

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM**

**CAUCUS ~ 6:00 PM**

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

**Nominate a Chairperson** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to nominate Trustee Ninmann to chair the Caucus. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Chairman Ninmann ask for nominations:**

President – Jeff Slotten nominated by John Ninmann and second by Craig Schultz.

After Chairman Ninmann asked twice more for nominations, there being none, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Judy Robbins and second by Bill Braun that the nominations for President be closed – all present – aye -motion carried.

Trustees – Dan Birr nominated by Jeff Slotten and second by Mark Gould

Mark Gould nominated by Dan Birr and second by Craig Schultz

Angela Freedman nominated by Judy Robbins and second by Dan Birr

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY Judy Robbins and second by John Ninmann to close the Caucus. All Present – aye – motion carried.

**BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

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

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T)

Guests: Phyllis Foulkes, Bill Braun, Joe Slamka (Badger Express) and Jason Hembree.

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Phyllis Foulkes request** – This resident lives at 555 Kane Street. In 1999 her property was assessed for costs related to a street, utility improvement and sidewalk project. In June 2016, she hired Grothman & Associates to do a CSM of her property. That CSM (never approved or recorded by the Village) showed a triangle piece of property that belongs to the Village. She now contends that the Village sidewalk abutting her property should not have been paid for by her or should she have had to maintain/shovel that sidewalk. She has previously met with the Village Attorney and President Slotten. She is now asking for a reimbursement of 1/3 of the costs that were assessed, reimbursement for shoveling the sidewalk for all these years and the costs she incurred from Grothman & Associates. The Village Attorney noted that the Statute of Limitations for objecting to an assessment has long passed. As far as shoveling, she has the same responsibility as any other resident with a sidewalk abutting their property. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to deny the request for reimbursements as requested. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT** - None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Request for payment to Tom Pawlisch, \$100** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to send a check to Tom Pawlisch for \$100 for trapping muskrats at the lagoon site. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Municipal Well & Pump \$10,280 (Correct amount is \$10,820)** – This is a temporary tank to be used while the Quality Court Water Tower is being painted and out of service. It is a big expense but Craig believes it will be well worth it to maintain pressure during this time. The \$10,820 is payment for a four-week rental. There is a rate of \$300 per week if needed after the four weeks. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the rental of the Portable tower for \$10,820 and \$300 per week after if necessary. All Members – aye - motion carried.

**Badger Express waste oil discharge into sanitary sewer** – Joe Slamka was in attendance to represent Badger Express. On 12/21/16 Craig discovered waste oil in the Village's sanitary sewer. He was able to trace it back to Badger Express. Mr. Slamka said that the employee responsible for this accident has been dismissed. They

have taken all precautions so that this will never happen again. They are willing to pay the costs associated with any clean-up that was necessary. At this time, we have a bill from Country Plumber for pumping out the wet well at the main lift for \$350. Kory (GEC) has estimated to have a bill for \$250. Craig and Dan (DPW) have time to be reimbursed for. The City of Columbus WW Treatment has been notified. Should there be any costs from them, they should let us know as soon as possible. An invoice will be sent to Badger Express with the costs that we know of now. It will be noticed on the invoice that there could be more costs that have not been able to be determined yet.

**Sale of 1999 International dump truck** – The new plow truck is here and the old 99 is taking up valuable space. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to designate the 1999 International plow truck as surplus property. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to list the truck with Wisconsin Surplus auction site with no minimum amount. The listing should be done as soon as possible. All Members - aye – motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – The monthly report was emailed. Chief Van Gysel was not in attendance.

**Columbia County Humane Society service agreement** – This was discussed last month. Participation is not mandatory. The police department has been successful in the past in finding owners of lost pets. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to not participate in the Columbia County Humane Society Service Agreement. All Members – aye – motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Columbia County Silent Sports Trail Committee request for financial support \$300** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to contribute \$300 to the CCSSTC for 2017 but not commit to an annual contribution. All Members – aye - motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to carry over unused vacation hours – Marie 10.5, Hannah 6.0, Craig .25** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the vacation carryovers. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Bartender Applications on file: Jason Stofflet, Kristena Kniess, Paul DeLuca, Jason Hembree** – Jason Hembree was present. He had been informed that the PD did not recommend approval because he did not list a conviction. He stated he did not understand the application and he thought he only had to list vehicle related convictions. He was looking to supplement his income with this job. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the application for Jason Hembree. Roll call vote was taken with Members Birr, Robbins and Gould – yes, Ninmann and Sloten – no. Motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the applications for Kristena Kniess, Jason Stofflet and deny the application for Paul Deluca. Roll call was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

**Transient Merchant request – Bruce Wolff** – Mr. Wolff has a disabled son that interested in using a mobile food truck on his property (the laundromat). They are not looking for an approval but would like to be sure there was nothing to prohibit this. The Village Attorney has looked at it and stated that it falls under the transient merchant ordinance, Title 7, Chapter 4. There is nothing to prohibit a mobile food stand at this location.

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

**Minutes of 12/06/16** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 12/06/16. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report from December** A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the completed November report and the December report. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Gene Adam (FRFD) asked if the Village would be willing to help pay for the repairs to an antenna. He thought the DPW and possibly the school use the same antenna. President Sloten will check with Chief Van Gysel to see if this is the case and if so, we may participate in the costs. The Clerk received notice from American Family Insurance that we may be brought into a case of a young man that was injured when a deck collapsed. They contend that a building permit was issued (in 1999) and that makes it the Village's responsibility. It has been turned over to EMC, our insurer. Garbage pickup service proposals should be sought. Craig should get GIS proposals.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM  
Marie Abegglen