

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, August 13 2025 ~ 6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

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

Village representatives: Marie Abegglen (C-T), Gunner Witthun (PD), Ben Upward (GEC)

Guests: Tim Warden for Ben Schmitz, Spencer Dowdell, Todd Toman and Maddie Buchda.

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

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Schmitz Developer's Agreement** – The Village's attorney, Jesse Spankowski drafted the developer's agreement for Ben Schmitz. The Plan Commission is recommending approval of the final draft. Occupancy can be granted for the existing structure before the sidewalks are in. Even though the Lienke Road improvements have not started a sidewalk can be put in as engineered to match future road improvements. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Developer's Agreement with Ben Schmitz as presented. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Schmitz CSM** The CSM has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the CSM as presented. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Dowdell Detachment Ordinance #** - This is unusual for a village to detach property. The Dowdell's purchased a lot in Fountain Prairie and also the adjoining lot that is in the Village. They are purchasing another 35 feet from the Kuck adjoining lot in order to create a larger lot. All parcels will become one by CSM and will be property in Fountain Prairie. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve Detachment Ordinance #250813 after striking section 4. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Todd Toman discussed putting in a boat cleaning station at the dam site. The DNR does not have money for this. He will also be discussing this with the Lazy Lake Management District. He expressed his concern with the electric scooters. They ride these in the streets going 30 mph. He almost hit a young person on a scooter as he was backing out of his driveway.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Monthly Report** – Julius is on vacation this week.

**Jason Watters Wage Increase – Received Water Certification** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the \$.50/hour raise for Jason Watters. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Monthly Report** Sgt Witthun gave the monthly report for the PD.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Lifestar Contract** There is @ a 30% increase for this year. It is still a better rate than many communities in our area. A good rate and good service. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Birr to recommend approval of the Lifestar contract for Fall River. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Adopt Ordinance 7-1-29 Keeping of Chickens** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve Ordinance 7-1-29 Keeping of Chickens. Trustees Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Slotten – yes , Trustee Burr – no. Motion carried.

**Adopt Amendment to Ordinance 1-3-1 Schedule of Fees** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Burr to approve the Schedule of Fees. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Adopt Amendment to Ordinance 7-1-23 (b) Snakes; Farm Animals** – This needed to be amended to exclude chickens. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 7-1-23 (b). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bartender Application: Heather Lee Erickson** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the application on file. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Associated Appraisal proposal for a revaluation of parcels** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Burr and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the contract with Associated Appraisal for an Interim Market Update Revaluation for the 2027 year using Payment Option B (payments over a three-year period). All Members present – aye – motion carried.

**Set date for Judiciary Committee Meeting** – Date set is Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

**Set date for a Finance Committee Meeting** - Date set is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

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

**Minutes from 07/09/25** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the minutes from 07/09/25. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report for July** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Burr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report for July as presented. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Burr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adjourn the meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Marie Abegglen