

Regular Meeting – October 22, 2012

The October 22, 2012, Village of Colfax Board regular meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Village Hall. Members present: President Stene, Trustees Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, and C. Olson. Also present: Department of Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto, Librarian Ludwig, and LeAnn Ralph. Excused: Trustees S. Olson and Halpin.

Public Appearances: none.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2012, Regular Meeting.

Voting for: Trustees Schauer, Gunnufson, C. Olson, Johnson, and Stene.

Voting against: none.

Motion carried.

Communications: President Stene presented the final figures from the new Fire Department construction. President Stene asked the Board to please take a moment to look over the original amount estimated and the amount actually spent.

President Stene also reported that he has heard some very good comments about the river area being cleared out; and felt that the hiring of the seasonal person was a great idea.

Lighting bid replacement – Library – Librarian, Lisa Ludwig, was present to address the lighting issue in the library. There are a few lights in the library that are not working properly, and sometimes not at all. Ludwig reported that replacing the ballasts, would be almost as expensive as replacing the old lights. The Library Board agreed that the library could fund \$3,000 of the \$3,944 from Bear Valley Electric and asked if the Village could fund the remaining \$944. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee C. Olson to pay the additional amount of \$944 to replace the lighting fixtures in the library. The library will fund the initial \$3,000, for a total of \$3,944 to Bear Valley Electric.

Voting for: Trustees Schauer, Gunnufson, Johnson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting against: none.

Motion carried.

Squad Car Purchase – Trustee C. Olson stated that if the Village is looking at spending this type of money it should stay local. A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Stene to stay with a 2-wheel drive Chevy Tahoe and to have Karl's Chevrolet give the Village a quote for purchase.

Voting for: Trustees Schauer, Gunnufson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting against: none.

Abstained: Trustee Johnson.

Motion carried.

Cemetery Survey & Road Improvement – Trustee C. Olson explained that he, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto, and Department of Public Works Bates are meeting with the school tomorrow morning to work out the details in order to move forward with the process of deeding the land back to the Village for the purpose of cemetery expansion. Trustee C. Olson also explained that there will be some expenses in the future that will be brought before the Board.

Professional Service Agreement – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to enter into an agreement for a one year term with Hydro Designs for cross connection water testing, allowing our staff to get the training needed to take the program over in the future.

Voting for: Trustees Schauer, Gunnufson, Johnson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Village Hall Maintenance – At this point the staff in the Village Hall will try to keep the building clean and the Board will revisit this item in two months to see how it is going.

Disposal of Surplus Property – A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee C. Olson to approve the list of items, the process and the dates of the surplus sale.

Voting for: Trustees C. Olson, Johnson, Gunnufson, Schauer, and Stene.

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Phosphorus Level Meeting – President Stene informed the Board that mid-November the County will have a meeting regarding pollutant trading, and he would like Michael Boyd to attend the meeting with Department of Public Works Director Bates. Trustee Schauer made a motion and Trustee C. Olson seconded the motion to allow Mike Boyd to attend the pollutant trading meeting with Department of Public Works Director Bates.

Voting for: Trustees Schauer, Gunnufson, Johnson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Ehlers & Associates – Debt Consolidation - Brian Reilly of Ehler's & Associates went over some financing options at the current interest rate available. There will be an approximate yearly savings of \$10,000 by refinancing. Reilly stated that this money could be applied to principal for earlier repayment. President Stene inquired if the Village could possibly obtain some money to deal with the phosphorus levels from the lagoon. Reilly informed the Board that the sewer fund could handle another \$20,000 of debt per year without raising rates, but suggested finding out from Ayres or S.E.H. what kind of funding would be available. President Stene would like additional figures to possibly show the State that the Village may not be able to absorb these types of costs.

Reilly suggested moving forward with the refinancing and would like to come back at the November 26th meeting to look at the impact of the fees and possibly look at moving forward with the refinancing in one of the December meetings.

Park Drive Funding – No action was taken on this item.

Committee/Department Reports – A meeting was set for budgeting on Monday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. A closed session will be schedule for personnel issues.

Review/Approval – Bills – Trustee C. Olson asked if the electric bill for the ballpark could be monitored as it should be decreasing with the season being over. A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve bills from October 15, 2012.

Voting for: Trustees Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Voting for: Trustees Gunnufson, C. Olson, Schauer, Johnson, and Stene.

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Gary Stene, President

Attest: Jackie L. Ponto

Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer