

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 11, 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 (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW), Ron Spurbeck (PD), Ben Upward (GEC)

Guests: Ron Kennedy, Frank Liska, Jim Lundberg, David Liebenthal. Madeline Buchda and Todd Toman

Swear In Dan Birr and Max Gould – The Clerk swore in the Dan Birr and Max Gould to serve as Trustees.

Public Hearing for Rezoning 136/138 Community Drive from R2 to R2Z – The Public Hearing was opened to hear any comments from the public. This is the rezoning of 136/138 Community Drive. The current zoning is R2 and they are proposing R2Z. This makes the property individually owned on either side. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Plan Comm Recommendation of CSM for Dollar General – The Plan Commission did not recommend approval for this CSM. They had several concerns. Safety was number one. Hwy 16 is very heavily traveled. Kids are attracted to this type of store. Removal of trees and wetland filling are concerns. The Dollar General still needs to pass through many of the County Zoning Plan Commission requirements before a final approval can be obtained. The Village Engineer has recommended approval. The Village Attorney recommends tabling if the Village would like more time to assemble the facts. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the CSM as presented. Members Ninmann, Dykstra, Gould and Birr – Yes, Robbins and Neuman – No, Slotten abstain - motion carried.

CSM for Paul & Tara Voelker 136/138 Community Drive – This CSM has been reviewed by Ben Upward and is recommended for approval. There is work that the owner needs to have done to obtain the fire wall approval. The covenants have been reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the CSM and rezoning contingent upon the fire wall separation being completed and pass inspection. Roll call was taken with All Members – yes – motion carried.

Rezone Ordinance 13-1-240 (25- 0611)(1) Rezone Parcel 508.012, 136/138 Community Drive from R2 Two Family Residential to R2Z Zero Lot Line Residential - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve Ordinance 13-1-240 (25 0611)(1). Roll call was taken with All Members – yes – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Frank Liska provided a binder of information regarding Alliant Energy and the proposed Columbia County Wind Farm. Mr. Liska is very much against this project and would like to see the village investigate creating an ordinance similar to the Town of Brighton. This is in the information that he provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fahrner Bid for Village Hall Parking Lot – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to accept the bid from Fahrner. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Century Traffic Bid for Striping South Street – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the bid from Century Traffic to “Paint” from Main Street to the Fire Station. All Members – aye – motion carried.

CMAR Resolution 25 0611 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the CMAR Resolution. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Install a Mailbox in Front of Village Hall – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve putting up a mailbox in the front of the Village Hall. All Members – aye – motion carried.

The FR School is putting in their own lights. There are 4 street light poles being taken down and should save the Village money on the street lighting bill. Three of the trees that were planted last year did not make it. McKay nursery has stood by them and has sent replacements. The Dykstra Dr. and Hwy 16 lift stations are in the process of having the generators installed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – The monthly report was reviewed. Ron highlighted events from the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

Results of Chicken Survey- The results of the chicken survey were Yes – 92, No – 72, Don't care – 27. Most comments were to be sure of the number that would be allowed, no roosters, setbacks and cleanliness. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to hold a COW meeting to review samples of ordinances. Members – Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra – yes, Birr – No. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Upgrade to Disability Insurance Coverage – A proposal to change the required days of work missed due to a disability from 30 to 15 was presented. The Board feels the current coverage is the norm for most employers. No action was taken.

Alcohol and Bartender Licenses

Applications for a Class B Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor:

Wendy Dagnall, 424 S Main St., Fall River – Wendy's E-Z Axis, 310 N Main St.

Jamesco Corp., Chad Purvis-Agent, W9598 Rose Circle, Beaver Dam, WI – CJ's Bar & Restaurant, 540 S Main St., Savanna Oaks Community Center Inc., Dennis Buchda -Agent, N3115 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Fall River, Savanna Oaks Community Center-100 Poser Rd, Randy Smith, 3038 Providence, Sun Prairie, Wingz N Thingz, 170 McCrae Rd.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Class B applications. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Application for Class A Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor License:

Fall River Station Inc., Lakhbir Singh – Agent, 6664 Tartan Trail, Sun Prairie – Fall River Station, 722 S Main St.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the application for a Class A License. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Applications – See List – The Police Department has recommended approval for all applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the list of bartender applications. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 05/14/25 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the minutes of 05/14/25. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills For payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the bills as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report for May – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded Trustee Neuman to approve the Financial Report from May. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – We have received a resignation from Kenny Beal from the Deputy Clerk position.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn the meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 PM.

Marie Abegglen