

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD), Attorney Karl Green, Kory Anderson (GEC).

Guests: Meg Kaster, Nancy Hughes, Sue Salter, Gary Errthum and Easton Meier & Family.

Marie Abegglen, Clerk swore in new Police Officer, Easton Meier.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

EK Machine/JDSG Group Request to Subordinate Revolving Loans to another \$650,000

– Trustee Birr recused himself. This request was discussed at last month's meeting. The Board asked for more information. Attorney Green has received the information and the Bank is requiring the subordination for the new borrowing. Gary Errthum said that although the Village is taking third position, this building addition increases the assessed value of the property by almost five million dollars. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the third position subordination for JDSG Group Revolving Loan. Members Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Miller, Pawlisch and Slotten – aye – motion carried. Mr. Errthum would be very interested in more property if that would ever be possible.

GEC to perform Commercial Electrical Inspections – A change in the state law will affect commercial electrical work. All commercial electrical work is required to be permitted and inspected. We can either hire a firm or the State will take care of all permits and fees. GEC does our building inspection now. If we go that route, GEC will help get this set up at the State. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to contract with GEC to do the Commercial Electrical Inspections. All Members – aye – motion carried.

FR Methodist Church Sign Request – The FR Methodist Church has applied for a new sign. There is a sign currently in the front of the church on South St. The new sign is a digital type sign. They propose it to be located closer to the building and further from Church Street. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the sign request for the FR Methodist Church. Members Gould, Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Pawlisch and Slotten – yes. Trustee Miller abstained. Motion carried.

Village Hall Roof Replacement Bid – Kory provided some preliminary plans for the roof replacement. There should be new gutters included. They do not expect that anything would need painting. No need to add any more lighting to the soffit areas. The windows should be cleaned after the construction. They bid should include snow bars above pedestrian door ways. Final plans and specs will be provided at the December meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Columbus Public Library presentation – Meg Kaster has been with the Columbus Library for five months. Nancy Hughes is a Columbia County Library Board member and advocate. Sue Salter represents Fall River to the Columbus Library Board. Meg has participated in the FR School back to school night, the high school book club and the Cardinal Day Care programs. They provided a statistical report of how many FR residents use the Columbus Library and the number of materials checked out. They encourage everyone to use the library and promote it to others.

PUBLIC WORKS

Julius Weisensel Pay Increase for Wastewater Certification – Julius has taken the WW exam. He should be hearing the results soon. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and second by Trustee Miller to increase his hourly pay rate by \$.50 if he receives a passing grade. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Columbus Water & Light crew came with their truck to help put up the Christmas lights again. They also had someone to help Craig with a hydrant repair. The dump trucks have been serviced and are ready to go. Lift stations need to be cleaned yet. Charter is making progress, but it is not known if they will be ready to go by December 15th. CenturyLink has announced that their cable service is ending on 12/15/18. Charter/Spectrum will begin service as soon as they can. Columbia Co. did not receive any help from FEMA for the flooding. The WI Emergency Management is accepting applications for assistance. Craig and Marie will work on getting that application out.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

November calls are up. Robin continues to have overtime hours. They are working on a new vendor for vehicle registrations.

Present proposals for purchase of an AR-15, Taser and Mobile Data Computer upgrade – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to accept the quote from BRAVO for a new firearm, \$1,800.50. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Miller to accept the quote for two new TASER X26P CEW for \$3,874.00. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Ninmann to transfer the remaining \$3,025.50 to the MDC sinking fund. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Hourly Rate Changes for Part Time Officer Pay - A new pay scale for the part time police officers was discussed. The 2019 police part time officer budget reflects the new estimated pay scale. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the new hourly pay scale for part time police officers as presented and start with hours as of 01/01/2019. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Close LGIP A/C #13 Police Fund, Transfer to LGIP Squad or Mobile Data - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Birr to move the balance in LGIP #13 Police to LGIP #10 Mobile Data Sinking Fund. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Ford Motor Co is not taking orders for new squads until January 2019. Delivery is summer of 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia County Economic Development Corp Request for Monetary Support – The Village received a request from CCEDC asking for monetary support. The County is no longer including it in their budget. They are asking for \$1.50 per capita which would be a total for Fall River of \$2,610. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Birr to not participate and deny the request from CCEDC. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Report from ECCJMC meeting on 11/13/18 – There was not a quorum at the meeting. The meeting was held at the request of Columbus, but they did not have a representative there. Patrick Vander Sanden was there but he said he was not a voting representative. Informal discussion was held. Judge Breunig read a statement that he thought it could be best for the court to move to Columbus. Others felt that Columbus needed to extend an “olive branch” in order to discuss this again.

Review Budgets for December 5th Public Hearing – The “final version” of the budgets was distributed. Any comments or corrections should be sent to the Clerk before the December 5th meeting. The budget and mill rates will be approved at that meeting.

Leo Kuck notified the Clerk that he will be postponing his CSM and rezoning. He thought for about a year. He has \$315.00 of his deposit left. A subdivision of property that does not get recorded within six months of approval is null and void. The Clerk should hold onto the deposit for six months. The balance should then be returned. He should be informed that he must start the process over again if he wants to move forward. A letter should be sent to the resident at 100 Sunrise regarding a complaint that there is a bright light in the back yard. Lighting must be shielded so it does not go beyond your own property lines. The Cemetery is looking at taking down a couple of trees and/or trimming them up. They may ask for financial help from the Village. It is OK to put something about a recycle center in the Tax newsletter.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 10/10/18 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Robbins to approve the minutes from 10/10/18. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – There is a bill for clothing allowance for Robin Messer. He has exceeded the allowance by \$181.88. The bill should be paid as it has been charged to the Village. Robin should either reimburse the Village or it will be deducted from the 2019 clothing allowance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to pay the bills as presented.

Financial Report from October 2018 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Miller to accept the Financial Report from October. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN AND CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to address a Police Department issue, per WI Stat 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn the Board meeting and convene to closed session per WI Stat 19.85(1)(c) to discuss a Police Department issue. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – aye – motion carried.