

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM
CAUCUS**

At an election to be held in the Village of Fall River, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village trustees will begin on April 16, 2019. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village President	Jeff Slotten
Village Trustee	Dan Birr
Village Trustee	Keith Miller
Village Trustee	Mark Gould

Call Caucus to order – President Slotten called the Caucus to order.

Present: President Jeff Slotten, Trustees Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Birr, Miller and Pawlisch. Craig Schultz, Marie Abegglen, Brent VanGysel, Brian Frank, Josh Frank, Gary Errthum, Cody Schultz, Katrina Brown.

Elect a Chairperson – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Miller to nominate Trustee Ninmann to chair the Caucus. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to close the nominations for Chairman. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Open for Nominations – Trustee Ninmann opened the floor for nominations for Village President.

Jeff Slotten was nominated by Tom Pawlisch and second by Dan Birr. Other nominations were asked for three times. Hearing none, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to close the nominations for Village President. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Trustee Ninmann opened the floor for nominations for three Trustee positions.

Mark Gould was nominated by Dan Birr and second by Keith Miller

Dan Birr was nominated by Judy Robbins and second by Mark Gould

Diane Hermann-Brown was nominated by Katrina Brown and second by Jeff Slotten

Mike Dykstra was nominated by Cody Schultz and second by Brian Frank

Close Nominations (Paper vote if necessary) Trustee Ninmann asked three times for any other nominations. Hearing none A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to close the nominations and adjourn the Caucus. All Members – aye - motion carried.

**AGENDA
Agenda is subject to change)**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Birr, Miller and Pawlisch.

Village Representatives: Craig Schultz, Marie Abegglen, Brent VanGysel

Guests: Brian Frank, Josh Frank, Gary Errthum, Jerome and Audrey Kasmiski, Brian and Katrina Wodill.

Approve Agenda – There is nothing on the agenda for Engineering, Attorney or Financial. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the agenda and move the Revolving Loan Subordination for EK Machine to the first item to be addressed. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Revolving Loan Subordination for E.K. Machine, an additional \$2,615,000 for a total of \$6,980,886.95. Trustee Birr recused himself as he is an employee of E.K. Machine. Gary Errthum was present to discuss his building expansion and the additional \$2.6 million. The plan is to have the building up by the end of February and completion in June. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to agree to the additional subordination of \$2,615,000.00. Members Slotten, Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Miller and Pawlisch – aye – motion carried.

The Village Hall roof project is out for bids. The dam project is being reviewed by the DNR. It will then go out for bids also. The Town of Fountain Prairie splits the costs with the Village for any dam work that is done.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

There has been abnormal water and sewer usage since the end of August 2018. They have looked everywhere they can think of. The City of Columbus W&L came over with detection tools and could not find anything. Columbus W&L will be over

on Friday to assist in taking down the Christmas decorations. We have had rain but there hasn't been much snow, a weird winter so far.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Messer is in charge of the monthly report. Brent handed it out at the meeting.

Officer Messer request for a one-week vacation – Robin has been employed off and on as a part-time officer since 2015. He is asking if that time would be considered so he doesn't have to wait one year before earning vacation. Robin was provided a summary of his benefits at the time of hiring as a full-time officer. It stated there was one-week vacation after his first fiscal year.

Draft a policy for Concerned Citizen Complaints – This is an update to the Police Department complaint policy. No policy was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt the update Ordinance 2-1-6 (12/04/2018) for the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court – A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann that no official action is taken on the Ordinance change. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Approve 12/04/18 revised Agreement for the ECCJMC – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Birr to approve Fall River as a member of the ECCJMC by agreement. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Emergency Management - Over the years there has been much discussion about this topic. It is hard to make specific plans for each of the many various types of possible emergencies. President Slotten thinks there is \$1,000 in the budget for equipment for the Emergency trailer. Columbia County has a survey they are asking municipalities to reply to. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Miller to submit the survey to Columbia County. All Members – aye – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FRFD request to use the FR Private Radio Channel for the Columbus Fire Dept – Fall River has a license for a channel used by the Police Dept, DPW and School. It is a repeater system. Columbus has asked if they can use that private channel when they are in this area as they get much better reception than on their channel. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Miller to approve the request from the Columbus Fire Dept to use the Fall River Private Channel. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Revolving Loan Subordination for E.K. Machine, an additional \$2,615,000 for a total of \$6,980,886.95 – Discussed above.

Emergency Communication Systems – Estimate for Annual Siren Maintenance, \$325 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the first Annual Maintenance for the siren for \$325. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Applications for Samantha Gartner and Aaron Genske – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to deny the application from Aaron Genske. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to approve the application from Samantha Gartner. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Picnic License for the FR Fire Dept 02/09/19 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Picnic License for the FRFD for 02/09/19. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Columbia County Travel Planner - \$500. Any ideas? – No new ideas were given. Trustee Robbins works with Kara Rake from the newspaper to get the ads and pictures for the planner.

Brian and Katrina Wodill provided Halloween entertainment to the people Fall River, the State of Wisconsin and many other states in the U.S. They were once voted the 8th best Haunted House in the U.S. They and the FR Chamber of Commerce shared the profits with many area organizations and schools. They included Gary Errthum as a big part of putting this together. They have decided to retire and pursue other fun things to do. The Village presented them with a plaque made at the FRHS to show them the appreciation for having provided this entertainment for 11 years.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 12/3/2018 Judiciary Committee – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from the 12/03/18 Judiciary Committee. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Minutes from 12/5/2018 – The name of the Village representative, engineer is Kent not Lent. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes of 12/05/15 with the correction as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried. The Closed Session minutes from 12/05/18 need to be corrected. The statement “Brent & President Slotten have contacted” should be “Brent has contacted” and the date of the Judiciary Committee was 12/3 not 12/5. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Closed Session minutes with the corrections as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Employee Christmas 2018 Bonus – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the bonus the same as last year (\$50 for part time and \$100 for full time). All Members – aye – motion carried.

EMC Insurance Renewal from Richards Insurance – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to approve the renewal of insurance with EMC as provided. All Members – aye - motion carried. This is the first year that the FRFD is not included in the Work Comp portion of the insurance.

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

Financial Report November 2018 complete – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the completed report from November. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Financial Report December 2018 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the report from December. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discuss possible Capital Improvement Projects for Finance Committee to review – Some of the projects for 2019 are the village hall roof and the dam repairs. Future ideas include Hometown Park improvements to include bathrooms and playground equipment. A sign out in front of the Village Hall. Long range plans for streets include Church, Sunrise and Hilltop. The Revolving Loan program is to be de-federalized.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Set up Clean-up Date(s) for 2019 – The Clean-up day is scheduled for May 18th from 9 AM to Noon.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Miller to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm.

Marie Abegglen