

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2014

The February 24, 2014, Village of Colfax Board regular meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Village Hall. Members present: President Gunnufson, Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, and Buchner. Others present included Rod & Beth Fierek, Genevieve Noer, Susan Lanou, Randy Simpson, Director of Public Works Bates, Rescue Squad Director Knutson, Police Chief Gehring, and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto.

Public Appearances – Susan Lanou, Deluxe Beauty Salon, addressed the Board regarding the amount of snow not removed in the parking areas of Main Street after a large snowfall. The Board was sympathetic to her situation, but explained that it is impossible to maneuver large equipment during traffic hours.

Minutes – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2014, meeting.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Training Requests – none.

Facility Rental – none.

Licenses – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve an operator's license to Kande Burton for the time frame of February 24 – June 30, 2014.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Communications – Village President – President Gunnufson thanked the Village workers for their efforts in keeping the roads clean while still dealing with all the water lateral freeze ups.

Property Complaint – Beth Fierek came before the Board to address the property at 606 Balsam Street, stating that her mother had complained written and verbally to both Clerk and Police without any resolve. Fierek explained that she checked into the ordinances and felt that the following applied to the situation. Fierek reported that ordinance 10-5-8 addresses the vehicles sitting in the yard with the vehicles being operational; and the second ordinance 8-1-8 dealt with the detrimental to the appearance of the cleanliness in the neighborhood. After addressing the Board, Fierek asked the Board what could be done. Chief Gehring explained that all of the vehicles were registered and were okay to be on the property. Gehring also explained

that in the past he has dealt with the flower beds and long grass through abatement. The trailers do not need to be registered, and the street has different setbacks throughout because of the shape of the road. It has a jog through the block of that portion of the street which makes the setbacks irregular in shape. Chief Gehring will contact the property owner to go over the situation and report back to the Board.

Post Prom Donation – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to donate \$50 to the Post Prom event.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: Trustee Buchner.

Motion carried.

Snow Blower Purchase Discussion/Action – Director of Public Works Bates, looked into purchasing a snow blower and discovered that purchasing a skid steer with a snow blower attachment may serve the Village better. If the snow blower has an extended chute, it will reach into a dump truck and there are many other functions it could be used for other than snow removal. A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Olson to look into used skid steers for snow removal and bring the bids back to the Board.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Part Time Employment Discussion/Action – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to allow Director of Public Works Bates to obtain a list of people willing to work when needed. The Board felt that Jason Johnson should be called upon first, as he is currently on unemployment.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Abstained: Trustee Johnson.

Motion carried.

4th Avenue Update – Trustee Johnson updated the Board on the progress of the 4th Avenue project. Ayres will bring plans back in approximately one month with some of the minor details such as curb and gutter, drain placement and, water and sewer extension lengths. Once the plans are approved, the Board will hold a public hearing for the residents of the Village. A

motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to have Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto start looking into financing options for the project.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports (items not for discussion or action)

a. Colfax Police Department Monthly Incident Report – January 2014

Review/Approval – Bills—A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Buchner to approve the February 1 - 15, 2014, bills for payment.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Open Session: A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to reconvene into open session at 9:35 p.m. No press or public present. A voice vote showed all present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. All voted yes to a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Jackie L. Ponto
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer