

Village Board Meeting – February 23, 2015

On February 23, 2015, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 613 Main Street. Members present: President Gunnufson, Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber and Klukas. Excused: Trustee Olson. Others present included Public Works Director Rand Bates, LeAnn Ralph and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann.

Public Appearances – Margaret Wolfe and Kathy Wagner are concerned with the sand mine proposal on 13th and County Rd N in the Town of Howard, Chippewa County. They expressed their concern for the Village of Colfax regarding the possibility of the sand mine specifically in reference to the railroad crossings in Colfax. Margaret mentioned that there are times that the railroads crossings will be blocked and the location of the fire department and the ambulance are on opposite sides of the railroad crossings which could cause delays in response time to emergency calls. Margaret and Kathy are encouraging attendance at the Town Howard board meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 8:00 p.m., when the DNR will be there to answer questions and listen to concerns.

Minutes- Regular Board Meeting and the Joint Board/Personnel Meeting, February 9, 2015 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Klukas to approve both the Regular Board meeting and the Joint Board/Personnel meeting minutes from February 9, 2015. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber, Klukas and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental - Auditorium –Loyalty to our Land – Show and discuss film “The Price of Sand” – March 8, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and second Davis to approve the use of the auditorium for the Loyalty to our Land organization on March 18, 2015. Voting For: Trustees Klukas, Schieber, Schauer, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Personnel committee recommendation to update the health insurance benefits section of the Employee Handbook- A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve health insurance benefits for part time employees working an average of 30 hours or more benefits at a split cost of 75% Village and 25% employee. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber, Klukas and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Personnel committee recommendation regarding seasonal vs. full time Public Works employee – A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin not to hire a full time Public Works employee. Voting For: Trustees Klukas, Schieber, Schauer, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Personnel committee recommendation to increase the part time police officer wages to \$14.50 - A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Klukas to approve the part time officer wages increase to \$14.50 effective March 1, 2015. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber, Klukas and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Plan Commission recommendation of a Residential Development Name- A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Schieber to name the development East View. Voting For: Trustees Schieber, Schauer, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Abstained: Trustee Klukas. Motion carried.

Ordinance Re-codification organization meetings- A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Halpin to develop an ad hoc committee, Code Committee, the board as a whole, to work on the re-codification project beginning March 2, 2015. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber, Klukas and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-02 – Transfer Funds from a Wealth Builder account to a Money Market account - A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Klukas to approve the Resolution 2015-02 to transfer funds from the Wealth Builder account to a money market account. Voting For: Trustees Klukas, Schieber, Schauer, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Review/Approval – Bills – February 10, – February 20, 2015– A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve the February 10 to February 20, 2015 bills for payment. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Schauer, Schieber, Klukas and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Davis to adjourn Village Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer