

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

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

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

Guests: Rebecca and Justin Wichman, Kelly Rentmeister

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

PUBLIC INPUT – Kelly Rentmeister asked if the Board would consider a chance to re-evaluate and allow chickens in the Village. There is a lot to consider if they would be allowed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Furnace Replacement Options - \$4,600 or Additional \$1,500 for High Efficiency – A couple of weeks ago we had breakers that kept going out. There were a few factors involved. The furnace, the bubbler and a space heater were all on the same circuit. We had Brunke come in to look at the furnace. Mike Schlachter came to re-wire the bubbler to it's own circuit. The space heater is not being used. The furnace is on borrowed time. We have an estimate from Brunke to replace the furnace with an 80% efficient furnace for \$4,600 or a 96% efficient furnace for an additional \$1,500. The 96% efficient furnace would require venting through the roof. That work would have to be done by others. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to replace the old furnace with an 80% efficient furnace per the estimate from Brunke Heating and Cooling. All Members present – aye - motion carried. Julius will check to see if this includes looking at and putting in a new run over to the Police department office.

Columbia County Highway Estimates for Gruhn Road and Lienke Road – The bid for Gruhn Road is \$57,062 and the bid for Lienke Road is \$2,500. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to accept both estimates from Columbia County. Payment will come from Road funds on hand. We will apply for the County Road Aid for Gruhn Road. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

South Street Centerline Marking – Julius has got estimates for this work. It has been discussed that some sealing work should be done on South Street. He will be talking to Fahrner to get a price for that work. Fahrner may also be able to do the marking. Trustee Ninmann recommended looking for a brochure from Fahrner with the different types of sealing that can be done.

Jeff Schultz - \$.50/Hour Pay Increase – Jeff passed the water test and took the CDL test yesterday and passed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neumann to give Jeff a \$1.00/hour wage increase effective on this next paycheck (2/20). All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Winter Parking Ordinance Amendment – The DPW met and have a revised ordinance to recommend. Julius would like to see the parking fine increased to more than \$20. There is a proposed ordinance revision for approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the proposed 10-1-29 Parking Prohibited Regulations Ordinance. Trustees Ninmann, Robbins, Neuman, Birr – yes, Slotten – no. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The monthly report was reviewed. The Board had no questions. Chief Spurbeck relayed highlights from the last month. They had a very busy month consisting of 333 calls for service. The new server is installed and working well. It is much faster than what they had. The new Talon software will be nice when it is all set up. Ron is working on getting his CDL to drive a bus. He is looking for new ways to reach the community rather than Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Approve CSM for Troy and Rebecca Loga – The CSM has been recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. It has been reviewed by the Village Engineer. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the CSM as presented. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Ordinance 13-1-240 (250212) An Ordinance Amending Section 13-1-240 of the Code of Ordinances for Parcel 152.061 also known as 111 and 113 Deer Run Drive from R2 Duplex Two Family Residential to R2Z Zero Lot Line Two Family Residential for Troy and Rebecca Loga – This rezoning complies with the

Village's Comprehensive Plan and has the Village Engineer and Attorney approvals. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve Ordinance 13-1-240(2501212) to rezone from R2 to R2Z. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Bartender Applications: Richard Andregg, Rachael Smith, Aaron Corlett – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the applications on file. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Write off Unpaid Utility Accounts – There are two utility accounts that remain unpaid. Both are final bills. It is unlikely that these will ever get paid. The Clerk would like to write off the balances. Mane Attraction, Vicki Johnson, 162 McCrae Rd. \$63.66 and Devin Gill, 301 Church St, \$43.92. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to write off the two accounts as requested. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

League of WI Insurance Renewal – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to renew the insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Post Rather Than Publish Election Notices The Columbia County Clerk's office is no longer going to publish the Type E Election notice. Municipalities that do not have a designated paper may post rather than publish. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to allow the Clerk to post rather than publish the required election notices. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia County The cost this year is \$368.00. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the 2025 Columbia County Haz-Mat agreement. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 01/08/25 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Minutes from 01/08/25. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

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

Financial Report from January 2025 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to accept the Financial Report as presented. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Transfer funds from Sewer Checking to CDAR Program – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to transfer \$200,000 from Sewer Checking to a 2-year CDAR @ 4.3%. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

Ehlers Investment Recommendations – The Finance Committee met with Tami from Ehlers. She recommends investing for longer terms. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to have Tami divide as she sees what is best for the Village. General Funds can be divided over a 1 – 3-year period. Water and Sewer Funds can be divided over a 1 – 5-year period. All Members present – aye - motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The Lifestar contract expires at the end of 2025. The Committee is working with Lifestar to draft a new contract soon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concert In The Park – Friday, July 25th, Pineapple Daddy and the Coconuts

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Gould to adjourn. All Members present – aye - motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 PM.