

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 ~ 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, Craig Abegglen (C-T), Ron Spurbeck (PD)

Guests: Jennifer Treptow, Paul Sahy, Eric Engen (Alliant Energy).

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

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Alliant Energy Request for Easement Underground Electric and Communication – Alliant is changing overhead lines to underground. They are requesting an easement across Village property along Brayton Blvd. The request has been reviewed and found to be acceptable by DPW, General Engineering and Atty. Spankowski. This work could be done this fall. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the easement request from Alliant Energy. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – Julius was not able to attend. The lots on North Main have been mowed. Julius is prepping for the September DNR inspection. More work has been done on the freightliner plow truck.

Amend Ordinance 10-1-29(b) Miscellaneous No Parking Areas – Changes to Parking on Bradley Street – The School has requested changes in the painting of the curb in front of the school. The changes require an Ordinance Amendment. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 10-1-29(b) Miscellaneous No Parking Areas as proposed. Roll call vote was taken with All Members present – aye – motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – Ron thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to be Chief in Fall River. July 18th was his 3 year anniversary He said it is a blessing to be in this position. The monthly report was provided. They are working on the K9 policy. They have not received any word on the body camera grant. He is working on the monthly report to be put on the website. It will be totals only. No details will be provided.

Bail Jump Ordinance – He would like to see a local ordinance and penalty for bail jumping. He has had over 20 cases that were not prosecuted by the county DA. He will discuss creating an ordinance with the Village Attorney and the ECCJMC Judge.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bartender Application: Lauren Schaller - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Neuman to approve the application for Lauren Schaller. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes of 07/08/26 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to approve the Minutes of 07/08/26. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Bills for Payment – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and seconded by Trustee Birr All Members present – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Dykstra to exclude the 2nd payment request from Columbus Utilities for back charges. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report for July 2026 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Robbins to approve the Financial Report from July. All Members present – aye – motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The Shred Event is September 23rd from 3 – 5 PM. President Slotten congratulated Craig for completing the WMCA academy. Craig gave a short summary of his classes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Marie & Craig went to the Village of Randolph Clerk's office for a view of Workhorse Financials. It has been learned that QB will still support our version of the program. We will not be forced to change just yet. If we had to change it would be best to change to Workhorse. The Express Vote machine was used quite a bit in this last election. Marie is checking to see what the cost would be to get another one for the upcoming November election.

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and seconded by Trustee Neuman to adjourn the meeting. All Members present – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 PM.

Marie Abegglen