

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 9, 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 and Kenny Beal (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW), Ron Spurbeck (PD), Ben Upward (GEC), Gunner Witthum (PD)

Guests from the VFW: Keith Miller, Charmaine Schultz, Matt Remus and John Kraak.

Presentation from VFW Post 2219 - The VFW presented a check for \$2,400 that was raised for the Police Department for their "Shop With a Cop" program. The Police Department was thrilled and thanked them for their donation.

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Storm Sewer Easement Agreement with SBJ (EK Machine) – The site plan was approved at the last meeting. The new building will be built over the existing storm sewer. The agreement should clarify what happens if the pipe is damaged or deteriorated. The pipe has been televised. There were no deficiencies detected. It could have a life expectancy of over 20 years. Section #6 of the agreement should be re-worded. There should be some recourse if the pipe is damaged. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Gould to relay the information to Attorney Spankowski and a revised agreement will be brought to the next meeting. All Members – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Disc Golf Course Update – The pads are all done, backfilled and seeded. They plan to drill the holes, pour concrete and set poles tomorrow or Friday. The School is two weeks away from getting signs ready.

The speed limit sign on North Main Street has been changed from 35 to 25. The meter testing is done. The empty lot in the Industrial Park has been mowed and it looks much better. Julius has discussed mowing the retention ponds with Tyler Brozek (Brozek & O’Brion). Tyler thought he could do it for @\$1,500 for all three ponds after the first frost. Julius would like to have an annual agreement with him. Badger Pallet has been doing some cleaning up in the pond area on their lot. The Village has an agreement with Badger Pallet and EK for the maintenance of the ponds. The newly planted trees in the parks are doing well. Julius has received a phone call from Isaac Brown from the Shire Group. They are working on the stone house on Lienke Road. He asked about putting in a well. The last person to ask about a well was for Ag use. It was not or could not be connected to serve the house or shed. Mr. Brown should be told no wells are allowed in the Village limits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report was provided. The date on the report should be 2024 not 2023. Ron would like to get a new software program for their record keeping. The current program is not working very well. He is looking into a better program. They have started donation letters for "Shop With A Cop". They are taking the new squad to Truck Equipment in Green Bay for the changeover. If any new equipment is needed, replace only what is necessary. The estimate for

the changeover is \$7,785. The sale of the Durango will help to cover that cost. Ron is looking at having the Fall River High School Tech Ed class do the detailing.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PSC Simplified Rate Case (SRC) 4.1% Water Rate Increase effective 01/01/25 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to apply for the Rate Increase for the Water Utility. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bartender Application on File: Marci Ward – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the license for Marci Ward. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Garbage Rate Increase for 2025 – The rate is going up from Pellitteri for 2025. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to increase the rate to customers from \$15.50 to \$16.00 beginning in January 2025. Trustees Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Birr – yes. Slotten – no. Motion carried.

Election Day Operations Emergency Contingency Plan – The Clerks have worked on this plan with Chief Spurbek. He has had all of his questions answered and is OK with the plan. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Election Day Operations Emergency Contingency Plan. All Members – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 09/14/24 – A correction needs to be made on the voting for the Ordinance Amendment and the EK Site Plan. Trustees Birr and Neuman recused themselves from both motions. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the minutes of 09/14/24 with the corrections as noted. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

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

CDAR Renewals – Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund \$235,245.54 and Capital Improvement Fund - \$331,088.37 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to renew both CDAR accounts for 13 weeks @ 5.25%. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – A reminder that political signs are not to be within 100 feet of the voting area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Set Date(s) for Financial Committee (Budgets) and Judiciary Committee – The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 24th at 6 PM. The Judiciary Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 30th at 7 PM. If there is no Planning Committee meeting on that night the Judiciary will meet at 6 PM if needed.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adjourn the meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen