

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Ninmann, Robbins, Gould, Neuman, Dykstra and Birr (arrived @ 6:02pm).
Village representatives: Marie Abegglen and Craig Abegglen (C-T), Julius Weisensel (DPW),
Gunner Witthun (PD).
Guests: Paul Sahy and Joy Moore

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

Building Permit Regulations – The Clerk was not ready with the information on the building permit fees or if there was any change in any regulation. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to table this until the March meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – The VFD was installed in Well #2 and working well. They need to get a couple of new pressure snubbers.

A transformer blew out on the pole near the Village Hall. The building was totally without power. They ran the generator and it was able to get the power and heat back on in the Village Hall.

They have ordered the “beacons” for the flashing lights. They are 5 – 6 weeks out. The company will program them for us and come to show them how to program them.

Julius is very bummed out. Our water sample for the National Taste Test arrived in Washington DC late and the bottles were smashed.

There is a cracked cylinder head in the white plow truck. It is estimated to cost \$10,000 - \$12,000 to repair. Otherwise the truck and frame seem to be in good shape.

UTV Purchase – The Board did not feel that is was needed to add an extended warranty to the purchase of the UTV. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to purchase the UTV for \$26,252.51 using 2026 budget surplus funds of \$21,24.00 and the remaining to be taken from the LGIP Equipment Fund. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Lift Station Upgrade @ \$14,800 each – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Gould to approve the proposal from Altronex to upgrade the Church and Prairie Lift stations and purchase the 2 spare PLCs. All Members – aye - motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – Sgt Witthum gave the highlights of the last month’s report. On February 25th they will be participating in the Drug Take Back program. He will also be taking some time off towards the end of July or the beginning of August.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia County Haz-Mat Agreement \$363.00 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Neuman and seconded by Trustee Ninmann to renew the Columbia County Haz-Mat program for 2026. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Bartender Application – Erin Patrick – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the bartender application on file. All Members – aye - motion carried.

Telephone Change Proposals – There is a change of direction for the phone system. The previous system would be wi-fi only. Another option may be to switch to Spectrum as our provider. This would be a cost savings for the Village. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Gould to allow the Clerk to make the changes to the phone provider as necessary. All Members – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from January 14, 2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Minutes from 01/14/26. All Members – aye - motion carried.

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

Financial Report from January 2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and seconded by Trustee Birr to approve the Financial Report as presented. All Members – aye - motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Trustee Robbins asked about revisiting the winter parking ordinance. President Slotten would like to give it the season before looking at any changes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COW Meeting set for Wednesday, February 18 at 6 PM – This date does not work for some of the Members. The new date will be Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 – 7:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adjourn the meeting. All Members – aye - motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 PM.

Marie Abegglen