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

VFW Presentation to the Fall River Police Department for Shop With A Cop – Keith Miller and Todd Toman from the VFW presented Chief Ron Spurbeck with a check for $1,500 for their Shop With A Cop program. The funds were raised at the VFW Brat Fry. Ron thanked them for the generous donation.

AGENDA
(Agenda is subject to change)

President Slotten called the meeting to order.
Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Birr.
Village representatives: Marie Abegglen, Craig Abegglen (C-T), Ron Spurbeck (PD), Ben Upward (GEC).
Guests: Paul Sahy, Joy Moore, Holly Rentmeister.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Pay Request #1 Forest Landscaping – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Pay Request #1 to Forest Landscaping for $77,245.45. Roll call was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

Change order #1 for Forest Landscaping – The street base was not in good shape. It required more excavation and breaker run added. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve Change Order #1 for $3,800. Roll call was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.

Private Street Design for Ben Schmitz – The access to the existing house is intended to be a street and dedicated to the public in the future development. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to allow Ben Schmitz to designate the existing entrance to his property as a Private Street until further development on Lot 4. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Todd Toman expressed concern for the ramps on the lake. Boats and trailers are having a problem due to a drop off a couple of feet from the concrete. This happens when users power load their boats. Maybe a sign could be put up to prevent this from happening.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – Supervisor Weisensel was unable to attend tonight's meeting. They have been working on leaf pick up and flushing sewers.

Jeff Schultz Received Waterworks Operator Certification – Grade 1 Distribution and Groundwater – The Board congratulated Jeff for receiving his certification. That is a big help for Julius.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ron thanked the VFW for their contribution. The families that receive the benefits really appreciate these gifts. The monthly report was reviewed. There was an accident on N Main Street. There is not much lighting in that area.

Air Gun Ordinance – There has been a change in State law that allows hunters to use air guns and air rifles for hunting. This was brought up at a Chief's meeting. Our ordinance covers this quite well.

Amend Ordinance Use of Motor Assisted Scooter - Ron would like to see our ordinance updated to say "no operation during hours of darkness". He should bring an amended ordinance to the November meeting for approval.

BWC Update – They are still using the demo vests from Shawn Merwin. His price is $11,555.82. Prices will be going up in 2027. He has not heard anything yet regarding the grant they have applied for.

Ron is still working on the Canine policy. He should have that ready for the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FRCFD Fire Truck Purchase – The Department did not receive the grant for a tender. The current engine has an open cab in the back. It is not the safest vehicle to be in.. After much discussion the Board would like to see the Department continue to look for a good used engine, 2020 or newer.

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Applications on file: Ryan Fugate, Cecelia Tavs, Sehapfeet Dhaliwal – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the bartender applications as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Request to Close Clerk's Office Friday, November 27th and Thursday, 12/24 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Clerk's Office be closed as requested. All Members – aye – motion carried.

2027 Wage Recommendations for 2027 Budget – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Judiciary recommendations for wage increases. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 09/09/26 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes from 09/09/26. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for payment – Trustee Birr met with the Columbus Utility Director to talk about the past due billing. The Director said he was not in a position to make a change. Dan asked if he would set up a meeting between the two Boards to discuss this. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Birr to table the payment of the back billing to the City of Columbus and pay all other bills as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from September – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the September Financial Report. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The ECCJMC has hired a parttime employee to help with the workload. There is another meeting set for next week. The 2025 Review should be available.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 PM.

Marie Abegglen