

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Bill Braun

Approve Agenda – Add Garbage Contract under new business. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to approve the agenda with the addition as noted. All Members- aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The pre-construction meeting for South Street will be 4/26 at 2:30 PM and the Public information meeting is that evening at 6:30 at the Fall River School Multi-purpose Room.

PUBLIC INPUT - Bill Braun informed everyone that the VFW is holding the first Brat Fry on 4/20. It will be on the grounds of the Fall River Foundry. There will also be two more in May and June, the third Thursday of each month.

PUBLIC WORKS

GLS Locating Service Agreement – GLS has been doing the locating for our sewer line to Columbus. This contract is now for the next phase of the construction project of James Street. The cost has gone up to \$26.50 per locate. This contract is for 5/1/17 – 4/30/18. They are also going to do any locating needed within the Nature’s Place subdivision for street lights. That is not included in our Sewer budget (\$4,500). The street light power locates will have to be expensed within the street budget. The DPW is unable to locate power lines. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the agreement with GLS for locating the sewer lines from 5/1/17 to 4/30/18 along with additional costs to locate power lines in Nature’s Place subdivision. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Jon Pahl Price to Paint Park Shelter – We have a price to paint the Village Park Shelter interior of \$700. He stated that he will include exterior trim that may be needed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Schmiechen to approve the bid from Jon Pahl of \$700. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Dale Standke Paint Hydrants – Dale Standke has offered to paint fire hydrants that need it. We have paint left over from a couple of years ago. He will do this at no charge to the Village and as he has time.

Cell phones – The DPW and Clerk Lines will be pulled and a separate account will be set up for them. The DPW needs someone more accessible to contact US Cellular when something is needed. Marie and Hannah in the Clerk’s Office will be authorized to take care of whatever is necessary.

In @ two weeks the Quality Court Tower painting will start. The two temporary standby towers have been placed on Nature’s Trail.

We have just received information from US Cellular about the size of an underground pad that is needed for their project. This has come as a surprise and has raised some serious questions as to whether this is going to work in the Prairie Street Water Tower location. Their engineer has contacted our engineer, Kory to try to work this out. No building will begin until all issues are settled. We can’t jeopardize this tower, especially with the other tower being out of service while it is being painted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Brent emailed the monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance and Guidance for Zoning Administrator – Our existing ordinance does not lend itself to being very practical for signs in the Industrial/Commercial zone areas. President Slotten provided pictures of some of the existing signs. Not all the signs have been put up with a permit. He provided an estimate of the distances from the street and/or right-of-way. The current ordinance provides that a request for a variance can come directly to the Board. It is suggested that all sign permit requests come to the Board. The signs should be placed at least 10’ from the ROW (depending on size). A sign less than 10 sq ft needs to be just out of the ROW and not block vision in or out of a driveway. This can be used as a guideline for the commercial and industrial signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage Rate Increase – If the new contract is signed, rates would go up effective 1/1/18 from \$10.17 to \$11.05. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Ninmann to raise the garbage rate \$1.50 more than what is paid to the contractor. This would take effect at the expected date of 1/1/18. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Chamber of Horrors Donation – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the donation to participate in the Chamber of Horrors program.

Sheet Metal Specialties Request for Revolving Loan Funds – The regulations have changed drastically. As much information as possible on the process and application will be given to Mr. Aski from SMS. If he wishes to continue to apply, we will do whatever we can to assist. We may need to hire a third party to help with the loan preparation and continuing administration.

Bartender Applications on File: Logan Clark, Jacob Fitzgerald – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to approve the bartender applications on file. All Members – aye- motion carried.

Set date and vendor for Clean-up – The next Clean -up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 AM to Noon. We will contact Columbia County Recycling to see about getting two dumpsters here for that day.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 03/08/17- The motion to table the decision on a vendor for garbage and recycle pick up was made by Trustee Gould not Trustee Ninmann. In the Police Department Report it should be noted that there was a balance of more than \$5,800 in the Crime Prevention Fund that has in the past been used for the Easter Egg Hunt. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to pay the bills as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried,

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

CDs due at American National Bank and F& M Bank – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to:

CD Road Am Natl Bk	Withdraw	Transfer to LGIP #07 Road
CD Tower Painting	Withdraw	Transfer to LGIP #05 Water Reserves
CDAR #2 Cap Imp	Renew	12 mos. @ .80% currently
CDAR #3 Sewer Reserves	Renew	12 mos. @ .80% currently

All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The next COW meeting to work on the ordinances is set for Monday, May 1st at 5:30 PM. We need to check with the School regarding the Concert In The Park. No one has contacted us about the plans for this event. It has been discussed at school but we have not been informed of any plans.

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.

Marie Abegglen