

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Ron Kennedy, Todd Toman, Dr. Treptow (FR School), Holly Rentmeister and friend.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Conditional Use Permit -Alyson Bass, 307 South St. - Spray Tan Business – The Plan Commission met and held a Public Hearing for this request. There was no public opposition. The PC recommends approval with one member voting – no. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to grant the Conditional Use Permit to Alyson Bass with the condition of one client at a time and use off street parking. Roll call was taken with All Members – yes – motion carried.

Manhole/Wastewater Agreement with EK - EK is making a new 8” lateral connection to the sanitary sewer on S. Main Street. They own the connection. Ben Upward has a proposed maintenance agreement for the Board’s consideration. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Maintenance Agreement with EK. Members Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Dykstra and Slotten – aye. Members Neuman and Birr abstained. Motion carried.

Forest Landscaping is planning to mobilize next Wednesday to do the work on Brayton Blvd. It should be a 2-3 day project. The County will come in after to do the final paving. It should be complete by the end of the month.

PUBLIC INPUT – Ron Kennedy is involved with the Wisconsinites For Local Control. They are opposing the wind turbines, solar fields and power line projects. They had good representation at a meeting at Columbia County. They asked the County to take a pause. The WFLC is holding a fundraiser at Savanna Oaks on September 26th from 1 – 3 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – The DPW met with Sophia from the DNR for their Sanitary Survey which includes an inspection/review. Julius will need to contact the FR Post office regarding their cross-connection. This is the first review Julius has been in charge of and he has been working hard to make sure things are in order. President Slotten said he deserves credit for getting through this inspection.

The generator maintenance is planned for tomorrow. They have issued a few grass cutting warnings. They are working on getting the school warning lights programmed correctly.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – Officer Witthun is back from his paternity leave. The Dept. is planning an Active Attack training. There is more training coming. Halloween is Saturday, Oct. 31st. Trick or treat from 4 – 6 pm. The Bash is at the Sports complex from 2 – 4 pm.

Bail Jumping Ordinance – This Ordinance adopts the State Statute and allows the PD to issue citations for violation of the conditions of bond. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee

Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adopt Ordinance 11-1-1 as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

K9 Policy – This is not prepared yet.

Purchase of a Canine Squad - The PD would like to purchase a squad if they find something. There was a Ford Explorer with low mileage at an auction site for @ \$30,000. The PD should continue with fundraising for now.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Highway 16 Speed Limit – President Slotten will contact Columbia County and suggest a slower speed limit along Hwy 16 past Fall River.

FRCFD Budget & Assessments – The budget is finalized. The assessment for Fall River's share is \$62,336.57. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the 2027 budget and assessments for the FRCFD. All Members – aye -motion carried. The Department is pursuing a grant for a new tender. They are also wanting a new pumper. The tender is @ \$600,000 and a pumper is @ \$900,000. They should hear about the grant sometime in September.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 08/12/2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of 08/12/26. All Members – aye -motion carried.

Past Due Billing from Columbus Utilities – President Slotten has made Attorney Spankowski aware of the situation with Columbus Utilities.

Payment #3 of 60 from Columbus Utilities - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to deny the payment of the past due billing from Columbus Utilities. All Members – aye -motion carried.

Other Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to pay other bills as presented. All Members – aye -motion carried.

Financial Report from August – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from August. All Members – aye -motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Randolph is planning to leave our Joint Court. The EMS budget is higher due to increase in population and an increase in Lifestar fees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder – Shred Event September 23rd from 3 – 5 PM

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye -motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Marie Abegglen