

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 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), Kory Anderson (GEC), Karl Green (Village Attorney).

Guests: Gene Adam and Steve Obrion (Fire Dept).

Approve Agenda – 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

Easement for Centurylink to the Quality Ct Water Tower – Karl reported that this easement is now ready to be approved and signed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the easement for Centurylink to cross the Village's property to the Quality Ct Water Tower. All Members – aye – motion carried.

The South Street lateral costs can be divided equally among the benefitting properties. It could also be based on lineal footage. The benefit to a property doesn't matter how long the lateral is.

Karl has tried to find more information on the temporary construction easement that has been requested from the State DOT for the Columbus Hwy 16 reconstruction next year. They are asking to use our easement that we have paid for along James Street in Columbus. There is no compensation for allowing them the temporary easement. They are responsible for damage that could happen to our equipment within the easement. Karl is still waiting to hear from the DOT representative.

Allen Steele Pay Request \$24,172.00 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the pay request for \$24,172.00 to Allen Steele Co. for the water main replacement at the Foundry property. All Members – aye – motion carried.

New water main easement across the Foundry property – Kory has contacted the Foundry's engineer to prepare a legal description for the new easement needed for the new location of the water main. The old easement will need to be released. Kory will get the document to Karl when it is available.

South Street Project updates – Many items were discussed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr that the cost of sewer laterals for both sides of the street, from the main to the end of the ROW will be paid as part of the Village's cost of the project. Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Freedman, Birr and Slotten – yes. Trustee Schmiechen – no. Motion carried.

Other items discussed: Get pricing for flashing signs for the school crosswalks on South Street.

The school will get two new sewer laterals and a new water lateral.

Costs for sidewalk new or replacement run up to \$1800. There is no sidewalk that is over 80% replaceable. The property owner will only be charged for the amount that requires replacement. The only 100% cost is properties that are putting in sidewalk for the first time.

Using 6" sewer laterals not 4".

Kory will mark sidewalk placement next week.

There are a couple of trees that will need to be removed. The cost is part of the project.

Gene Adam and Steve Obrion asked what the size of the water main will be – 8". They believe it should be 10". Kory explained it is well looped and there is an increased cost of going to a larger size.

Kane Street ROW redefined – This item is not ready for approval.

PUBLIC INPUT – Gene Adam and Steve Obrion are representing the Fire Dept. They are still interested in charging for calls. Last year there were @ 20 calls in the Village. Only two of the calls could be billed for. They are concerned with the amount of water available in the Industrial area and the pressure needed for fire suppression.

PUBLIC WORKS – The parking lot/driveway will hopefully be done by the end of the week. They are getting equipment ready for fall/winter. The new snowplow may not be ready this year. Lazy Lake Drive and Church Street are on the list for crack sealing this year. There are two companies coming to give proposals for this work. Craig is looking for a new tool to add to the 2017 budget to black top around water boxes. He needs to prepare a list of manholes that need to be looked at and get prices to do this work. A Finance meeting will be 9/20 to work on the Water budget for 2017. Generators have been programmed to run about one half hour each month automatically.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was emailed. Calls are down because they have lost a few of the part time officers. The officers have moved on to other departments.

Policy agreement for new part time officer hires – Karl discussed this agreement with the Board. It would require a new part time officer to repay the Village \$1,000 if he/she leaves before one year of service. It is considered a repayment agreement. The last sentence in No. 3 should delete “as determined according to the following schedule”. There will not be a schedule as part of the agreement. Brent brought a revised copy for approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the repayment agreement as revised. All Members – aye – motion carried. Fall River and Rio work together on hiring for part time officers.

Close Brayton Blvd for Tri Lazy – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Schmiechen to allow the closure of Brayton Blvd for the Tri Lazy event on Saturday 9/17/16 in the morning. All Members – aye – motion carried. Brent assured the Board that there will be Police supervision.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Applications – Erica Rivers – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the application on file. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Columbia Co request for sponsorship for Historic photos for new building
\$200 for 18" X 24", \$294 for 24" X 36" (John Tramburg \$50 donation) – Marie has talked with Columbia County Clerk, Sue Moll, about this. Not all details have been

worked out by the County. The Board did not make a motion on this but would be in favor of contributing to this sponsorship.

Ineligible for a Simplified Rate Case Water Rate Increase – Marie submitted the application for a Simplified Rate Increase. The result was that the Utility does not qualify at this time.

Sewer Rate Adjustment – An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting. A rate increase is proposed. The current rate of \$1.89 will increase to \$2.39/1,000 gallons of usage. The rate increase of \$.50 per 1,000 gallons will be implemented starting of January 1, 2017.

Software Maintenance Agreement – Transcendent Technologies, tax receipting (\$350), pet licensing (\$150) and Bank collection (\$200). (Last year total \$500) – The JMaue Co provided the software that is used for tax and pet licensing and receipting. The company has been sold to Transcendent Technologies. We either continue or find another way of receipting the pet licensing and taxes. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Freedman to accept the software maintenance agreement from Transcendent. All Members -aye – motion carried.

Office closure for the Holidays and hours that qualify for overtime – The calendar will be provided at the next meeting.

FRCFD Budget and Assessments for 2017 – The application for the tender grant was turned down. The proposed budget has increased from 2016/\$102,783 to 2017/\$110,235. The assessment for Fall River would increase from \$50,573.37 to \$52,814.39. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to recommend approval of the proposed budget for the FRCFD. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 08/23/16 Special Meeting – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 08/23/16. 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 for August 2016 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Freedman to approve the Financial Report from August. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten attended the recent EMS meeting in Columbus. The new budget and assessments were presented. Lifestar has purchased a new ambulance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Freedman and second by Trustee Schmiechen to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm.

Marie Abegglen