

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER

CAUCUS

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

Board Members present: Slotten, Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra and Pawlisch, Gould remote.

Others present: Marie Abegglen, Craig Schultz, Brent Van Gysel, Robin Messer and Gary Errthum

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to have Trustee Ninmann chair the Caucus. All Members – aye – motion carried. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Village President.

Jeff Slotten was nominated by Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Birr. The Chair asked three times for any other nominations. Being none the nomination for President were closed.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Village Trustee. There are three positions on the ballot. Mark Gould was nominated by Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Robbins. Dan Birr was nominated by Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann. Michael Dykstra was nominated by Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Slotten. The Chairman asked three times for any other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations for Trustee were closed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Birr to close the Caucus. All Members – aye – motion carried.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra and Pawlisch, Gould remote

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

Guests: Gary Errthum (EK Machine).

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

~~Name the New Quality Court Street~~

Land from EK Machine and Schumann Printers is needed for the street extension. The Village Attorney has recommended the “friendly condemnation” process to acquire the property. There are two resolutions that need to be passed and an appraisal must be done. Then the negotiations can begin to purchase the property.

Resolution of Necessity – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve Resolution 21 0113(1) Resolution of Necessity. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

Relocation Order Resolution – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve Resolution 21 0113(2) Relocation Order. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

Hire an Appraiser – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to hire Sturtevant Appraisal for the work to be done on the two parcels. She has provided a quote of not more than \$1800 per appraisal. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Brent Van Gysel is working with the Rotary to create a walking trail from Columbus to Fall River. They wish to apply for a feasibility grant. They would like to get everyone on board. The Hwy 16 work is to start in 2022. He said they are looking at more turning lanes for the semi traffic in Fall River. The trail plan would need to coincide with the Village’s Comprehensive plan.

PUBLIC WORKS – DPW is dealing with the typical winter issues. They have previously needed to put heat tape around the sampling tap just in case the heat goes out. LW Allen has installed a box around it now for better protection. The Scada would send a notification if the heat goes out. Craig has all the signs up for ATV traffic in the Village. He cannot put signs up on Main St (County Hwy D). He does not think the County is interested in putting up signs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was emailed. There have been no ATV/UTV complaints. The serious problem with the Explorer was covered under the warranty.

OLD BUSINESS

Name the Park on Lienke Road – Students at the FR School sent in a few suggestions. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Pawlisch to officially name the park “Hometown Park”. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia County 2021 Travel Guide – The Travel Guide is being worked on. Trustee Robbins has been in contact with Kara Rake the representative from Capital Newspapers. The Village has typically contributed \$500 for the Fall River page. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Birr to contribute \$500 to the Columbia County Travel Guide. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the Minutes of 12/09/20. All Members – aye – motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve the bills for payment. All Members – aye – motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from December 2020. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten made the Board aware of a mistake in the 2021 wage increase for Robin Messer. The package showed Robin at \$24.50 in 2020 with an increase to \$24.90. Robins wage in 2020 was \$23.50 and the increase would be to \$23.90. This was discussed with Robin and was agreed to be correct.

The dam analysis has been submitted to the DNR. It should lower our dam to a low hazard dam rather than a high hazard.

The Beaver Dam EMS is attempting to collect from Lifestar for mutual aid calls provided by BD into Lifestar's territory. They are suggesting they will attempt to collect from individual municipalities where mutual aid is provided if Lifestar does not pay. Lifestar contends these calls fall under the Dodge County mutual aid pact that they are both part of, and there should be no charges. Lifestar is working with the City of Beaver Dam to resolve the issue. Lifestar has no intention of allowing any of the municipalities they serve to be stuck with a bill from BD EMS. Mike Krueger, Lifestar owner, is working with them to find an agreeable solution.

The Village will renew the land rent agreement for the new parcel in the Industrial park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss timing of future projects – The DPW budgeted to knock out some of the smaller projects, Seal coating Dykstra Dr and Cardinal Lane. We should identify any major deficiencies. Trustee Ninmann showed pictures of a different type of "curb" in a new development in Oregon, WI. This could be checked out when doing the major street project of Sunrise, Jennifer and Church in 2022. Should the engineering be put out to bid? 2021 is planned to have new windows in the Village Hall. GEC should look into getting permits from the County and create an entrance off CD to the new Industrial Land. Maybe the retention pond could be started. We should have a Finance Committee meeting soon.

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
Clerk-Treasurer