

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

CAUCUS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Marie Abegglen and seconded by Judy Robbins to nominate John Ninmann to chair the Caucus. No objection.

Chairman Ninmann opened the floor for nominations for President.

Brian Frank nominated John Ninmann. There was no second.

Dan Birr nominated Jeff Slotten. Seconded by Judy Robbins.

Chairman Ninmann called three times for more nominations. Being none, the nomination for President is closed.

Chairman Ninmann opened the floor for nominations for Trustee. There are three positions open.

Judy Robbins nominated Dan Birr. Seconded by Michael Dykstra

Dan Birr nominated Michael Dykstra. Seconded by Max Gould

Brian Frank nominated Josh Frank. There was no second.

John Ninmann nominated Max Gould. Seconded by Dan Birr.

Chairman Ninmann called three times for any other nominations. Being none, the nominations for Trustee is closed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Marie Abegglen and seconded by Judy Robbins to close the Caucus. All aye – motion carried.

Board Meeting
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Brian Frank

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

General Engineering Building Inspection Fee Schedule – There is a new fee schedule for GEC with some increased costs. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the new Building Inspection fee schedule. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Brian Frank asked the Board what the Village is going to do about housing. Everyone around is building. Fall River is way behind. In order to keep the FR School going we need housing. A revaluation needs to be done.

PUBLIC WORKS

Lift Station Generator Contracts – Proposals from United Electric are for two generators. These would be for the Dykstra Drive and Highway 16 lift stations. Each generator is \$46,880 for a total of \$93,760. There is a 5% discount if both generators are purchased. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve both contracts with the 5% discount. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Columbia County Match Program (Gruhn Road?) – There are two projects that were discussed. Gruhn Road from Jennifer to the Village limits and Lienke Road from Main Street to the Village limits. Fountain Prairie is considering doing their portion of Gruhn Road. Now would be a good time to do our section. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to get estimates from Columbia County to do our section of Gruhn Road and repair the box culvert on Lienke Road. We would use the County Highway Aid program for this. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

GIS Scope of Services – MSA – MSA has a proposal to work on the GIS and add more of the water infrastructure to the mapping. Money has been budgeted for this. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to accept the proposal from MSA for GIS Services. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Julius thanked the Board for hiring the third person for the DPW. He plans to have Jason Watters take the Water Class. Jeff Schultz has taken the class but because of a miscommunication, he only had half of the classes. He is scheduled to take the exam on January 16th. He plans to take the test and see if he passes. If not he will need to take the other half of the classes he missed.

Schlachter Electric put two outlets in for the new garage door openers. The snowflakes are coming down next week. Marks & Stripes will not do the center line on South Street. Julius plans to ask the County if they will do it or know someone to call. There is a small water leak on Church Street that will have to be dug up and repaired. Denure will be coming to do that. At this point it is unsure whether it is our cost or the homeowner's. They have taken some of the work clothing to Cardinal Embroidery to have Fall River DPW printed on them.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Durango sold for \$8,075. Shop with a Cop went very well. Ron participated in Active Attack training in Portage at Raush Elementary. Gunner is going to Detective Boot Camp.

Server Upgrade – Along with the new Talon program he found out that a new server was required. Zack can do the upgrade for @ \$2,000. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the purchase of a server upgrade. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Ron provided the monthly call report and an annual report for the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court Budget 2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FR Fire Dept Picnic License for 02/01/25 and 04/05/25 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Picnic Licenses for the Fire Department. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/4/24 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Minutes from 12/4/24. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Reports from November and December 2024 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the November and December Financial Reports. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

CDAR Sewer Equipment Replacement Renewal \$235,245.54 – The Clerk did not have the new rates. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to renew for 13 weeks. The Clerk should use her discretion if the rate is acceptable. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The DPW Committee met on Monday to discuss possible changes to the winter parking ordinance to allow parking when there is no snow.

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 @ 7:30 pm.

Marie Abegglen