

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

The meeting was available to be attended remotely.

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

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen (C-T).

Approve Agenda – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch to approve the agenda. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Kory (GEC) was not able to attend the meeting. He reported that the Park Project contracts have been signed. The Contractor for the shelter does not want to start until he is sure to be able to obtain all the materials needed for the building.

The land purchase from Highland Farms went very well. It was all done remotely. The Joint Review Board made their final approval. The TID has been created.

PUBLIC INPUT There was no one from the public attending remotely. Randy Frank had brought in a drawing to show how he would like to divide a parcel on South Main Street. For years this has been a nonconforming parcel. There are two structures on one parcel. One is residential and the other was a commercial – tavern for many years. The Board had many questions that were not able to be answered. Dividing this would now create two nonconforming parcels. Neither would have the required frontage. Trustees would like to see the building used but have many questions and need more specifics from the owner.

PUBLIC WORKS

Lawn Mowing Employee for Summer – The DPW has reviewed the applications. Craig would like to offer the position to Brian Smith. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to offer the lawn mowing (and other DPW tasks) position to Brian Smith, 20 – 25 hours per week at \$12.00/hour. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Recycle Center Employee Additions – There have been no responses yet. The DPW is now staffing on Saturdays until the Stay At Home Order is lifted. It was suggested that Brian could also take a shift at the Recycle Center. The DPW has started Monday curbside pickup of brush and leaves.

Request to Donate the \$200 Conference Refund Back to WRWA - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Robbins to donate the \$200 back to Rural Water. All Members – aye – motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was emailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance to Adopt Code of Ordinances – The Plan Commission met but did not have the final versions of the ordinances. Another meeting was scheduled for this Tuesday. They did meet and reviewed the Zoning and Land Use chapters. They recommended approval with the changes suggested at the meeting be done. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to table adoption until the changes are made and the final version is complete and able to be reviewed. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Consideration of Request from Savanna Oaks to Pay Plumbing Costs – Mike Lubenau asked at the March meeting for the Village to pay for fixtures that were replaced at

Savanna Oaks. He said it was due to the water main break on Hwy 16. They were told not to turn the water on until the flushing was done. The water was already on when the DPW went to give them the OK to turn it back on. Mike provided a Treasurer's report with the items listed they wanted reimbursement for. The total requested was \$814.42. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to present an offer of \$500 for the inconvenience of the watermain break on Hwy 16. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Extend Pet License Deadline to 06/01/2020 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to extend the due date for pet license to June 1, 2020. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Emergency Declaration – President Slotten signed a 30-day emergency declaration on March 30th. Columbia County urged each municipality to do so to assure assistance could be provided. It does not commit the Village to anything. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Gould to approve the declaration as presented with the expiration date of April 30, 2020. All Members – aye - motion carried.

COVID 19 Policy and Procedures - President Slotten provided the Trustees with a list of COVID-19 procedures that the employees have been following. He praised the poll workers. Police enforcement has been down. Court revenues may go down also.

Land Rent Agreement – Atty. Spankowski drew up an agreement for the rental of the parcel we just annexed. It has been signed by Allan Schroeder and Austin Underdahl, the farmers that wish to rent it. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the agreement. The signatures of the renters are not required to be notarized.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the resignation of Bridget McClelland. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 03/11/20 – A correction needs to be made under Approval of the Agenda. The Trustee's name that made the motion was left out. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the 03/11/20 minutes with the correction as noted. All members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the bills be paid as presented after the Columbus Wastewater bill is reviewed and corrected. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Financial Report from March 2020 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the Financial Report as presented. All members – aye – motion carried.

CDAR Renewal of Capital Improvement Fund #1 - Trustee Birr would like to see the funds moved somewhere to obtain a higher yield. Trustee Ninmann would like to see the funds stay local. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Robbins to renew the CDAR Capital Improvement #1 at the F&M Bank for 52 weeks at 1.05%. Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Dykstra and Slotten – yes. Trustee Birr – no – motion carried.

Request from Trustee Dykstra to donate Compensation to the Brayton Scholarship Fund (prior to payroll taxes) – Trustee Dykstra would like to donate his Board compensation to the Brayton Scholarship Fund prior to taxes. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to donate an amount equivalent to Trustee Dykstra's annual compensation to the Brayton Scholarship Fund. All Members – aye – motion carried. Trustee Ninmann would like to see this get some publicity.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The park benches that were donated on behalf of the Rotary have been set by the DPW. Pictures are included in the notes. The DPW has finished the ceiling in the Brayton park shelter and is a nice improvement.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Financial meeting that was set for 04/22/20 has been postponed to a later date.

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Marie Abegglen