

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM

BUDGET HEARING - Review and hear comments on the proposed Village Budget for 2023
Close Public Hearing. President Slotten opened the Budget Hearing and reviewed the highlights of the Budgets prepared for the Village, Water and Sewer.

AGENDA

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Burt and Deb Freeman from the Lion's Club.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Dorner Pay Request #7 - \$390,906.11 – This last pay request has a retainage of \$19,398.68. This is for landscaping that will need to be done in the spring. It does not include warranty work. Craig feels the amount is sufficient. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve and pay Request #6 for #390,906.11. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

GEC has been working on the infrastructure for the Industrial Park Expansion. They may be able to present the plan in January and start the bidding process in February.

PUBLIC INPUT

Burt & Deb Freeman to discuss Earth Day (04/22/23) and Lions Club help with planting trees – The Columbus Lions Club has a motto of “We Serve”. They have come to our Board to see in what way they can help with an environmental project. April 22, 2023 is Earth Day. When the Village has a project, they would like to help in whatever way that they can.

PUBLIC WORKS

Request from Carrie Yerges for a blind child sign at 335 Kane Street - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to install the Blind Child signs on the closest utility poles to 335 Kane St. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Craig Schultz - Carryover vacation hours up to 40 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to allow Craig to carryover up to 40 hours of vacation for up to 90 days into the new year. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Part-time Officer wages - \$15 per hour starting/\$18 per hour after training – This would eliminate the \$13/hour starting wage. The Village of Rio Board has approved the \$15/\$18 pay scale. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the \$15/\$18 wage scale for part time police officers after January 1, 2023.

Sale of Trailer funds – Put into DARE Account – No decision made. We will see what we end up getting for the trailer and bikes. The spirit of the trailer was that it was to be used for emergency management, traffic control etc. The monthly report was emailed. Brent has hired 2 new part time officers to start 12/12/23.

OLD BUSINESS - Motion to convene to Closed Session per WI Stat 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Negotiation and Discussion on Consideration of a Possible Sale of a lot in the Industrial Park. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to convene to closed session. Roll call was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Members Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Pawlisch and Slotten – yes, Gould – no – motion carried.

Consideration of Offer to Purchase parcel of Industrial Land - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to make a counteroffer with the terms discussed in the closed session. Roll

call vote was taken with Members Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Pawlisch and Slotten – yes, Gould – no – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgets for approval: Village General, Water Utility, Sewer Utility – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the General Budget for 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Water Budget for 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Sewer Budget for 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Mill Rate for Village Levy - 0.0045777071. (Total Mill Rate 0.0161394240, LLMD – 0.0171180706) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the mill rate based on the levy of \$813,600. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Columbia County MOU for the Statewide Voter Registration System/WisVote (\$750) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the MOU for voter registration. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Employee Bonus for 2022 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the employee bonus of \$200 for Fulltime and \$100 for Parttime. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Set Date for Caucus (January 11, 2023) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to set the date of the Caucus for January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Marie Abegglen - Carryover unused vacation up to 40 hours – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to allow Marie to carryover up to 40 hours to be used within 90 days into 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 11/09/2022 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the minutes from 11/09/22. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – Trustee Ninmann is still concerned about the invoice from GEC. The invoice was reduced by \$838.00. Trustee Ninmann feels it should be more like a deduction of \$1,810.75. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to pay all bills except the invoice from GEC for \$23,508.55 (#00032). Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Birr and Pawlisch – yes, Slotten – no. Motion carried.

Authorize Clerk to pay necessary bills not yet received – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to authorize the Clerk to pay any bills that are due before the next meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from November – There is a balance of \$669.45 in LGIP #15. It should be transferred to LGIP #1. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – There are openings on the Board of Appeals and the Plan Commission. If anyone can think of someone of interest, let us know.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen