water run-off. He and President Slotten will try to meet next week to provide a more accurate picture of what Doug is asking for. The Village attorney will be consulted to see if there is an agreement that should be made between Doug and the Village. We should look to have this on the August Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS

Village Hall Driveway Paving Bids – There are two bids for replacing the blacktop driveway and parking lot. Tri-County Paving - \$76,300 plus \$2,800 for grass area along the building and Wolf Paving - \$46,000. There is also a bid from TAS Heating and Cooling to raise the air conditioner on the PD side of the building to 7 feet high- per code, \$500 and the air conditioner on the opposite side of the building will be put on brackets, \$150. The bid from TAS is “not to exceed” prices. There is \$45,000 budgeted for this project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the bid from Wolf Paving of \$46,000 to do the blacktop work around the Village Hall. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Freedman to approve the bid from TAS to take care of the air conditioners. All Members – aye – motion carried.

County Estimate for Gruhn Rd - \$78,250.91 – We received this estimate in the hopes of using the County funding program. The estimate is much more than planned. We have funds for road projects but the future South Street project is going to be priority. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to reject the bid from Columbia County for the proposed work on Gruhn Road. All Members – aye -motion carried.

The Variable Frequency Drive went out on the Kane Street well pump motor over the 4th of July weekend. This is not something that could wait for Board approval before being repaired. Craig received two estimates: Layne \$6,032 and Municipal Well & Pump - \$3,900. Municipal Well & Pump has it repaired already.

It was questioned about the pile of rocks near the walk bridge. The Columbus-FR Snowmobile Club is planning to do some work to repair the embankment. They need to find a contractor with a crane to lift the bridge. Craig would like to see concrete footings put in rather than just filling with stone. It was asked who owns the bridge. The Village does not own the property on the Main Street side. The Village had budgeted \$1,500 to this project. The Snowmobile Club pays the same. Most repairs have been shared 50/50.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Parking on South Side of Kane Street- South St to Bradley 7:30-8:00 AM and 3:00-3:30 PM. – School is in favor of safety. Craig will check with Alliant to be sure that signs can be put on their poles. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Freedman to have signs made and put up for no parking as stated. All Members – aye – motion carried. President Slotten noted that this needs to be put into the Village Ordinance in order to enforce the parking restrictions.

Chief Van Gysel Request to Attend IACP Training – San Diego – This conference is October 15 – 18. He is asking for payment of the conference - \$350 and one night’s stay - \$250. He will pay for the flight and other expenses. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Robbins to approve \$600 towards Chief Van Gysel’s

attendance at the national convention in San Diego. Funds to come from the Training budget. All Members – aye – motion carried.

The monthly report was emailed. Some of the part-time officers have found full time jobs. His department is down to 2 or 3 part-time officers. He will be interviewing on the 25th.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Group Billing Policy – There are mixed feeling about billing for fire calls. Our taxpayers are already paying for fire service. To some Members it would be like double billing. On the other hand, our insurance premiums usually cover these costs and could be taken advantage of. The billing has to be done by Municipality and the funds would go back into the Fire District. The billing would be contracted out to a billing service. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to table the Fire Group Billing Policy. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License transfer from Shirley Wellnitz to Wendy Dagnall for E-Z Axis – Wendy Dagnall is purchasing the building and business from Shirley and Tom Wellnitz (E-Z Axis Bar). She has applied for a transfer of the liquor license. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the liquor license transfer from Shirley Wellnitz to Wendy Dagnall. All Members – aye -motion carried.

Bartender Applications on File: Samuel Smith, Tressan Firkus, Vanessa Paul – All applicants have received a recommendation of approval from the Police Department. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the bartender applications on file. All Members – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Committee Update – President Slotten provided an update on the last meeting. The capital improvement fund's main project is South Street next year.

Minutes from 06/8/16 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 06/08/16. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – 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 2016 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report from June. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten attended the EMS meeting in Columbus. The amendment from last month was approved by all municipalities and adopted at the meeting. Lifestar has invested in a new breathing tube which has a video camera. They have several times and has been a big help. The new snowplow is coming along but may not be ready by snowfall season.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2015 Audit Complete - Set a time to meet with Auditor – The Members were provided the audit report. They should review and list any questions they may have. We could have the auditor come @ 5:30 prior to the next meeting in August if possible.

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

Marie Abegglen