

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Ben Upward (GEC).

Guests: Mary Jo Wentz

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

CHS Pay Request #6 – Ben has recommended approval of this pay request. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve Pay Request #6 for \$261,480.42. Roll call vote was taken with All Members – aye – motion carried. Trustee Ninmann questioned the bill from GEC regarding charges for having to re-stake the corner of Church/Sunrise. Ben will look into that. He questioned the slopes for the properties of John Newton and Jack Schumann. Ben will check but believes it has been done according to plan and is better than it was before. The curb & gutter has a one-year warranty. The Village will hold a retainer until spring when the landscaping will be completed and established.

PUBLIC INPUT Mary Jo Wentz discussed with the Board her hopes for tree replacement in the parks and possibly the tree border on Sunrise and Hilltop. She has reviewed the Village ordinances and thinks we have a comprehensive ordinance, but the list of trees should be updated. A concern is what residents can do in their own yards. Craig is more than willing to work with her and anyone that is interested in tree replacement. He would like to focus on our parks first before looking at tree borders. Any resident that intends to plant a tree should be contacting Diggers Hotline first. That is usually when the Village first becomes aware of something. Mary Jo is very knowledgeable of “good” trees vs. “not good”. She will be a good contact for the DPW.

PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas decorations are going up on the 17th. The park restrooms are winterized and closed up. The plow trucks have been DOT inspected. The light bar has been installed on the new truck.

Classify “Other List” as Surplus Equipment – The only item is the old paint line sprayer. It has not been used for quite a while.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Classify Trailer as Surplus Equipment

Classify “Other List” as Surplus Equipment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to classify all items as surplus equipment and take to WI Surplus to have them auctioned off. This includes the paint sprayer, trailer and list provided to President Slotten by the PD. All Members – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fall River Community Fire District 2023 Budget and Assessment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the 2023 FRCFD Budget and Assessment. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court 2023 Budget – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the 2023 ECCJMC Budget. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 10/12/22 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes from 10/12/22. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the payment of all bills except Invoice #32 from GEC. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to reimburse VG Condo the escrow we are holding contingent upon GEC review of project and the As Built plans provided. All Members – aye – motion carried. Any charges due to DARE participation should be paid from the Crime Prevention Account.

Financial Report from October – The bill for the window replacements in the Village Hall is in this month to be paid. The cost of the new DPW truck should be taken from the Street Equipment fund. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the October Financial Report. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – It has been confirmed that Dollar General is not coming to Fall River.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Marie Abegglen