

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
CAUCUS**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

The Caucus opened at 6:00 pm. Trustees at the table: Ninmann and Robbins. Trustee Robbins nominated Trustee Ninmann to chair the caucus. All – aye – motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for Village President.

Dan Birr nominated Jeff Slotten. Seconded by John Ninmann.

The Chairman asked three more times for any other nominations. Being none nominations for President were closed.

The floor was opened for nominations for the three Village Trustee positions.

Jeff Slotten nominated Mark Gould. Seconded by Dan Birr

Judy Robbins nominated Dan Birr. Seconded by Brian Frank

Mark Gould nominated Mike Dykstra. Seconded by Dan Birr.

Mark Gould nominated Max Gould. Seconded by Dan Birr

Josh Frank nominated Brian Frank. Seconded by Mike Dykstra

The Chairman asked three more times for any other nominations. Being none the nominations were closed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Ninmann and seconded by Brian Frank to close the Caucus. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Swear In Officers: Cole Bezotte and Alex Lindeman – The Clerk swore in the two new Police Officers. Friends and family were in attendance.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen (C-T), Ben Upward (GEC), Craig Abegglen (Deputy C-T), and Robin Messer (PD).

Guests: Brian Frank, Joshua Frank, Todd Toman.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Engineering Plans for the Industrial Park Expansion – Ben presented very preliminary plans for the Industrial Park expansion. They still need to look at the water flow issue. They have done hydrant flow tests. They are proposing a booster station. They will investigate a connection to Swarthout Rd. The plans should include the prospect that the park could expand even further to the north in the future. A booster station could have a maintenance agreement just like a lift station. A location has not been decided. They have a lot of work to do in the next three weeks if they anticipate the plan getting approval in February. Trustee Ninmann requested that they be sure to include Craig Schultz (DPW) in their plans as his department will be taking care of whatever is done here. Ben assured the Board that Craig will have a large say in what happens. EK is looking for a berm on the existing lot only. Ben and Kory will meet with EK and Schumann's next week.

GEC Bill #0032 Dated 11/04/22 \$24,346.95 reduced to \$23,508.55 - Trustee Ninmann and Ben have discussed the bill and things have been worked out. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the GEC bill #00032 for \$23,508.05. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - Brian Frank asked if the Board has consulted with the Fire Dept on the Industrial park expansion. As of this time they have not. Sprinklers will be required depending on the size of the building.

PUBLIC WORKS – Craig Schultz was not at the meeting. Trustee Dykstra received a complaint that both men were in the plow truck when plowing. There is no need to have 2 guys in the truck. There is a

better use of our manpower. Trustee Ninmann thought there are times that they are doing clean-up and one is the lookout for obstructions in the tree border.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Robin Messer presented the monthly report. They assisted Columbus 12 times. There is an increase in meth use. Robin asked why Officer Witthun did not get a \$.50 raise this year. The Board created a new wage just for that position. Creating another fulltime position was a big deal for Fall River. Robin would like to see the Board bring up the pay scales and be comparable to other communities in the state.

OLD BUSINESS

Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court Agreement and Ordinance 2-3-12 – The reason for this Ordinance is that the City of Columbus is going to re-join our Municipal Court. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to adopt the new Ordinance 2-3-12. A roll call vote was taken with All Members present – yes – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Application on file: Sierra Johnson A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the bartender license for Sierra Johnson. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Appoint New Members for the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve Ron Kennedy as a representative on the Planning Commission and Gerry Schulze as a representative on the Board of Appeals. All Members present – aye – motion carried. President Slotten abstained.

Pellitteri Contract Available to Extend to a 10 Year Contract – We have several months before a final decision needs to be made. This will be visited again.

Economic Development Participation in Columbia County Tourism Guide – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve a contribution of \$500 to the Guide. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Set Dates for Concert, Clean-up, Shred Event – The Concert is set for July 20th at 5 PM with music starting later. We need to find the entertainment. Clean-up will be June 3rd from 8-1. (Will need to verify with Pellitteri). The Shred Event will be in September. (Will need to verify with Pellitteri).

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/08/22 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes and Closed Session minutes from 12/08/22. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to pay the bills as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report December 2022 and January 2023 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Reports from December 2022 and January 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT The trailer, paint sprayer and bikes were sold at auction.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Finance Committee will meet on January 30th to review a possible investment strategy.

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

Marie Abegglen