

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021 ~ 6:05 PM ~ or Immediately following Board of Review Adjournment
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Kory Anderson (GEC), Jesse Spankowski (Atty.), Brent Van Gysel and Robin Messer (PD)

Approve Agenda – There are three more bartenders to add: Dawn Toseff, Kirk Fakes, Gary Taurick. The FRFD is requesting a picnic license for Saturday, June 5, 2021. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the agenda with the additions as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Swear in Trustees Slotten, Gould, Birr and Dykstra – Trustees were sworn in by the Clerk.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Oelke Construction CSM to divide a lot on Natures Trail back into two lots – This was originally two lots and the previous owner combined them. They have been sold to Oelke Construction. He wants to separate them into the two lots again. Kory has reviewed and recommends approval of the CSM. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the CSM as presented. Roll call was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried.

Motion to convene to Closed Session per Wi Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties specific to purchasing property for a Right of Way in the Industrial Park. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to move into Closed Session as noted. Roll call was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene into Open Session per WI Stat. 19.85(2). A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Birr to reconvene to Open Session as allowed. Roll call was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried.

Proposal from GEC for topography work on Church, Sunrise and Hilltop (C-S-H) – This covers @ ½ miles of street. Kory estimates it would take a survey crew 5 days. The proposed cost is \$9,000. They would be looking at the depth of the water, sewer and storm sewers that are in existence at the present time. An area of concern is the drainage from Church Street thru the beehive grate into the small creek. Kory may have papers at the office showing the route. It was discussed that maybe it should be graded out. It would need to be permitted from the DNR. It is considered a navigable stream. After that is all worked thru, they would do the design. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the proposal of \$9,000 to do the survey work for C-S-H. All Members – aye – motion carried. The work will be done over the next month or so. Should be done July-August. A preliminary design would be ready in the fall and a public meeting would be held. Bidding could be in January 2022. There is a Federal grant program (ARPA) in the works that may help with some of the costs. There may be LRIP money also.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Update on LW Allen work to replace control panel at S Main Water Tower \$8,716.03 A small plastic tube in the panel box sprung a leak and caused major damage to the control panel. The tube itself costs @ \$23.00. The damage to the panel @ \$9,000. It was repaired today. This controls the SCADA system. Without the controls everything needs to be checked manually. This expense is being covered by our insurance.

LW Allen Proposal from Altronex to upgrade the SCADA from Windows7 to 10, \$23,300. This has been budgeted for by Water and Sewer for 2021. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to move forward with the upgrade for \$23,300 by LW Allen. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Driveway opening variance request from Tim Schultz, 178 Deer Run – Tim would like approval to widen his driveway to 30' at both the property line and the curb line. This would allow him a straight shot to back his squad into the driveway. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the variance as requested. All Members – aye – motion carried.

The park shelters are being rented. Sewers will begin to be flushed next week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – The monthly report was presented.

K9 Fund Raising Update – The fund raising has done well. The current balance is \$32,747.00. They are expecting donations from the Columbus-FR Rotary of \$5,000, Top Pack Defense and Prairie Towing. The Police Chief's Assoc will match up to \$5,000. Dog food has been promised for the life of the dog from Animart. This knocks down the estimated funds required by @ \$7,500 to @ \$42,000. Columbia County is still waiting for their new car. As soon as they get their new car it will free up the already canine prepared vehicle. Air conditioning for the vehicle is being donated. They are hoping to have the dog for classes starting August 3rd. They have the \$15,000 for the dog. Robin's goal is to train with the dog over the month of August. They are and will continue fund raising and looking for more pledges.

Proposal to Move Forward with Purchase of K9 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Dykstra to allow Officer Messer to move forward with the purchase and training of the canine unit as long as the agreement that the dog remains the property of the Village is in place. The agreement should be ready by the end of the month. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Approve Upgrade Police Dept Server – Zack Estimate \$2,000 – This is a computer upgrade that has been recommended to be done before it locks up or data is lost. It has been slowing down and dogging. Brent has given Zack the go ahead so he would be sure they did not run into a problem. This was not budgeted for. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve the upgrade and the funds should be taken from the LGIP #13 Police Account. A taser has been donated to the Department.

Resignations from Linda Henning and Lucas Sullivan – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to accept the letters of resignation from Linda Henning and Lucas Sullivan. All Members – aye – motion carried.

They are losing another officer but have a couple of new ones coming in.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed plan for ROW acquisition – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Gould to move forward with the plan to acquire the property as discussed in the Closed Session. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Updates on Utility Software – The Clerk has seen the demo from Jayhawk Software. She will be looking at Workhorse also. Steve Dauster will be attending the June meeting to provide the information relating to the update from Galaxy Read Center to Beacon.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments for 2021-2022 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Committee Appointments as presented by President Slotten. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application – Shelley Herwig, Dawn Toseff, Kirk Fakes and Gary Taurick – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the applications as listed. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Picnic License for the FRFD for June 5, 2021 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Picnic License for the FRFD. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Update on Clerk Applicant Interviews and Possible action on hiring – There were four candidates interviewed. All four were good. The top two will be interviewed a second time on Wednesday, May 19th at 6 PM. A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 24th at 6 PM to approve the selected candidate.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from April 14, 2021 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the minutes as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from April 2021 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten is a member of the Wodill Foundation Board. He is very impressed with the funds that Andy (Wodill) Tamminga has put into this program and how it has helped all the kids that have participated in the different programs over the years. He thanked Mike Dykstra and John Ninmann for helping select the student to receive the Brayton Scholarship award.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM

Marie Abegglen