

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

CAUCUS - The regular Village Board meeting will follow the caucus.

President Slotten opened the Caucus for nominations. Three Trustee positions are available for a two year term.

John Ninmann nominated	Darren Neuman	second by Max Gould
Dan Birr nominated	John Nimann	second by Mike Dykstra
Mike Dykstra nominated	Judy Robbins	second by Max Gould

President Slotten asked three times for nominations. Being none, the Caucus was closed.

An election will be held in the Village of Fall River, Columbia County, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Fall River Municipal Building.

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guest: Paul Sahy and Joy Moore, Andy Schmiechen.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Update on Lights for School Crossings – There are three proposals for using solar powered flashing light for the school zones. Columbia County has approved the change in the school zone to the north on N Main Street. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to accept the quote from Decker Supply for flashing lights for the school zone. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Trier CSM and Resolution 26 0114 – Ben Upward explained the difficulty of a Developers Agreement for this unique area. The Village Attorney suggested the Resolution and record a notice of such. The Plan Commission has reviewed and recommended approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Resolution 26 0114. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye - motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded Trustee Ninmann to approve the CSM for Trier. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye - motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT Andy Schmiechen was present to discuss the new Winter parking ordinance. He feels that it is very hard to understand and should be very hard to enforce. He would like the Board to review the ordinance and change with something more understandable.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – Julius will be sending our water sample to Washington to enter in the National Water Taste Test. He and Jason will be attending a class in the Dells on February 11th. The Chevy truck box has been taken to Martin's to be painted and then to Al Win to be to be mounted back to the truck. Municipal Well & Pump will be coming to work on the well in our building.

UTV Purchase – Julius has a proposal from Power Sports in Beaver Dam for \$26,252.51. There is a lighting package added for \$566.27. We can submit that to the League Insurance under their safety equipment grant. The purchase will come out of Street Equipment funds. Trustee Ninmann would like to see what an extended warranty would cost to be added to the purchase. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to table the UTV purchase until the February meeting. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – Chief Spurbeck provided the monthly report. He also provided an annual call report.

Chief Spurbeck Request for Overtime for Grant Hours Reimbursed – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to allow the Chief of Police to participate in the Traffic Grants per the guidelines. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

K9 Fund CD Due for Renewal 01/18/2026 – There is an officer that wants to do this. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to renew the CD for 13 months @ 3.74% at F&M Bank. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fall River Fire Dept Picnic License for Sportsman Banquet 02/07/2026 and BINGO 03/28/2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the picnic licenses for the Fall River Fire Dept for 02/07/25 and 03/28/26. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Change of Vendor for Disability Insurance We have quotes from Richards Agency for Hartford Ins and Unum. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to choose Option 2 with Hartford Insurance and include the FICA match. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Renew League of WI Municipalities Insurance for 02/05/26-02/05/27 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to renew the Village's Insurance with the League of WI Municipalities. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/03/2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes from 12/03/25. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the bills to pay and include the Municipal Well & Pump proposal. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Financial Report for November 2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Financial Report from November 2025. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Financial Report for December 2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Financial Report from December 2025. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Slotten suggested having a COW meeting in February to have a brainstorming session for working on our Capital Improvement plan. The Department heads should be thinking of their needs/wants within the next 5 years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members present – aye - motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm.

Marie Abegglen