

Village Board Meeting – January 14, 2019

On January 14, 2019, the Village Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main St., Colfax, WI 54730. Members present: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, K. Burcham, M. Burcham and Stene. Others Present: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prock, Del Gunderson, Lisa Fleming – Ayres Associates, Travis Allen, Nik Pitzer, Brian Corning, Don Logslett, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments – none

Communications from the Village President- none.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 17th, 2018 – The minutes will be available for the next meeting.

Training Request

Tony Bell- Chippewa Valley Tech, Eau Claire, WI- Spring 2019 – Advanced EMT Course- A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the Advanced EMT Course for Tony Bell for spring 2019. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Rand Bates/Don Logslett/Ryan Bauer – First Supply –Annual Municipal Training Day- February 20, 2019 – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the First Supply training for Bates, Logslett and Bauer on February 20, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, K. Burcham, M. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none

Licenses –

Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License – Colfax Woman’s Club – January 26th, 2019 event date – Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraising Event - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s Licenses for the Colfax Woman’s Club event, January 26th, 2019. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion Carried.

Operator’s Licenses

Dalton Bradford – Kyle’s Market – January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2019 – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the operator’s license for Dalton Bradford. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, K. Burcham, M. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Lyndsey Pederson- A Little Slice of Italy- January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2019 – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve Lyndsey Pederson’s operator’s license. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Davis, Halpin, Stene, M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Abstained: Trustee Jenson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Cierra Sarauer-Express Mart- January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2019- A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve Cierra Sarauer's operator's licenses. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, K. Burcham and M. Burcham. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Dunn Energy – Electric at the Sewer Lagoon - Prock has purchased the property adjacent to the Sewer Lagoon. He is interested in getting power to the cabin that is on the property. His estimate from Dunn Energy is \$11,000. In order to run the power from the transformer located at the Sewer Lagoon, Prock needs written permission from the Village. Bates did contact Dunn Energy regarding how this would affect the Sewer Lagoon and they felt that if there was any change it would be positive since the Village would no longer be the last power source. If the Village approves the request, Dunn Energy would need to get an easement drawn up to cross the Village property.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the request to run electric from the Sewer Lagoon transformer to the Jim Prock property. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin, Stene, M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The OCD Foundation Presentation – Travis Allen – Allen is the founder of OCD Foundation, Our Communities Deliver. The Foundations mission is to make an impact on homelessness, hunger and unemployment. Their vision is to build community centers in major cities and then start to branch out to the smaller towns in need of an OCD Foundation. Scheduled events for the January 31, 2019 grand opening include a ribbon cutting, café and media publicity. Coming soon is a tri-county area food pantry which will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monthly events will begin in February to include monthly beer and wine tasting fundraiser every third Friday and a job preparation course every third Tuesday. Allen mentioned some of the long-term goals are to create a recreation wing which would be an attraction for youth as well as providing an after school program. There will also be the first annual fundraiser event at Mabel Tainter at the end of March. The OCD Foundation is looking for financial support from the Village of Colfax of \$5,000 to assist with the building preparation and the Grand Opening.

Why Colfax? Medical issues brought him back to his family here. When faced with the decision of where the headquarters should be located, Colfax or Minneapolis, he chose Colfax to give back to his home community.

What types of businesses did you have in Orlando? OCD Property Management. He worked with condo associations in flipping condos. After flipping approximately 1,000 condos, he was exhausted and took a year off and decided to sell the business. Between the ages of eighteen and thirty-one, Allen was involved in Real Estate in all aspects, Development, Finance and Sales. For a period of about one and half years, Allen decided to work in Corporate America, Joseph A. Banks. Allen realized that Corporate America was not for him and he wanted to make a difference by helping homeless, hungry and unemployed. This will be accomplished by managing a crisis management line which will be providing help nationwide.

What types of jobs will your organization provide to our community? Allen says that within two years the OCD Foundation plans to employ two hundred people. The average salary for call center positions is approximately \$22,000 to \$34,000 per year; however, he hopes to pay an annual salary of \$34,000 to \$37,000. His projections are that he will have \$3 million of salaries within three years. He

recently has hired a Director of Human Resources, Director of Fund Raising, Director of Finance, Grant Writer and Media coordinator.

The OCD Foundation – Request for Donation – The Village Board will review the OCD Foundation’s request for a \$5,000 donation at a future meeting.

Ayres and Associates agreement – Roosevelt Street – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by M. Burcham to approve the master agreement with Ayres Associates. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, K. Burcham, M. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Roosevelt Street agreement with Ayres and Associates. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

H S A contribution review – A group of employees provided a letter to the Village Board in appreciation of the \$500 contribution to an H S A account. Logslett spoke on behalf of the employees, requesting an additional \$500 be contributed to the H S A account due to the plan change and the higher deductible which will result in a lot more out of pocket costs than employees have had with previous plans. Logslett explained that by changing the health insurance to a high deductible plan the Village is saving nearly \$20,000 and if they contribute to the H S A accounts increase to \$1000 per employee, the net savings would still be about \$11,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the \$1,000 contribution to the H S A with the contribution being reviewed annually. Voting For: Trustees Stene, M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Soo Park update – Niggemann informed the Board that the Soo Park land transfer has not happened yet due to misunderstandings regarding the agreement required prior to the land transfer. The attorney and Herb Sakalaucks, the Colfax Railroad Museum’s representative, are working directly together to finalize the agreement soon. The Village Board hopes that the transfer will occur no later than February 1, 2019.

Water Meters 1” – phase two - A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the purchase of the 1” meters to complete phase two; \$6,280. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Review/Approval – Bills –December 17th, 2018 to January 13th, 2019 - A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the bills for December 17th, 2018 to January 14th, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Halpin, Stene, M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Jenson and Wolff. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to conclude the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer