

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**Fall River Municipal Building ~ 641 South Main Street**

**CAUCUS**

At an election to be held in the Village of Fall River, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village trustees will begin on April 17, 2018. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	John Ninmann
Village Trustee	Judith Robbins
Village Trustee	Andrew Schmiechen

President Slotten called the caucus to order. There are three trustee positions that will be on the ballot in April. Open for nominations.

Judy Robbins was nominated by Brent VanGysel and second by Dan Birr  
Andy Schmiechen was nominated by Dan Birr and second by Brent VanGysel  
John Ninmann was nominated by Andy Schmiechen and second by Craig Schultz

President Slotten asked three times for any other nominations. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Close nominations - Adjourn the caucus

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Dan Birr and second by Brent VanGysel to close the nominations and adjourn the caucus. All present – aye – motion carried.

**AGENDA**

**(Agenda is subject to change)**

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

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Schmiechen and Birr. Trustee Miller arrived @ 7 PM. Absent: Gould.  
Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent VanGysel (PD), Kory Anderson (GEC).

Guests: Troy Cross, Brenda Yaskal, Richard Thill, Christine Barnish, Nick Conrad, Val Steiner, and Karl Green.

Before the Public Hearing two guests introduced themselves, Troy Cross and Kim Yaskal. They are both running for the Columbia County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3. They will be on the February primary ballot.

**Public Hearing for the North Main Street Special Assessments** – The Public Hearing is for the purpose of allowing interested parties ask questions regarding the project and the proposed assessments on those properties affected. Nick Conrad and Val Steiner represented JAC II, Karl Green represented The Meadows of Fall River and Christine Barnish representing her father Merton Barnish. These are the three properties that have proposed assessments on them. Concerns were heard:

Assessing for curb, gutter and sidewalk on a corner lot. Only assess for the longest side.

Why a sidewalk to nowhere

Lot 8 JAC II – More marketable if use changed from senior housing to multifamily apartments

High costs – could parts of the project be eliminated

More time should have been given

Consideration on payback - installments

Deferral of assessment until use is made of the property or the property is sold

Board must be fair and equitable – treat everyone the same

Meadows cannot be assessed for watermain as it does not benefit them (they already have water)

Meadows doesn't want residents wandering around on sidewalks

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to adjourn the Public Hearing. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**Approve Agenda** – The Clerk had two additions to the agenda: Columbia County Haz-Mat agreement and bill and the Columbia County Tourism contribution. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the agenda with the two additions. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**North Main Street Update** – Kory has been working with Chris Hardy from Col. Co. Highway Dept. As of now they plan on doing the fine grading gravel and paving the entire project. The contractors will still include

these items in their bid prices in case something falls through with the county. An agreement will need to be drawn up once the final costs are agreed upon. There will be a lot of coordinating that needs to be done with the County and our contractor. Kory provided a map and alternate prices for improving the bike path. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the bid opening. Construction could start in May.

**Final Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ For Special Assessments As Part of the North Main Street Utility and Street Improvements.** The League of WI Municipalities was consulted regarding a deferred assessment. There is not a maximum number of years. We could include a sunset clause. The same offer must be given to all parties. The watermain loop needs to be done. The Board feels they need more discussion and time to consider possible options. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Birr to table the Special Assessment Resolution until the February meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Committee Of the Whole will meet on January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss this further.

A Plan Commission meeting needs to be scheduled to review a plat submitted by Carl Benck to the Town of Fountain Prairie. We review this plat under the extra territorial zoning rights.

**Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ on Real Estate as a Legal Nonconforming Use Pursuant to Title 13, Article F, Section 13-1/80 to 13-1-84.** As allowed on Parcel 87.A, Lot 1 of CSM 4814, currently owned by Leroy and Betty Dieckhoff. Leroy was not able to be here tonight. He has read the resolution and is not ready to sign it as it is written. When he returns to Wisconsin he will be in touch to discuss this. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to table this until Leroy has a chance to discuss changes he would like to see made. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Ordinance Amending License Fees under Title 7, Chapter 2, Article A, Section 7-2-5(f)(g) of the Code of Ordinances.** An increase to the “Class A” and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor Retailer’s License, from \$300 to \$400 annual fee. – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Ordinance Amendment under Title 7, Chapter 2, Article A, Section 7-2-5(f)(g) to increase the fee from \$300 to \$400 annually. Roll call vote was taken with all Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

**PUBLIC WORKS** – The cold temperatures has caused concern about the water tower freezing. The Foundry does not use as much water as they used to. So far things are good. Christmas lights will be coming down – weather permitting. Trustee Robbins asked about high BOD on the monthly water report. Craig knows it is due to a commercial user and oil residue. He had Country Plumber here to do jetting and televising. The high-test results are from the day they worked in that area.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – The monthly report was emailed. President Slotten asked Brent if the squads have been taken care of with the recalls. Both still need some work. He would like the Board to consider some options for winter street parking.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ECCJMC – Moving the court to Randolph** – The court has outgrown the space available in Fall River. The Village of Randolph has offered use of their municipal building. They have a large Board room along with office spaces available. They would charge \$100 per month. The ECCJMC Board approved the move. They are asking each municipality to take before their respective Board for approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Birr to approve the ECCJMC move to Randolph. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Bartender Application(s) on File: Wendi Hughes** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to approve the bartender application on file. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Richard’s Ins – EMC Renewal 02/05/18 – 02/05/19** – Our premium has decreased by @ \$7,000 due mostly by a lower Workers Comp premium. A larger claim was eliminated from the calculation of the experience modification. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the insurance renewal with Richard Insurance and EMC. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Vacation Carryover – Marie – 8 hours, Hannah – 4 hours, Craig – 4.5 hours** – The carryover must be used within 60 days. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the vacation carryovers. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Request from All-American Sports to participate in a school poster promotion** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Schmiechen to not participate in the All-American Sports promotion. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Columbia County Haz-Mat \$358** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the Haz-Mat agreement and request for \$358. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Columbia County Tourism** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to contribute \$500 towards the Columbia County Tourism magazine. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

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

**Minutes from 12/06/17** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from 12/06/17. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Bills presented for payment** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Schmiechen and second by Trustee Miller to approve the bills as presented. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Financial Report from December 2017** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Financial Report from December. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the completed Financial Report from November. All Members present – aye -motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members present – aye -motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.