

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Lori Schwoerer, JJ Barber, Frank Liska, Ron Kennedy, Todd Toman, Joy Moore, Paul Sahy, David and Amy Liebenthal, Sandy and Keith Jeremy, Don and Sherri Gumb.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Award Bid for Brayton Blvd. Storm Sewer Project – Ben Upward explained that there were no bids received for this project. There were several plan holders but no bids. It can be put out again. One change could be that we do not specify a completion date. The other change could be the pipe material specification. The County Aid can be back in the picture for them to do the finish street work using the County Aid program. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to readvertise the project on Brayton Blvd with no completion date and poly pipe as an option and take the paving out of the bid. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – There were questions and comments from guests. Is there a battery storage going up? Potentially – yes. No request has been made to the Village. Is the Board aware how close these will be to the Village? They are going to be right across from the Sports Complex. There are health issues that should be taken into consideration. Flight for Life will not come near these. There are all sorts of concerns. If the Village does nothing it reflects as consent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – The sewers are flushed. The lift stations have been cleaned. They have patched around the manhole on Quality Court. They have started the chip seal on Prairie Street.

Manhole Repair on Bradley Street – A lot of I/I has been getting into the sewer through this manhole. Summit Infrastructure has proposed to repair for \$5,640. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the bid from Summit Infrastructure and repair the manhole on Bradley Ave. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Winter Parking Ordinance Review – This ordinance change was planned to be looked after the first year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to refer further review to the DPW Committee. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – The Bike Rodeo was a big success. The Drug Take Back was busy. They expect to hear about the grant for the body cameras in June or July. They have been receiving calls regarding the motorized scooters. They have not issued any citations but have talked to several users.

K9 Program “Presentation” – Chief Spurbeck and Officer Wawrzyn discussed the K9 program. Officer Wawrzyn provided a Q&A for the Board. He is ready to start fundraising. He promises to stay for a five-year period with the dog. His benchmark for funds is \$60,000.

Approval to Fundraise for the K9 Program – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve Officer Wawrzyn to start fundraising for the K9 program. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation Regarding MOU with the Wisconsinites for Local Control Coalition – Ron Kennedy presented an MOU to join with other municipalities to do what they can to make sure if the wind turbines go in that they are safe and health concerns are addressed. A few of the surrounding townships have approved ordinances. They would like the potential problems looked at now. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to have the Village Attorney review the MOU and put it on next month’s agenda. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Committee Assignments – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Committee Assignments as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Fall River Community Fire District Truck Purchase – The FD is hoping to get a grant for a new tender. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to allow the FRCFD to look for a used engine, @ 5 years old and in a price range of \$400,000 - \$500,000. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Municipal Court Fee Ordinance Update – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Ordinance update. This will allow the current increase in the court fee from \$38 to \$48. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Globe Life Liberty National, Life and Supplemental Insurance – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to not pursue this at this time. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from April 8, 2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Minutes from 04/08/2026. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

Financial Report from April 2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Marie Abegglen