

Village Board Meeting – February 12th, 2018

On February 12th, 2018, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 613 Main Street. Members present: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Burcham and Stene. Absent: Trustee Rihn. Others present included Randy Risler, Todd Wanish, Gary Hill, Zack Hill, Ernie Sundstrom, Aiden McKee, Mike Buchner, Rick Johnson, the Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and Randy Simpson representing the Messenger.

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting – January 25, 2018 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from January 25, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request – Public Works Department – First Supply Waterworks Training Hydrants/Pump Maintenance – March 6, 2018-Eau Claire, WI – 8 am to 12:30 pm – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the training for the Public Works Department employees on March 6, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none

Licenses

Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License / 6 Month Picnic License–March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018– Colfax Municipal Building Restoration Group – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the Picnic License for the Colfax Municipal Building Restoration Group for March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Davis, Schieber, Burcham, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Snowmobile Ordinance Review – Section 10-Chapter 3 – After listening to the public comments, a motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to grant permission to snowmobilers to go from a residence to a marked trail by the shortest route. The Village Board will also designate a trail to the school; from the Railroad Avenue trail to the marked Fairground driveway, over the foot bridge, cross Hwy 40 to Johnson-Olson Road, to High Street, to the designated parking area at the school. Other routes in the Village that are designated are the Dunn Street trail to Railroad Avenue going East to County Road M and the route from Dunn Street west along Railroad Avenue to the Cenex parking lot or to the gas station for fuel. The designated trails will be review annually with the Snowmobile Club. Voting For: Trustee Halpin, Wolff, Davis, Schieber and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the snowmobiling included obeying laws, the school route being a dead-end trail, respecting property owners and pedestrians. If all obey the rules and regulations there should be no problems. If it becomes a problem and students are not following the rules, the privilege could be revoked. Other discussions indicated that the trail had once crossed the foot bridge to get to the school, the trail also went through the Viking addition at one point. The documentation found was dated, so the Village Board wanted to handle it based on now and the future. Another trail considered was to go east on the Railroad Avenue trail to County Road M, cross Hwy 40 to High Street to the School.

The ordinance will be updated and officially approved at a future meeting to also consider having the snowmobile club taking care of the trail signs.

Parking Ordinance Review – River Street – Section 10-1-29, 2016-2 Amendment – The ordinance currently allows two-hour parking on River Street from Hwy 40 to the alley on the south side of the road. The reason was to accommodate customers of the Main Street businesses. However, parking was not considered at that time for the business on River Street. The Village Board had decided to update the parking ordinance to accommodate the River Street business, but also realizes that the Board as a whole should not be changing ordinances based purely on request. The Board does not want to visit the ordinances every season to consider changes because we need to also be concerned with where residents will have to park.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve two-hour parking on the south side of River Street between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

2004 Chevy 8' Pickup box Request – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Schieber to table the request to purchase the pickup box because the Board would like to take bids for the box. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Dairy State Bank Resolutions – Library accounts - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the three resolutions for the Library include Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt as a signer on the accounts; Resolution 2018-01, 2018-02 and 2018-03. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Police Department Capital Purchase Opportunity/Surplus Sale of 2006 Impala consideration – Due to the New Auburn police department dissolving, the Village of Colfax has been offered to make a bid for the 2007 Chevy Impala with or without the police package. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the purchase of the 2007 Chevy Impala with the equipment for \$6,000 to be purchased from the Police Department's Capital project account and the Village should try to sell the 2006 Chevy Impala through bid process or Craig's List. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Wolff, Schieber, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: Trustee Davis. Motion carried.

The Board would like to see that the police squads have a rotation of use so that neither vehicle is sitting out of use for long periods of time. Niggemann will discuss the rotation with Chief Anderson.

Budget Transfer – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the budget transfer of funds from the Streets Capital Equipment Assigned Fund Balance to the Capital Streets project account in the amount of \$18,340 to cover the project approved by the Board at a previous meeting. Voting For: Burcham, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Review/Approval – Bills –January 21, 2018 to February 11, 2018 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve the January 21 to February 11, 2018 bills. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – All business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer