

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

CAUCUS

Village Board Members in attendance: Slotten, Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Birr and Pawlisch.
Guests: Karl Green, Brent Van Gysel, Gerald Schulze, Kenny Beal, Barry Klecker, Michael Lubenau, Todd Toman, Dan Weinberger, Darren Neuman.
Village Representatives: Ron Spurbeck, Gunner Witthun, Jacob Wawryzn, Mike Weisensel, Craig Schultz, Marie Abegglen.

President Slotten called the Caucus to order. The floor was opened for nominations.

Mike Lubenau nominated	Judy Robbins	seconded by	Dan Birr
Brent Van Gysel nominated	John Ninmann	seconded by	Dan Birr
Gerald Schulze nominated	Dan Weinberger	seconded by	John Ninmann
Dan Birr nominated	Darren Neuman	seconded by	Tom Pawlisch
Mike Lubenau nominated	Brent Van Gysel	seconded by	Karl Green

President Slotten asked three times for any other nominations. Hearing none, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Gerald Schulze and seconded by Dan Weinberger to close the nominations. All those present – aye – motion carried.
Caucus as closed by 6:10pm

AGENDA

(Agenda is subject to change)

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Birr and Pawlisch. Absent: Dykstra
Village Representatives: Ron Spurbeck, Gunner Witthun, Jacob Wawryzn, Craig Schultz, Marie Abegglen and Jesse Spankowski.

Approve Agenda – The Clerk stated that there is a bartender application to be added for Lexi Mae. It was brought to the Clerk on Monday. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the agenda with that addition. Trustees Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Birr and Pawlisch – yes, Slotten – no. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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. President Slotten read the statute allowing a closed session and the purpose of the closed session. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to convene to Closed Session. Roll call was taken with all Members present – yes. Motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2) - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to reconvene to Open Session. Roll call was taken with all Members present – aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of Offer to Purchase parcel of Industrial Land – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Gould to counter-offer the Offer to purchase from EK Machine for Lot 3 in the Industrial Park as discussed in Closed Session. Members Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Pawlisch and Slotten – yes. Trustee Birr recused himself. Motion carried.

New Building Inspector – Mike Jacek is our new building inspector. Dion is still with GEC and available for help when needed.

Ben Upward is New Zoning Administrator – Kory has “retired” from most Fall River projects. Ben Upward will play a bigger role for Fall River.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposal for sale of topsoil in the Industrial Park – We have a proposal from Doherty Trucking & Excavating to purchase the topsoil in the Industrial Park. Craig will have them haul 8-10 loads to his designated site for Village use. The proposal is to purchase an estimated 7750 cu yds for \$4 per cu yd – \$31,000. \$10,000 deposit and monthly payments. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee

Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to accept the proposal from Doherty Trucking. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Part Time Help – Craig would like to hire more help for all the DPW work. He is looking for a longer time span like April thru October. Estimate 27 weeks @ 30 hours = 810 hours. 27 weeks @ 40 hours = 1080 hours. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to look for a person to help the DPW for up to 1,000 hours in a calendar year and up to \$18.00/hour. Craig should go ahead with the hiring process. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Craig gave “kudos” to the Police Department for helping with parking on street tickets when it snows. There was not a car on the street the last time he had to plow.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approval of Jacob Wawrzyn Fulltime Officer Pay and Benefits – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve Jacob Wawrzyn as a Fulltime Officer and benefits. All Members present – aye – motion carried. He will start 1/11/24 at 8 am.

Approval of Mike Weisensel Office Administrator Pay and Benefits – Mike has replaced Keri Abegglen and has been here working with her training for this position since 1/2/24. Keri will be done later this month. Mike was hired at \$19.90/hour. Chief Spurbeck would like to put him at \$20.00/hour. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve Mike Weisensel as the Police Office Administrator and pay \$20.00/hour. All Trustees present – aye – motion carried. Ron has hired two new part time officers. Gunner and Jacob will start a new schedule of 12 hour shifts.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Resignation from Craig Abegglen – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to accept the resignation of Craig Abegglen. His last day was 12/27/23. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Search for New Clerk Assistant – Ad should be placed in the Rio Shopper for the Clerk Wanted position. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to allow Marie to hire someone now as a temporary not to exceed 20 hours per week at \$20.00/hour.

Picnic License for FR Fire Dept for February 10, 2024 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Picnic License for the FRFD contingent upon the application be in the Clerk’s Office by the end of her workday of Friday, 1/12/24 at noon. Trustee Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Birr and Pawlisch – yes, Slotten – no. Motion carried.

Bartender application on file - Application from Lexi Mae. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to deny the application from Lexi Mae based on the recommendation of the Police Department’s background check. Roll call vote was taken with all Members present – yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/06/23 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Minutes from 12/06/23. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from December 2023 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to accept the Financial Report from December 2023. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Renewal CDARs – Capital Improvement and Sewer Equipment Replacement - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Pawlisch to approve both CDARS for renewal for 13 weeks @ 5.25%. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Trustee Birr has been approached regarding the speed limit for the ATVs and UTVs. If the ordinance is 15 mph, they asked that it be 25 mph to be able to keep up with the vehicle traffic. Where is the speed limit posted? Our sign refers to the Ordinance number for rules regarding

these vehicles. It was noted that there was someone that was ticketed for exceeding the speed limit. They were going 35 mph not just 25. We can have this on the agenda for next month for a possible change.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and seconded by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM