

Village Board Special Meeting – April 9th, 2018

On April 9th, 2018, the Village Board Special meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Community Fire Hall, 407 County Road M, Colfax, WI 54730. Members present: Trustees Rihn, Jenson, Davis, Halpin, Stene and Wolff. Excused: Trustee Burcham. Other Present: Attorney Christopher Gierhart – Weld Riley S.C., Police Chief Anderson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments– There was approximately twelve people in attendance. Some of the items mentioned regarding the ordinance: should “official business” be defined? How will the police find out if an offender is residing within the Village? It is necessary to provide research to support why the Village has adopted an ordinance. How does the ordinance pertain to renters? Some public identified that they would prefer that Village change the draft ordinance to 750 feet around the safety zones rather than 500 feet. Stene read Mr. Yingst’s, Superintendent of the Colfax Schools, letter which clarified how the law relates to schools regarding a registered sex offender.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 26th, 2018 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the minutes from the March 26th, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Voting For: Trustees Rihn, Jenson, Davis, Halpin, Stene and Wolff. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 28th, 2018 – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the Special Board meeting minutes from March 28, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Stene, Halpin, Davis, Jenson and Rihn. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Sex Offender Ordinance review and possible action – The Village Board members had a chance to state their thoughts in reference to the draft ordinance. The Board members all seemed to have similar thoughts indicating that they would prefer the 1000 foot buffer around the school and 750 foot buffer around the other safety zones, however, many realized that the 750 foot buffer would fall into the too restrictive category and there would be concerns of the ordinance being constitutional and enforceable.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Rihn to adopt the Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance #2018-03 with the 1,000 foot buffer around the school property and 500 foot buffer around the other safety zones as indicated in the document in the packet labeled as #18-01 (# was changed due to duplicate numbering). Voting For: Trustees Rihn, Jenson, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: Trustees Davis and Wolff. Motion carried.

For clarification, each mobile home in a mobile home park is considered a separate residence by lot number.

4-H project request to raise ducks – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the request to raise two ducks for 4-H. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Stene, Halpin, Jenson, Rihn and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Review/Approval – Bills – March 26, 2018 to April 8, 2018 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the bills for March 26, 2018 to April 8, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Stene, Halpin, Davis, Jenson and Rihn. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – All business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer