

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

Trustees present: Gould, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra and Pawlisch. Absent: Ninmann.

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

Guests: Dennis Raabe, FR School Administrator.

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Review Park Committee Recommendation and award contract for the Hometown Park Project** – The bid opening was Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. The building and some of the alternative costs came in much higher than anticipated. The Park Committee reviewed last night. Craig thought he may be able to get other lower costs for a couple of items. Trustee Gould has another contractor to contact. The Board can reject any and all bids. The bid does not have to be awarded until next month. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Birr to table a decision until the March Board meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Annexation Update** - We are waiting for the Dept of Administration (DOA) decision on the annexation. A Special Board meeting will need to be held to approve the annexation before the 2/26 Joint Review Board.

**TID Update** – Ehlers has prepared the Project Plan. It has been sent out to the members of the JRB.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Dennis Raabe is Interim School Administrator. He wanted to introduce himself to the Village Board. He is working to improve the relationship between the School and the Village. They will be working on holding interviews with candidates for the permanent position of administrator.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW has half of the ceiling done in the Brayton Park Shelter. They are having Lift Station issues. Craig requested help from the Board regarding winter parking and no violations being given for cars left on the street. He is having parking issues within this building. He is not able to talk to Chief VanGysel. Both squads are being parked in the garage. This has never been the case before. One of the squads was always parked in the back garage. The two squads are parked right up to the inside wall and makes it very inconvenient to do maintenance work in the garage. Trustee Birr suggested this could be addressed at the Special Board meeting as an item on the agenda. We could start to sell equipment if this is a problem. The DPW has not had any issues with the water towers freezing. An agitator should be something to think about budgeting for next year.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Brent is at a Chief's convention. The monthly report was emailed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Concert In The Park plans** – Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the date set, with June 2<sup>nd</sup> as a rain date.

**Annexed Land Rent** – There are no immediate plans for development of this property. It is likely that it could be rented out this year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Gould to offer to contract with the current tenant of the Highland Farm

property for the 2020 crop season. Attorney Spankowski to draw up the contract for approval at the March Board meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Richards Insurance Renewal** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Gould to approve the Insurance renewal with Richards Insurance for \$49,988. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Columbia County Haz-Mat Agreement - \$380** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia Co. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Blanket Permit - \$1,000 fee** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Birr to approve a “Blanket” Permit with Adams-Columbia Electric Co for the annual fee of \$1,000 and that each permitted use needs to be sent to FR for the DPW review. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Bartender Application(s) on file: Lacie Borde** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the bartender license for Lacie Borde. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Set Date for Clean-Up** - Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon.

**Appoint Village Representative for the TID Joint Review Board** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Robbins to appoint President Slotten as the Village Board representative on the JRB. President Slotten abstained. All other Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Recommend Public Member of the Joint Review Board** – President Slotten has asked Kathy Beal if she would be interested in representing Fall River as the Public Member. She has years of experience in banking and as a property Title Consultant. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve Kathy Beal as the Public Member of the JRB. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

**Minutes from 01/08/2020** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes from 01/08/20. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Bills for Payment** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to pay all bills as presented except for the Statement from Northwoods (which needs an invoice or explanation of the charges). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Financial Report from January 2020** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried. The date needs to be changed on the Brayton Scholarship Renewal.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – President Slotten has requested that Marie and John Ninmann help with the selection of the Brayton Scholarship. His son will be an applicant and he has abstained from that duty for this year. He and Trustee Birr will be attending a League workshop in March.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Trustee Robbins wondered what they Village could do for it’s 175<sup>th</sup> year. A special Board meeting will be set as soon as we hear from the DOA.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Dykstra to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen