

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held regarding an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Ordinances of the Village. The Village Board is considering changes to Sections 13-1-40 through Section 13-1-54.

President Slotten opened the Public Hearing by defining the reason for the changes in the zoning code. The Plan Commission has recommended approval of the changes. There were three Business Districts, now there are two. The difference is due to the setback requirements. The changes reduce the need for a conditional use permit. The change adopts the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes. Alan Harvey provided notice of State mandated changes regarding the repeal of statutory protest provisions and changes to the residential housing permit approvals.

Close Public Hearing – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to close the Public Hearing. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

AGENDA
(Agenda is subject to change)

Call to order – President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives, Marie Abegglen (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW), Ron Spurbeck (PD), Ben Upward (GEC), Kenny Beal (C-T).

Guests: 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

Repeal & Recreate Zoning Ordinance Section 13-1-40 Through Section 13-1-54 – Trustee Ninmann believed that the last time the Board considered a zoning ordinance change the Judiciary committee reviewed the changes. He is unaware of any committee having reviewed the changes. President Slotten said that the Plan Commission is the committee to review zoning changes. They have met twice to review. Trustee Ninmann has not seen any notices or minutes from those meetings. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adopt the changes to Ordinances 13-1-40 thru 13-1-54. Roll call vote was taken with Robbins, Neuman, Dykstra, Slotten – yes, Ninmann – no. Motion carried.

Repeal & Recreate 13-1-243(24 0814) Zoning Statutory Protests (Effective 12/31/2024) – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Recreated Ordinance 13-1-243(240814). Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance 13-1-246(24 0814) Residential Housing Permit Approvals – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to adopt Ordinance 13-1-246(24 0814). Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance 13-1-240 (24 0814)(1) to Rezone Parcel 508.013, 130 & 132 Community Drive from R2 Duplex, Two Family Residential to R2Z Zero Lot Line Residential. The Plan Commission has reviewed both of these requests for rezoning and recommended approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the rezoning request for Thomas Braun from R2 to R2Z for parcel 508.013. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

CSM for Thomas Braun – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the CSM for Thomas Braun. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance 13-1-240 (24 0814)(2) to Rezone Parcel 508.014, 124 & 126 Community Drive from R2 Duplex, Two Family Residential to R2Z Zero Lot Line Residential. – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the rezoning request for Diane Lange from R2 to R2Z for parcel 508.014. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

CSM for Diane Lange – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the CSM for Diane Lange. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Brozek Bid for Disc Golf Pads ~ \$4,500.00 – Julius will work with him and try to not get everything ruttud up. This cost is part of the \$20,000 allocated to this project.

Televising Bids for Storm Sewer Pipe – Expeditors \$1,750.00 , Great Lakes TV Seal \$1,585.00 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve Julius to contract with whichever he believes is the best suited company for this job. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

No Fault Sewer Insurance \$1.75 per capita (1807 = \$3162.25) – We need more information on what the coverage is for this type of insurance.

Amendments to Ordinance 6-4-7 Trees and Shrubs – President Slotten met with Mary Jo Wentz to discuss our ordinance and trees that are good and not good. She thought our Ordinance was pretty good overall. It provides a guide for anyone wanting to plant trees. President Slotten provided changes to the ordinance to remove all the restricted and prohibited trees from the DNR list. He has added the recommended trees from their list. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to amend Ordinance 6-4-7 as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Tree Planting for Fall September 21, 2024 – McKay Nursery is set to deliver trees to the dam area for planting on September 21st. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the tree planting costs to come from the Park Fund. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

DPW has cut up the tree that fell by Mickelson Feed. Tyler Brozek will level the area, and it will need grass matting. The swing sets in the Village Park have been stripped and repainted. They look very nice. So far, the Police Dept locks the bathrooms at night and DPW unlocks them in the morning. They are going to try to leave them open Friday and Saturday night so that DPW does not have to come in to take care of that. Julius is looking to get the concrete bags delivered so he can start to work on the disc pads. The DNR sent out letters to dam owners. With the heavy rains that we had we should consider the wear and tear that it may have caused. Our dam was last inspected on 11/29/2023. Currently there doesn't seem to be any concern.

Tyler Brozek is going to try to get 9 pads dug out in one day. Julius will pour as time and weather permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ron said that tonight is his 12th Board meeting. He thanked the Board for giving him this opportunity. The Board thanked him for a job well done. Ron reviewed the highlights of his monthly report. July was again a busy month. They received the Safety Grant from the League Insurance. He has decided on a Ford Explorer rather than the Durango. It has been ordered with a bill date of 9/23/24. He is still researching new Records Management Software. The software they are using is free but is not good. They suffer data loss once in a while.

Crime Prevention Checking – Remove Brent Van Gysel as an authorized signer and add Ronald Spurbeck – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to change the authorized signature for the Crime Prevention Fund at the F&M Bank from Brent Van Gysel to Ron Spurbeck. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fall River Community Fire District Budget – There is a slight (@ \$300) increase in the budget for 2025. The assessments have not been figured out yet. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the 2025 Budget for the FR Community Fire District. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Applications on File: Brenda Maier, Stephanie Montalvo, Christina Sorenson – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bartender applications on file. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Shred Event September 26, 2024 – Just a reminder of this upcoming event.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 07/10/24 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from 07/10/24. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from July – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to accept the Financial Report from July 2024. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Disc Golf Expenses – Pay from Park Fund Accounts(?) - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to confirm that the Village will contribute up to \$20,000 from the Park Funds and use Capital Improvement if necessary. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – There will be a fall EMS meeting. The Lifestar contract ends in 2025. Jeff noted the passing of Dale Standke. Dale served as both a Village Trustee and President. He served as Fire Chief for many years. He stated that Dale is one of the best examples of someone giving of themselves and making the commitment and hard work for the community. The Board should think of a memorial that could be given in his remembrance. He thanked all the poll workers for the work they did.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn.
All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Marie Abegglen