

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**The Clerk swore in President Slotten and Trustees Birr and Dykstra.**

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

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

Village Representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD) and Kory Anderson (GEC).

Guests: Irene Pawlisch and Keith Miller

**Approve Agenda** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the agenda. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Fall River School Update** – President Slotten signed the blasting permit that was required for the school athletic property. The CSM is in a recordable format but has not been signed. The easement needs to be approved by the Village Board. There is the initial easement document that was signed by the school's representatives. After that document was brought to the Clerk, they requested that a revised easement be presented at tonight's meeting.

**Access Agreement Easement** – Changes have been made to Paragraph 3. Obstructions. It requires 24-hour notice before the Village can use the strip. That will not work for the DPW. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to table the access easement with the School. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Keith Miller CSM** – Kory understands the reason that Keith is requesting this CSM. He is trying to create two lots out of a larger lot. He wants to maintain control of the access to the properties. Kory cannot recommend approval to create a non-conforming Lot (does not have street frontage) and it does not meet the setback requirements for a residential parcel (that is the zoning he is requesting). Keith wants to create two separate parcels and sell the parcel with the house. He presently rents it out. He purchased the property to gain access to his farmland. The Plan Commission had a tie vote for approval of the CSM. A tie vote is a denial. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve the CSM as presented contingent upon the rezoning of Lot 2 to Residential and Attorney review of the access easement for Lot 2 to South Main Street. Roll call was taken: Trustees Ninmann, Dykstra and Robbins – yes. Trustees Birr, Pawlisch and Slotten – no. Tie vote results in a failed motion.

Kory's notes included a projected schedule for the Dam Repairs and Roof Repairs.

The water runoff from Sleepy Hollow is still a concern especially for some of the Fountain Prairie property owners. Normal rainfall is not an issue. It is the heavy downpours that create a problem. There is not an easy solution. The township would have to share in a solution.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Columbia County Highway Aid Program \$7,000** – Craig has found some problem areas in a few streets that really should be taken care of. The Columbia County program would be helpful. He has asked them to stop to look and give an estimate to do repairs on Dykstra Dr, Jennifer Lane and Lazy Lake Dr. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the participation in the Columbia County Highway Aid program and the \$7,000 contribution. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Update on Recycling Center** – Kevin Theel is planning to have the work done at the site by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Columbia County is aware of our schedule. There are a couple of picnic tables out there. We should provide some sort of shelter from the sun, rain or snow for the workers. Craig and Marie should contact those interested in working and set up a meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and

second by Trustee Robbins to provide windshield stickers and an annual registration fee of \$5 per sticker. The sticker color should change each year. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**GLS Locating Agreement Contract Renewal** – This is the company that takes care of the Digger’s Hotline locates for the forcemain to Columbus. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Birr to approve the renewal and 3-year agreement with GLS to do the locating for the forcemain to Columbus. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

**Mark Schmitt Landscaping Bid** – We have a bid of \$1,970 to repair some erosion along the spillway at the dam and cleaning the ditch near the intersection of Church and Sunrise to try to get the water to drain to the storm sewer inlet. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the proposal from Mark Schmitt for \$1,970. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly report was emailed.

**Brent’s Request to Carryover One Week of Vacation** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Dykstra to approve the request to carryover up to one week of vacation. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Logan Enke Resignation** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to accept the resignation of Logan Enke. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Trustee Robbins Update on Economic Development Meeting with Michael Gay** – Trustees Robbins, Pawlisch and Slotten and Gary Errthum (EK Machine) met with Mr. Gay. They toured Fall River business and residential areas. We do not currently have property for new business or business expansion. Trustee Birr thought Mr. Gay may be able to give us ideas to get the Board thinking and possibly some ideas for economic development. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Dykstra to have Mr. Gay give his presentation to the Board and community business members for a fee of \$1,500. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Trustee Robbins will contact him and get a few dates to chose from.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**President’s Committee Appointments** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the President’s Committee Appointments. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Ordinance Amendment 2-4-5(a)** – This Ordinance sets the members of the Plan Commission. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve Ordinance 2-4-5(a). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Bartender Applications on File: Laura Selje, Rebecca Saxe, Marly Regal, Stephanie Pesavento-Timm, Dale Schwartz, Sandra Schwartz.** Rebecca Saxe attended the meeting to provide her request to the Board. She had previously applied in April. At that time the PD report did not recommend approval due to missing charges. Rebecca requested that the application not be submitted to the Board. She has now re-applied with the complete information. Brent is recommending denial because it has not been six months since the initial application. Trustee Birr stated that the application did not come to the Board, so it was never denied. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr to approve the application from Rebecca Saxe. President Slotten asked three times for a second to the motion. There was no second. Motion failed. The Clerk stated that if that application from Saxe is denied the application from Marly Regal should be denied also because it has not been six months from her initial application. Chief VanGysel contacted her in January that her felony would be off the books after May 2019, she should wait until then to apply. Her first application also did not come to the Board. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr to approve the application from Marly Regal. President Slotten asked three times for a second. There was no second, motion failed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bartender applications for Laura Selje, Stephanie Pesavento-Timm, Dale Schwartz and Sandra Schwartz. All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Dykstra to deny the applications from Rebecca Saxe and Marly Regal. Roll call was taken with all Members present – yes – motion carried.

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

**Minutes from 04/10/19** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Minutes of 04/10/19. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report from April 2019** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Slotten provided information related to him from a recent school board meeting. The Village Board has taken a verbal hit from the School Board. He feels that they should have acted in a more professional and respectful at a public meeting. There is a school board member that feels that President Slotten went back on a verbal discussion from quite some time ago. President Slotten wanted the Board to know that he would never commit this Board to anything without it being a board decision.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Park Committee set meeting date** – The committee would like to meet again before the end of June.

**Reminders:**     **Cleanup Saturday - May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 – Noon**  
                      **Board of Review Tuesday, May 18 from 6-8 PM**  
                      **Village Wide Garage Sale Fri 5/31 and Sat 6/1**  
                      **Trek Bike Ride Saturday 6/1**  
                      **Concert In the Park Monday 6/3, PIES and More PIES**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Birr to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:50 PM

Marie Abegglen  
Clerk-Treasurer