

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2016 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Schmiechen, Freedman and Birr. Absent: Gould.  
Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD),  
Kory Anderson (GEC).  
Guests: Bill Braun

**Approve Agenda** – Julie Giese from USDA will not be here. The median household income for Fall River is too high and does not qualify for Grant Funds. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the agenda with that change. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Julie Giese USDA/RD Funding Proposal**

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**South Street – trees, other design/planning considerations** - The Public Hearing was held last week. Tom Rozinski had a concern about storm water drainage between his apartment building and the Ebert property. If new sidewalk is put in, he wants to be sure it will continue to get rid of the storm water between the properties. Kory will address this and be sure to do whatever is necessary. The Board discussed whether to put trees in the border or not. There are different opinions. There are costs to maintain them in the future. They create additional work for the DPW as well. This will need to be decided at the December meeting. Driveway widths are set by Ordinance. GEC will work with the School on a few issues. Kory and Karl will work to resolve the issue of the two properties that include the Road ROW in the property descriptions. Alliant has been contacted. There may be more street lights added. There is to be a flashing pedestrian crossing at the school. The electrical is already there. The other option is solar.

**Final Resolution South Street** – The term and rate for the special assessments were discussed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve Resolution 16 1109 Final Special Assessment Resolution for Sidewalks on South Street with an installment plan of 10 years and an interest rate of 4.0%. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

**Public Water Main Easement** – Attorney Karl Green was unable to be at tonight's meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Bill Braun informed the Board of the programs being held at school for the celebration of Veteran's Day. It is also the Marine's 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Village Hall Roof Proposal** – We have an estimate of work based on time and materials of \$1000 - \$2500 to do some minor repairs to the roof. These may or may not help. A whole roof replacement should be considered before too long. Craig will blackjack what he can for now. The lift stations were cleaned today. They will be winterizing the park restrooms. The parking lot and landscaping are complete. The rip rap swale in the back works well. Lane Tank is getting a price for painting the water tower. Their schedule is getting booked for next year. This will need to be decided at the December meeting. This will need to be done before June 5<sup>th</sup>

at the start of the South Street project. Craig wants to be sure this tower is not out of service just in case of possible water main breaks or issues during the street project. The Prairie Street tower will need to be inspected in 2017. They are putting up Christmas Decorations on Monday. They are having issues with the Nature's Place Subdivision street lights. Craig has talked with Steve Kowlhagen from Alliant. All the street lights may need to be replaced. The decorative lighting that is there now was supposed to have been taken care of by the Homeowner's Association. An association was never created. The lights are obsolete and the underground wiring is unknown and probably not done correctly. The Village has been taking care of this lighting by the funds of the Village. A resident on Nature's Trail is concerned when the lights do not work. They should be told that we are looking into options.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Columbia County Humane Society Service Agreement** – Some municipalities participate with this county program. Fall River has been quite successful finding the owners of strays that we have had. We are not as likely to find owners of cats. This has not been an issue. We have found homes for any strays that we may get. Brent will look into this. The monthly report was emailed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**FRCFD Update, Thoughts on Tanker Purchase** – The FRCFD did not receive a grant for a new tender. The FD would like to continue to pursue the purchase of a tender. The estimated cost is \$250,000. They are also applying for a grant for new SCBA equipment. This is equipment that they must have. The estimated cost is \$160,000. There is @ \$170,000 in the equipment fund right now. Jeff is the representative for Fall River at the FRCFD. He is looking for the Board to give him direction. The Board feels that they need more information. They would not be willing to deplete the fund balance for either of the requested equipment purchases.

**OT hours for upcoming holidays** – Other municipalities that have been checked normally pay 1 ½ times the rate of pay for any holiday hours worked. This year a few of the holidays fall on a weekend. The Board designates another day as holiday. The Employee handbook states 1 ½ times the pay rate if worked on a holiday. See attached schedule for rates of pay over this year's holidays.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Payroll Direct Deposit Option** – This is a program done through F&M Bank. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Ninmann to participate in the Direct Deposit of Payroll with the F&M Bank. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Columbia County Clerk Proposed Election Equipment** – The recent letter received from the Columbia Co. Clerk is that she will be putting the full amount of the new equipment into the County's budget. She will keep all the clerks informed.

**Bartender Application: Tracy Busse** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the license for Tracy Busse. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Minutes from 10/12/16** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 10/12/16. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report from October** – There are two dates that need to be changed to the new renewal dates of the CDARs. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from October with those changes. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – No other reports.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Stan Stofflet from CCSSTC will attend the December meeting to provide information about this County program. \$500 will be withdrawn from the Brayton Scholarship account. The 2016 graduate scholarship winner is Alyssa Klecker. The other \$250 goes to the Fire Department.

**Set Date for December Board Meeting for approving budget and mill rate** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to hold the December meeting on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Judiciary Committee attendance** – Trustees Ninmann and Freedman and President Slotten attended on 11/3/16.

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