

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**President Slotten called the meeting to order.**

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

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

Guests: Frank & Peggy Liska, Ron Kennedy, Payl Sahy and Todd Toman

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Storm Sewer on Brayton Boulevard** – The storm sewer pipe from Main Street down to the river has corrugated metal pipe and has rusted out in several places. It has created a sink hole in the black top area. Brayton Blvd. is now blocked off and closed. It is recommended to replace the pipe. Ben estimates the project to be \$50,000 +/- . A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to put this project out for bids with an alternate for another to do the asphalt work. The award should be made at the next Board meeting. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Steve Bader Request for 2<sup>nd</sup> Driveway – Quality Court** – The Village Ordinance allows only one driveway unless the Board approves otherwise. A second driveway would provide better access for tenants as well as any emergency vehicles. The Plan Commission recommended allowing a second driveway and the site plan contingent upon outdoor lighting and signage being reviewed and approved by our engineer. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to grant the request for a second driveway on this parcel. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Ben Schmitz/Lienke Road Infrastructure Timeline** – The Board has discussed Lienke Road as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. Ben's Developers Agreement states he needs to put in improvements. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to waive the timeline in the Developers Agreement until the potential installation of the infrastructure on Lienke Road is decided to be done. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Members of our community are trying to prevent the Alliant wind turbine development around Fall River. They would like to see Fall River create a Public Health and Safety ordinance that may slow down or halt this from happening. There is a group formed that is working with the towns of Columbus, Fountain Prairie and Hampden. They would like to see Fall River participate.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Columbia County Highway Program Match** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the County Match Program for Brayton Blvd asphalt after the pipe work is done.

The blinking lights in the school zones are working well. Marks & Stripes should do as many crosswalks as possible. Julius will get a price to take care of the I/I on Bradley St. near the airplane.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Report**

**Update on Body Cams** – Ron has applied for a grant to pay half the cost of the cameras. Ron has given the go-ahead to get the cameras as the price is going to go up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If the grant doesn't come through the cost can be split across several budget cycles. First Net service is going well.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Columbus Utility Sewer Rate Study** – President Slotten has been in touch with Columbus. He should mention that they have had our contribution accumulating interest over all this time. They could consider that as income for the back charges they are saying that we owe now. They still are not charging what they say is the current rate.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Swear in Members Elected 04/07/26** – The incumbents were re-elected and sworn in.

**Judiciary Recommendation for Craig Abegglen** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve Craig as a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, \$1.00/hour increase as suggested by the Judiciary Committee and an authorized signer at the bank. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Disallow Claim of Declan Andrews** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to disallow the claim of Declan Andrews. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Road Classification Resolution 26 0402** The DOT does this every 5 years. There are no changes to be made this year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to adopt Resolution 26 0402. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

#### **MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Minutes From 03/11/26** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Minutes from 03/11/26. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Bills For payment** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the bills to be paid. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Financial Report from March** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to accept the Financial Report from March. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Ehlers Investment Recommendations** – The funds were invested as Ehlers recommended.

**Equipment Replacement CDAR Renewal 04/16/26** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to renew the CDAR for 52 weeks @ 3.95%. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Concert In The Park?** – No action was taken.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – There are 13 applications for the Brayton Scholarship. Three members will review and provide their choices to the school.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Reminders: Open Book - May 6<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 5 PM by phone**

**Board of Review – May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM**

**Clean Up Day – Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to Noon**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adjourn. All Members present–aye-motion carried. Meeting adjourned @7:55 PM.

Marie Abegglen