

## **Regular Village Board Meeting – March 27, 2017**

On March 27, 2017, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI. Members present: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Excused: President Gunnufson. Trustee Halpin will chair the meeting. Others present included Mike Boyd, Chief Anderson, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

**Public Appearances** – none.

**Minutes- Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2017** - A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the March 13, 2017 Regular Board minutes. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Training Request – Ground Water Supply & Distribution Certification – April 11 to May 2, 2017 – Tim Rundle** - A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the Ground Water Supply & Distribution certification class and the certification test for Rundle with the same conditions as the Rescue Squad EMT's; employee agrees to work for the Village for twenty-four (24) months or full reimbursement to the Village will be required. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Facility Rental** – none.

**Licenses** – none.

**Communications** – Village President – none.

**Iverson Road Estimate/Options – Relocate Hydrant – Village employees (estimate \$1,060)/Resurface section of Iverson Road/Replace water main & relocate hydrant/Re-direct water underground to 18-Mile Creek, Easements and/or Land Purchase**

Bates explained that Iverson Road has been unfinished for approximately three or four years. Due to a water leak, the Village had to dig and repair the leak. Another leak had developed before the road was repaired, services were disconnected then, a possible building permit was being considered and a third time the road was dug up and services were re-established. Since the road needs repair, estimates were obtained for stormsewer basins and pipe to the creek with easements and/or land purchase to address the water runoff during heavy rainfalls, cost to change sixty to one-hundred feet of water main to 6" plastic vs. transient to eliminate this part of the road to be dug up sometime in the unknown future when the underground is redone. Mr. Boyd stated that years ago, the Village Board was going to add stormsewer between the two houses, but the landowners would not agree. Nothing was done at that time. Now Boyd is giving the Village another option; to go between his house and garage. Things changed when Boyd built his house on the other side of the swale and then he built the garage. Boyd would be fine with stormsewer drain and then the overflow is directed into a drainage ditch. Boyd

estimated that approximately twelve years ago, the Board was considering the cost to add stormsewer straight south. The land is in the floodplain and the Board feels that \$14,000 to purchase the land is quite high. The estimate for the Haas stormsewer without the water main and the land easement cost of \$4,000 would be \$33,706.

It seems to be a lot of money to justify taking care of a problem for possibly three residents; and not being sure that the problem would be resolved. Boyd declares that the problem would be fixed by shaping the road so that the rain goes to the manhole and down the gully, under the driveway, through the culvert.

Currently, we do not have a cost for reshaping the road. The Board considered tabling the topic to gather the road surface cost. What is the time frame to get additional information? The road has been open for a few years now. If there would not have been a leak, would we be sitting here tonight?

A motion was made by Trustee Davis to move the hydrant to the Village's property and resurface the road.

Additional discussion:

Boyd stated that it is the Village's responsibility to take care of the stormwater. You cannot just run your stormwater through just anyone's property without permission. The engineering would have considered the run off when the road was designed and built. Boyd replied that Ken Iverson gave verbal permission to the Village to go through the property/ditch. The road needs to be reshaped to get the water to go to the ditch. Other discussions were that there are other areas on the road that the water would runoff, a hundred percent of the water does not go straight down the road. Boyd said, "What if I build a dike? What if I reshape my own yard, my own property?" Niggemann stated that it is against the Village ordinance to redirect the flow of the water. The ordinance number could not be found quick enough.

The hydrant needs to be moved first, there needs to be blacktop. Why was the Village so willing, twelve years ago, to go in there and get the water out of there? Niggemann replied, she did not have any dates or information to look back to the situation being considered in the past. The difference, according to Boyd is that the location has changed and there is less chance if there is a rupture, to have damage to either of the homes. Boyd does not believe that engineers have ever been involved. There are many criteria that go into making decisions such as the financials, budget, etc. Bates will get updated quotes, including the asphalt pricing. If the asphalt estimator wants an engineer to design the to road to correct the water issue, do we hire an engineer or do we bring it back before the Board?

Back to the current motion on the table:

A motion was made by Trustee Davis to move the hydrant to the Village's property and resurface the road back to the original road prior to water leaks by the Village staff, seconded by Trustee Schieber. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Schieber, Burcham and Halpin. Voting No: Trustees Wolff and Rihn. Motion carried.

**Sweeping Bids Award** – The Village received two bids; Precision Sealcoating Inc., Princeton, WI - \$6,500 plus \$100 per hour for additional services with a 6 hour minimum and Don’s Sweeper Service, Colfax, WI - \$6,400 plus \$104 per hour for additional services with no minimum hour charge. A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve Don’s Sweeper Services for the 2017 sweeper services. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Some questions that came up are why is it that we can tell when the sweeping has happened? The roadway appears muddy after the job is complete. Is that the way it should be? Just questions, because we do not know.

**Parks Committee Recommendation – Colfax Softball Association – Request for 6 month Class “B” Retailer’s License** – A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve issuance of a six month Class “B” licenses to the Colfax Softball Association through the application process. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

#### **Public Property Committee Recommendation**

**Salt Shed Removal** – The Village Board has approved the removal of the salt shed during 2016. The utilities were removed during 2016 and the paperwork is now complete to show ownership by the Village of Colfax from 1974 purchase from the Dunn County Highway. Niggemann and Bates will work with T & R Recycling to schedule the removal of the salt shed after April 1, 2017 when the sand/salt mixture can be moved to storage at Higby’s for no cost other than the cost to haul the material there. No action required.

**Salt Shed Location** – A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to have the new location of the salt shed at the Lift Station off Hwy 170. This motion was redacted by Schieber and Rihn.

The Board discussed locations other than the Lift Station such as building the salt shed at the current shop location on Railroad, at the Lift Station location or at the same location. The biggest variable is; whether the Village’s long term plan for all Village buildings stays as is currently drafted by the Public Property Committee meeting. If the Village decides to sell the lot that the salt shed currently sits, then the cost of the new shed would be reduced by the amount of money received for the land.

A new motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee for the location of a new salt shed to be located at the Lift Station. Voting For: Trustee Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Salt Shed Cost** – The Public Property Committee had requested that Bates get some additional questions answered regarding the tension fabric type building. Bates has talked with Structures Unlimited regarding the building by Eau Claire that lost part of the front panel. Apparently, the

structure was installed incorrectly, the structure is built to withstand 90 mile per hour winds. With that being said, the total cost of the shed would be \$1,250 for Bobcat Pro LLC to get the sight ready for building, Nellessen Concrete estimate of \$15,250 for the concrete and the materials and labor for the structure \$15,590 to total \$33,706. One concern was the 90 percent down payment for the structure.

A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Schieber to approve the purchase of the salt shed. Further discussion by the Board continued regarding how the project would be funded. Niggemann has not been able to locate a line item for funds set aside for a salt shed. It would be helpful to decide how the Village will handle the salt shed lot. If the lot of land is sold, the land income could reduce the financial impact of the new salt shed. After the financial discussion Trustee Rihn and Trustee Schieber redacted their motion.

A motion was then made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Rihn to refer to the Public Property Committee the research of how to move forward with the salt shed lot to have a completion date of September 1, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Review/Approval – Bills –March 13, 2017 – March 26, 2017** – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the bills for March 13 to March 26, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Davis to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:43 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

---

Mark Halpin, Chair - Trustee

Attest: Lynn Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer