

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 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), Karl Green, Village Attorney.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

South Street Preliminary Assessment Resolution – The preliminary resolution is the
first step in the assessment process. If this resolution passes the next step is to hold a Public
Hearing which is scheduled for November 2nd at the FR School. A MOTION WAS MADE BY
Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve Preliminary Resolution 16 1012
declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes
for sidewalk as part of the South Street Utility & Street Improvement project. Roll call vote was
taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

South Street Update – Preliminary plans have been sent to the utilities. Kory is working
with the school regarding sidewalks and drainage issues. Everyone is hoping for good weather
and the project could be done within the months that school is out for the summer of 2017. Trees
will be discussed again.

Columbus Wastewater meeting update – Karl, President Slotten, Craig and Marie
attended the meeting with Columbus concerning the sewer utility issues. Three issues needed to
be resolved. (1) How the funds in reserve for Fall River's share is spent. (2) What is defined as
a capital expense. The least complicated was that if Columbus needed to borrow for their part of
a project or using cash on hand from other than replacement funds, it may well be considered a
capital expense. When they distribute a task order, it should be forwarded to Fall River with an
explanation of the project, if it is a capital expense and what share could be Fall River's. (3)
How the cost share is determined. Exhibit A of the original agreement describes how project
costs would be determined but it is complicated. Columbus's engineer and Fall River's engineer
should discuss and come up with a simplified version to be used. Hopefully by year end this will
be resolved.

Kane Street Right of Way – This involves Outlot 94 which belongs to the Village. Karl
will be drafting a declaration making it a public right of way. The owners of 555 Kane St have
met with President Slotten. They believe they should receive funds back from the special
assessments that they paid for sidewalk if it does not belong to them and for the snow shoveling
that has been done all these years. They don't seem to want the property. The dedication will
not resolve the assessment issue. This was all discovered because the property owners talked
about selling a piece of their property to a neighbor. They hired Grothman & Assoc. to draft a
CSM. Kory did his normal review as part of the process. They brought the CSM to a Board
meeting but did not want it recorded or approved. An invoice was sent to them for Kory's

services. They have resisted paying the invoice. Kory stated he would forgive the invoice if we work something out with the right of way. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to declare that Outlot 94 will be dedicated as a Public Right of Way. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Advanced Disposal honored the existing contract we had with Badger Disposal. It expires in November 30, 2017. The contract states that one year before expiration, negotiations should be made. Karl will meet with Marie to develop a letter to send to Advanced Disposal regarding the 2017 contract expiration for garbage service. Our intent is to see what options are available to us. We need to notify them one year prior to 11/30/17.

Reminder of next Public Meeting at school – Wednesday, November 2nd – 7 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Hometown Park access – Kevin Theel bid this project. We budgeted \$15,500 in 2016 to get this done. Kevin does not know if he will have time to do it yet this year. He would honor that same price and do it next spring if we still want it done. This culvert would provide access to this park from the parking lot that is on Lienke Road. This park is not developed but does get mowed. There are no other funds designated for development of this park. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to have Kevin Theel complete this at the quoted price whether it is done this fall or next spring. Trustees Ninmann, Robbins, Freedman and Slotten – yes. Trustees Schmiechen and Birr – no. Motion carried.

Village Hall parking lot landscaping – We have an estimate from Mark Schmitt to finish the landscaping along the edges of the new parking lot pavement - \$2,748. There is also an estimate to install a rock lined swale between the Village property and the Bank property, \$1,170. With the new design of the parking lot there is more run off in that area. The Bank may be willing to share some of that cost. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bid of \$1,170 to install fabric and riprap between the two properties whether the bank shares the cost or not. This cost is to be charged to Village Hall Maintenance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the bid for landscaping around the new pavement. All Members – aye – motion carried. \$2,837 was budgeted for replacing picnic tables in the Park. Craig will wait until next year to order the tables. These funds will be used for the landscaping.

DPW have been flushing mains, getting things winterized and shutting down the park shelters.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was emailed. The Halloween Bash will be from 2pm – 4pm, Trick or treat will be 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, October 30th. There are two new officers. They are still going through training. The PD is short staffed right now. Brent is working with Rio PD to hire part time officers. They both use the same pay scale. It allows a part time officer to work more hours in the same area.

OLD BUSINESS

USDA approved the 2017 Sewer Budget – USDA has approved the preliminary budget that was sent to them.

Clerk Office closures for the Holidays – Marie is requesting that her office be allowed to close as follows: Thurs & Fri 11/24 & 25, Fri & Mon 12/23 & 26, Fri & Mon 12/30 & 01/02. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Freedman and second by Trustee Birr to allow the clerk's office to close as requested. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Holiday Hours that qualify for overtime – The Board will review and at the next meeting clarify how this should be handled.

NEW BUSINESS

Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court Budget – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the ECCJMC Budget for 2017. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Columbia County Silent Sports Trail request for \$300 per year The Board would like more information about this. Either have someone present their master plan or email the info for the Board to review.

Bartender Applications – Cynthia Bock, Alyssa Schmidt, Pamela Schultze – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bartender applications on file. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Amend Appendix A of Sewer Ordinance 9-2-8, Increase volume charge from \$6.96/1,000 gallons to \$7.46/1,000 gallons – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the Amendment to Appendix A of the Sewer Ordinance and increase the volume charge. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Freedman to approve the Minutes of 09/14/16. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to re-invest the following funds:

CD Water Tower – American National Bank	6 months	.45%	
CD Sewer Eq Fund – American National Bank	12 months	.65%	Add \$49,290
CDAR Sewer Loan Reserve – F&M Bank	3 years	1.50%	W/D interest
CDAR Capital Improvement #1 – F&M Bank	12 months	.70%	

All Members – aye -motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Increase Board Pay – To be considered.

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