

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Birr, Dykstra, Pawlisch. Absent: Gould and Robbins. There is a quorum.

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD).
Guests: Brian Frank

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

There are no agenda items tonight. GEC is still working on plans for the Industrial expansion and infrastructure.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Madison Truck Snowplow for GMC \$7,140 with optional additions of \$1,260 – Craig would like to add the option of LED Lights for \$600. They should be more rugged. He would also like to include the Back Drag Edge for \$300. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Snowplow and the two upgrades as requested. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Convert sick time into Health Insurance cost when an employee retires – The current policy for accumulated sick time is use it or lose it. Brent is retiring in July and would like to see a way to convert the time to a benefit for the employee. The Board would like to see what other municipalities have for a benefit. Our policy handbook would need to be updated.

Proceeds from the trailer and bikes – Go into Crime Prevention Fund – the amount above the Village purchase cost – Brent is asking that the proceeds from the trailer that was sold go into the Crime Prevention Fund. A MOTION WAS MADE BY President Slotten and seconded by Trustee Birr to move the \$57.50, representing the proceeds from the sale of police-related surplus equipment, be transferred from the General Account to the Crime Prevention Fund to be used for community outreach programs and that the balance of uncommitted funds generated from the recent sale of Emergency Management and Public Works-related surplus equipment remain in the General Fund for purposes to be determined at the discretion of the elected officials of the Village of Fall River. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

The monthly report was emailed. Gunner is doing a good job teaching DARE. Brent asked what qualifications should make up the job description for the Chief position. The Judiciary Committee will meet to discuss that.

OLD BUSINESS

FR Fire Dept Picnic License for 02/11/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Picnic License for the FRFD for 02/11/23. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Board of Appeals Appointments – Robert Mickelson and Steve Burbach – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve Robert Mickelson

and Steve Burbach as representatives for the Board of Appeals. Members Ninmann, Birr, Dykstra and Pawlisch – aye, Slotten abstained – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Applying Accumulated Sick Time to an Employee Benefit at Retirement - A meeting is scheduled for 02/15/23 at 6 PM.

Financial Investment Strategies – The Finance Committee would like to meet with Tami from Ehlers on the 27 or 28th of February if she can make it one of those dates.

Insurance Renewal with League of WI Municipalities – Our policy expires February 5th of each year. We did not get the renewal figures until January 30th. We have verbally renewed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the renewal with the League for \$40,157. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Adams-Columbia Electric Coop Board Consent ROW Blanket Permit – They have paid the annual \$1,000 permit fee. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the blanket permit for Adams-Columbia Electric. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 01/11/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from 01/11/23. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report for December 2022 (Final Numbers) and January 2023 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the final report from December 2022 and the report from January 2023. The Brayton Scholarship CDAR should be renewed for 1 year @ 4.05%. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

We should check to see if F&M and Landmark would consider a better rate on our existing accounts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Donation to Post Prom – May 6, 2023 – We received a donation request from school for post-prom prizes. Members can give individually.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AND CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION – Per Wi Stat.

19.85(g) To confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is involved ~ pending lawsuit filed on November 25, 2022. – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to adjourn the regular meeting of the village Board and convene to closed session per WI Statute. Roll call vote was taken with – All Members present – aye – motion carried.