

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Birr.

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW), Ron Spurbeck (PD), and Kenny Beal (C-T).

Guests: Todd Toman, Cody Gumz, Carl Francis.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

PUBLIC INPUT – Todd Toman mentioned the old 1860s historic train that came thru Fall River. It started from Canada and is traveling to northern Mexico.

PUBLIC WORKS

Change Speed Limit & Sign Locations on North Main Street – There is a speed limit sign on North Main Street that needs to be moved so a sidewalk can be poured to close the gap that currently exists. There will be a total of 14 driveways along that side of North Main after all the condo units are built. We will need to involve the County if we make this change. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to proceed with changing the speed limit from 25 to 35 and change location of the sign to the Village limits. All Members – aye - motion carried.

A resident on Sleepy Hollow contacted Julius regarding large cottonwood trees that he feels should be taken down. Julius agrees with him. He believes they are in the ROW and it is the Village's responsibility to take them down. If that is the case, Julius should get an estimate from Steinhorst to take them down.

The park bathrooms are open. There are issues in each one with the water heaters. A tankless water heater has been put in Brayton Park.

Julius asked Chief Spurbeck if the PD could watch the park restrooms periodically. There has been vandalism already. Chief Spurbeck said they will lock them at night if the DPW will unlock them in the morning.

Jason has been doing a really good job. The Scag mower has been a pain with needed minor repairs and parts. The FR School has the sign for Brayton Park almost done. The cost is \$360.00. All we need to do is drill a couple holes and hang it up. Lift stations are scheduled to be cleaned on the 29th. Julius is patiently waiting for Jeff Schultz to start in June.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – See the information provided. They are doing more patrol during the school lunch break. Joe Steffen will be coming in to help with training. Ron has made progress with the software issues they have been having.

Clothing Allowance for Michael Weisensel – A uniform allowance is provided if there is a certain uniform required to wear. Or if the job is such that there is likely hood the clothing may be destroyed. If he wishes to purchase polo shirts and have them embroidered, it would be his cost.

Resignation from Alex Lindeman – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to accept the resignation from Alex Lindeman. All Members – aye - motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Amend Ordinance 13-1-200(e)(2) Accessory Uses or Structures, Front or Side Yard Placement Prohibited – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee

Gould to delete the sentence “Only rear yard placement is permissible” from Ordinance 13-1-200(e)(2). All Members – aye - motion carried.

Bartender Application - Wendi Tavs – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Nimann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the bartender license for Wendi Tavs. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Committee Appointments – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Committee Appointments for 2025 -2025. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Employee Handbook – Any reference to days should be considered as eight (8) hours – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve changing any reference to a “day” to reflect eight (8) hours. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Consider changing Internet Service from Brightspeed to Spectrum – Changing to Spectrum would increase the speed of our connection. The cost is @ \$20 - \$25 more each month. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Birr to switch to internet service from Spectrum. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Closed Session per Motion to convene to Closed Session per WI Stat 19.85(1)(e)Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Negotiation and Discussion on Consideration of a Possible Sale of a lot in the Industrial Park. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to convene to closed session to discuss the sale of a lot owned by the Village. Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session per WI Stat 19.85(2) - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to reconvene to open session per WI Stat. 19.85(2). Roll call vote was taken with all Members – yes – motion carried.

Sale of Property – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to have President Slotten proceed with the sale of property in the Industrial Park as discussed in Closed Session. All Members – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 04/10/24 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the minutes from 04/10/24 with the correction of a word from *nest* to *next*. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the bills presented for payment. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Financial Report from April 2024 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Financial Report from April 2024. All Members – aye - motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concert in the Park – Marie has contacted a group but has not heard back yet.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to adjourn. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Marie Abegglen
Clerk-Treasurer