

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 6, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins and Birr. Remote attendance: Gould and Dykstra.

Absent: Pawlisch.

Village Representatives: Kory Anderson (GEC – remote), Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Robin Messer (PD).

Guest present: Mike and Michelle Schlachter, Tina Bauman.

Approve Agenda – Due to this meeting being held a week earlier than normal, an addition to the agenda will be authorization for the Clerk to pay any late arriving bills. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the agenda with the addition as noted. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Cardinal Construction – Pay Request #2 – The shelter should be completely done in the next few weeks. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve Pay Request #2 to Cardinal Construction for \$121,600. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Boland Equipment – Pay Request #2 – This is payment for the \$6,400 change order from last month. The change order was to prevent the sidewalk from being too high which is exactly what has happened. No one will accept responsibility for the situation. It cannot remain as is. Most Trustees do not believe the Village should have to pay to correct the problem. A meeting should be set up to meet at the site and try to find a solution. Kory will see what he can do. This will also delay the Change order #2 from Cardinal Construction. Also, there cannot be action on the Total Concrete Proposal. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to table the Pay Request #2 for Boland Equipment and Change Order #2 from Cardinal Construction and Total Concrete Proposal (next agenda items). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Cardinal Construction Change Order #1 - \$7,400

Proposal from Total Concrete - \$4,500

Brent Van Gysel request to put a well on his property at 337 Prairie St – Brent has made a request to put in a well on his Prairie Street property. He is considering a business use. The proposed well falls within the recharge area for the Kane St municipal well aquifer. The pumping depth is proposed at the same depth as the Kane St well. The Village has the ability to supply the anticipated need for water. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by President Slotten to deny the request to allow Brent Van Gysel to put in a well. Roll call vote was taken with Trustees Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Gould and Slotten – yes. Trustee Dykstra – no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mike Schlachter asked if golf carts could be included in the new ordinance that allows ATV and UTVs on the Village streets. Officer Messer said there could be some difficulties in trying to do that. Golf carts are not able to be registered. They may not have lights and signals. He will look into this. Tina Bauman, 424 N Main Street, said her garbage did not get picked up for two weeks. She said she called and was told they would be back, but they did not come back. She is asking for two weeks of credit on her bill. The Clerk is able to give her credit as a one-time consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS

CMAR Resolution 20 0806 – Craig has again received an “A” grade for the Annual Sewage Collection System report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the CMAR Resolution 20 0806. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

ATV/UTV Signage – Craig has ordered the signs. The cost is @ \$1,100. He has not heard back from Columbia County regarding use of County Hwy D.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was emailed. The PD is adding Security Checks to the Report. Some of the categories will be removed.

Robin Messer – Benefits - Pay Raise, Uniform Allowance, Vacation, Sick Time, etc.
– A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to give Officer Messer a \$1.00/hour pay increase effective the next pay period. Members Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra – yes, Slotten – no. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to allow a \$475 clothing allowance for 2020. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to allow 40 hours of vacation from 09/01/2020 to 09/01/2021. After 09/01/2021 it will be 80 hours. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to allow 3 days of sick time to the end of 2020. 01/01/2021 he will be given 8 days. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to allow three personal days until 09/01/2021. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Poll Workers Pay Increase (Hazard Pay) - The current rate of pay is \$7.25/hour. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Ninmann to increase the pay for Poll Workers to \$8.50/hour and \$10.00/hour for Chief Inspectors. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application(s) on file: Harpreet Singh Toor – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bartender application on file. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 07/08/2020 – In the first paragraph on page two, the word “day” needs to be added after 90. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 07/08/20 with the correction as noted. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the bills for payment and to include the uniform allowance for Robin Messer. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from July – All of the Sinking Fund allocations and transfers budgeted for 2020 have been made. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to allow the Clerk to pay any bills that need to be paid that would have been included at the normal time of the Board meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten has met with Kory at the Industrial Park property to look at possible divisions for the site and the Quality Court extension. Two existing businesses may be interested in purchasing property within the new area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Local resident interested in doing leg work to prepare for events in the Park – Just an FYI for future reference. A resident would like to see our park used for more events. She is willing to help.

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

Marie Abegglen