

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

Trustees present: Ninmann, Gould, Robbins, Birr, Miller and Pawlisch.

Village representatives: Craig Schultz (DPW), Marie Abegglen (C-T), Brent Van Gysel (PD).

Guests: Marcia Clifford, Jordan Dauman, Chelsea Klecker, Errthum, Joe Neuman

**Approve Agenda** – Janet Grove bartender application will be added. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the agenda with the addition. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**General Code presentation – Marcia Clifford** – President Slotten and Marie met with Marcia in July. The proposal from General Code was presented at last month’s Board meeting. There were a few questions, so she is here tonight to answer them. Their time frame is usually 12 – 18 months before the final code is ready. Most of the work is done online. There are a couple of options for annual maintenance. \$695/annual will take care of minor changes or additions as a reference. \$995/annual will add new ordinances within the code. They have scanned our existing version of our code. Mr. Harvey (Community Code) said we should have our new code final draft by the end of September. If we adopt Community Code, General Code could scan that version rather than having to start all over from our existing code. It may even be less expensive that way. General Code has many more options for online researching their code than what is available from Community Code.

**ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**CSM submitted by Grothman & Associates for John Niehoff to combine parcels –**

The utility easement that exists between the two properties must be verified that there are no utilities in that area and the easement needs to be vacated. Kory (GEC) has verified that once that is done the CSM can be signed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the CSM submitted by Grothman & Associates for John Niehoff pending the verification of no utilities and the vacating of the easements. All Members – aye – motion carried. Attorney Spankowski will be consulted to review those documents.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Brent Van Gysel said his concrete contractor would be installing sidewalks in the Whispering Prairie Subdivision tomorrow. He would like a time extension for lots 6-11. He is still waiting for Alliant and WE Energies to finish their work. He had two prospective property owners at the meeting. They asked that sidewalk not be put in because it gets wrecked from the heavy trucks going over and the sidewalk will need to be replaced anyway. History of the village dealing with sidewalks in the subdivisions has come to the requirement that the sidewalks must be put in along with other infrastructure at the time of development. Grades are set when done this way. Sidewalks are placed as they should be. By changing this the Board feels would be changing or setting a new precedent or showing favoritism. Also this was not on the agenda as an item to be acted on.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Resident letter regarding request to consider providing recycling service again –**

President Slotten had passed on a letter from a resident asking that the Columbia County recycling service be brought back to Fall River. There has been a cost to Fall River because it is our man hours that were needed to clean up the area. We took care of items that should not have been left there. A new area would need to be found. The previous area may be too secluded. It

should be a locked facility and manned by volunteers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Gould to bring back Columbia County recycling service if we can find a suitable area and volunteers to open the facility on Saturdays from 9 AM to Noon. Members Pawlisch, Birr and Robbins – no. Members Ninmann, Gould, Miller and Slotten – yes. Motion carried.

President Slotten complimented Craig and Julius on a job well done handling the heavy rains that we have had for the past two weeks. They kept on top of the challenges created at the dam and sewers.

Keith Miller suggested we contact Kathy Johnson at CCEMC for possible inclusion in Columbia County receiving aid for storm damage. We did not have much damage, but extra man hours were put in. There are some areas that were washed out and gravel needs to be replaced.

John Pahl has finished painting the bathrooms at Brayton Park. The DPW is trying to catch up on the mowing.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Brent introduced Robin Messer to the Board. He has been hired as the new full-time police officer. They had an active shooter training at the school. During recent vehicle stops drugs were found. No one was taken to jail.

**2019 Squad purchase** – Brent has a price from Countryside Ford for a 2019 squad for \$29,328.00 including title. There is @ \$24,000 in the squad sinking fund. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the purchase of a 2019 squad from Countryside Ford for \$29,328 with delivery and payment after January 2019. All Members – aye - motion carried. The monthly report was emailed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss plans for Ordinance Code update** – The Board will wait until the end of the month to see the final draft of Community Code. No action needed to be taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bartender Applications on file: Kaitlin Higgins, Erin Patrick, Janet Grove** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the bartender applications on file. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**ECCJMC update** The Municipal Court Board voted to stay in Randolph. Columbus has sent their letter of intent to withdraw as of 1/1/19. Now the court clerk has received word from the state that a municipality cannot withdraw except at the end of the judge's term. Another meeting is scheduled for 9/20 at 6:30 pm in Randolph.

**Review proposed FRCFD budget** – The proposed budget was provided to the Board. The calls/hours report has not been received so the assessments cannot be calculated yet.

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

**Minutes from 07/25/18 Special Meeting, 08/08/18 and 08/27/18 Special Meeting** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes from 07/25/18. All Members – aye - motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlsich and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the minutes from 08/08/18. All Members – aye – motion carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the minutes from 08/27/18. All Members – aye – motion carried.

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

**Financial Report from August** – There are two CDAR funds due in October. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Miller to approve the Financial Report as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – The budget for the Columbus Area Emergency Medical Services was provided. There were no changes in the expense budget. The assessments change by population changes. A Hilltop resident has complained again about the accumulation of water in the backyards of properties between Hilltop and Sunrise. This is a property owner problem. They need to try to find an answer. The Village cannot go into private property or use municipal funds to solve a problem of private property. Jeff Jensen has accepted another offer on the property next door to the Village Hall.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Miller and second by Trustee Pawlisch to adjourn. All Members – aye – motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.

Marie Abegglen