

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen and Kenny Beal (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW), Ron Spurbeck (PD).

A sign-in-sheet was available for guests to sign. There were 16 guests that attended.

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

Closed Session per 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 Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to convene to Closed Session to discuss the sale of a parcel in the Industrial Park. Roll call vote was taken with All Members – yes – motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2) A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to reconvene to open session per WI Statute. Roll call vote was taken with All Members – yes – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Consideration of the Offer to Purchase of Parcel 536.02, Lot 2, CSM 6490, 525 Quality Court – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to Counter offer as discussed in Closed Session. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - There were 16 guests that were requesting that the Village Board look into allowing chickens within the Village limits. The current ordinance does not allow farm animals which includes chickens. They are interested due to the costs of eggs, kids learning responsibility, 4-H participation. Concern on the other side is enforcement.

PUBLIC WORKS

President Slotten congratulated Julius and his staff for winning the Wisconsin Rural Water Association water taste test this year. He thanked them for the diligent work they do every day to keep our water safe and tasting good. Good water affects our daily lives.

Amend Ordinance 10-1-29 Parking Prohibited Regulations and 10-1-50 Penalties – One sentence will be taken out of the ordinance to make it easier to for enforcement and signage. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 10-1-29 and 10-1-50 to increase the citation from \$20 to \$50 for a winter parking violation. All Members – aye – motion carried.

WRWA Voluntary Donation – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve a Donation of \$200. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Set June 28th as Grand Opening of Disc Golf Course – The signs are being done by the FR School and should be done soon. The FR Chamber is willing to help out with a Grand Opening. The 28th looks to be a good date for this.

The culverts between the retention ponds need to be cleaned out but it is not an urgent job.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Talon Software Changes Required – The Talon version that was purchased is not working out as intended. The Cloud version would fix the problems. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to allow the Police Dept to upgrade to the Cloud Version of the Talon software. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Monthly Report – was distributed and reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Moving Forward with Possible Amendment to Ordinance 7-1-23(b) Farm Animals to Allow Chickens Within the Village – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to refer this to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Review Proposed Fee Schedule Changes and Additions - Updates have been made to our Fee Schedule. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Fee Schedule as provided. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Premium Computer Proposal for New PCs in the Clerk's Office - The server in the Clerk's Office is over 10 years old. Premium Computer has provided a proposal to upgrade the server and two computers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to accept the proposal from Premium Computer, double the ram on each machine, up to \$6,000. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Alliant Wind Energy Project – A village resident attended the Planning Committee. He brought information on the wind mills that have been proposed for the surrounding area of Fall River. He believes there is an avenue for the Village to have input on the project. He suggested we contact our attorney. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to present our attorney with the information that we have to see what his opinion is whether to get involved or not. Trustees Ninmann, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Birr – yes, Robbins – no and Slotten abstained. Motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 03/12/25 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the minutes as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from March 2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

CDAR Renewals – Capital Improvement \$339,488.441 and Sewer Equipment Replacement \$241,213.95 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to renew CDAR Capital Improvement for 26 weeks @ 4.40% and CDAR Sewer Equipment Fund for 52 weeks @ 4.40%. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – We have not heard anything back yet from MSA regarding the increase in sewer rates that the City of Columbus has adopted. The Brayton Scholarship applications will be reviewed by John Ninmann, Mike Dykstra and Darren Neuman. We have finally received the LRIP money for the CHS project. The County has said that the Gruhn Road and Lienke Road projects may come in higher than the estimate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clean Up Day Scheduled for June 7th

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.

Marie Abegglen