

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 14, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

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

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

Guests: Maddie Buchda and Todd Toman

**Swear In Trustees Slotten, Birr, Dykstra and Gould** – Trustees Slotten, and Dykstra were sworn in.

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Todd Toman asked if Closed Sessions could be done later in the meeting rather than at the beginning. Last month those attending had to leave and come back or wait outside. The Board will consider his request. It depends on the reason for the closed session. Todd is a member of the VFW. The VFW had a recent inspection of the plane that is in the Village. There are repairs that will need to be made. They have a need for a lift to be able to reach the height of the plane. He wondered if we had any connections to someone that would have one and be able to use it.

Maddie Buchda inquired if the Board had made any decision regarding allowing chickens in the village. The Board decided to send out postcards to do a survey of all residents. The postcards should go out next week.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Fahrner Proposal for South Street** – Fahrner offered three different options. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposals. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the Chipseal project in the newer section of South Street (S Main St to pavement change) for \$38,820.00. Julius should get a price for striping. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Julius should get prices for striping for the project area and a price to include going all the way past the Fire Station.

Julius was very impressed with Andy's Excavating that did the work for the new water main connection for EK. If we ever have a project he would like to be sure they could be considered for the job.

The park restrooms are open. The flags are going up on Friday. All the DPW work for the Disc Golf Course is finished. He would like to include Tyler Williams in a thank you as Tyler donated his time and shingles for the new main disc golf sign in the park. The new eye wash station was put in today. Lift station cleanings are scheduled for Monday. The new generators are in and will be installed some time after Memorial Day. Tri-County Paving will be starting Lienke and Gruhn Roads soon. They have asked to use water from a hydrant on North Main St. and on Church Street when they get to Gruhn Road.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Monthly Report** – The report was reviewed. Ron gave an update of their activities for the month. Madeline Kraus, a part time officer has been hired full time by Columbus PD. Working with the new Talon software has been going well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution 25 0514, Resolution Relative to the Sale of Real Estate to Steven and Kasey Bader** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Resolution 25 0514 authorizing the sale of Lot 2 in the Industrial Park to Steve and Kasey Bader. The purchase price is \$100,000.00. Roll call was taken with all Members present – aye -motion carried.

**Columbus Sewer Rates** – President Slotten has had contact with representatives from Columbus regarding their proposed sewer rate increase. We do not agree that they are following the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Board supports not paying the higher rates until this is settled. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to support the position taken in the letter to Columbus. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Appointments** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the committee appointments. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Deduct Meters** – Deduct meters would need to be purchase by the Sewer Department and sold to customers that would like to install them for a deduction of the sewer rates for the outside use of water.

**Resolution to Dissolve PSC Tariff AM-1** - The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have been working with the auditors and have determined that we have one customer that the rate pertains to and should be left as is.

**Delete Ordinance 9-1-1 Public Fire Protection Service Schedule Fd-1** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to delete Section 9-1-1 from the Code of Ordinances. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Amend Ordinance 9-1-2 Public Fire Protection Service Schedule F-1** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to amend the rates in 9-1-2. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Amend Ordinance 9-1-3 General Service – Metered – Mg-1** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to amend the rates in 9-1-3. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**EMS Lifestar Contract** – The Village Board is comfortable with the service we have received from Lifestar. The contract is not yet available for approval.

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

**Minutes from 04/09/25** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes of the meeting and closed session for 04/09/25. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**COW Minutes from 04/23/25** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from 04/23/25. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report for April 2025** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Financial Report from April. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – The Memorial Day program at the school will have Judy Robbins as the guest speaker. Judy has been working hard getting the Disc Golf Grand Opening ready for June 28<sup>th</sup>. They have been working with the school, the VFW, the FR Chamber. Board members have seen how often it gets used.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Clean Up Day is June 7<sup>th</sup> 8am – 1pm**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

Marie Abegglen  
Clerk-Treasurer