

Village Board Meeting – March 11, 2019

On March 11, 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, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Others Present: Eric Turner-Dunn County Economic Development, Jordan Pospishil – West Central Regional Planning Commission, Revolving Fund Loan Program, Tom Niska – Timber Technologies, LLC, Jon Strand – CBS Squared, Mark Mosey, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Eric Turner – Turner wanted to thank the Village for their support and for allowing the Village President to serve on the Dunn County Economic Development Board. The DCED also wants to share a new program that is being piloted by the City of Menomonie. The program is designed to help get the local working people to also reside in the within our communities. The program works with employers and municipalities to loan money up to \$10,000 to assist in the purchase of homes within the community. The payback would be very low and allows for some loan forgiveness if there are improvements to the home by the end of the loan term. The other movement is the Broad Band initiatives. The DCEC was awarded the Telecommuted Forward award. In August the DCEC would like to take a tour of communities outside of Menomonie.

Jordan Pospishil- Pospishil wants to make awareness of the Economic Development financing availability. The Façade Program is designed to help business with the exterior of their buildings, zero percent interest for loan amounts from \$5,000 to \$30,000 with a 15 year payback. It is not designed to help with routine maintenance, but to help the downtown look nice. Some of the other loans include the revolving loan funds programs which assists with 25% of the funding to get a business off the ground, the micro loan program, designed to help with business start-up - up to \$30,000 and the growth loan for businesses after start up to assist with needed funding up to \$60,000. None of the loans are designed to compete with the banks, but to assist with projects that may need additional funding or cannot get traditional funding.

Communications from the Village President- Stene wanted to make awareness that the Broadband survey results indicated that good internet is criteria that heavily influences whether a business or homeowner decides to locate in a particular area. One other thing is that the snow is getting out of hand, so what are we going to do with it? There is a lot of continuation and worry regarding the snow. So we wanted to find out what the Village's legal obligation was and basically what we found out is that the snow is the homeowners responsibility to get rid of. In the spring, the water will become an issue. Unfortunately, this is an unusual year. There will be an article in the paper from the Village President thanking the homeowners for their patience throughout the weather and also thanking the Public Works employees for their hard work.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 25th, 2019 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the February 25th, 2019 minutes. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request – Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference- LaCrosse, WI – March 26 to March 29, 2019:

Rand Bates, Don Logslett and Ryan Bauer - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee K. Burcham to approve the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference in LaCrosse, WI, March 26 to March 29, 2019 for Bates, Logslett and Bauer. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none.

Licenses – none.

Consideration Items

Community Health Needs – KT Gallagher – KT Gallagher provided a 2019 Dunn County Health Needs Assessment survey. I have added the survey to our website. There is a due date of April 1, 2019. Gallagher was not able to attend and may be added to the next agenda to express the importance of the survey and how it came to be.

Timber Technologies LLC – Variance Request – A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by M. Burcham to approve the request for the two driveways with the widths of 36 feet and 37 feet. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Colfax Railroad Museum Letter of Support – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Letter of Support for the Colfax Railroad Museum. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Stene, Halpin, Davis and Wolff. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Dunn County Emergency Management request – discussion and possible action – Dunn County Emergency Management asked the Village to discuss how and if they will play any part of snow removal during this particular snowfall year in regards to potential spring flooding. Discussion items: Is there a location that snow can be moved to from their lots? Snow removal by property owners can be disposed of by contacting Public Works department.

The other issue is whether sand bags would be provided to prevent water from potentially going into basements. Pricing for the sand bags is \$0.17 per sand bag; you could get 588 bags for approximately \$100. The Village would not provide any man power to fill bags, etc. It was recommended that in the event of a Village-wide need, the Village would purchase sand bags at that time.

WWTP Bank Stabilization CDBG Project discussion and possible action- Strand explains that the WWTP Bank Stabilization project has become eligible for some CDBG project funding and the US Army Core of Engineers has authorized the CDBG funds as match funds. The CDBG grant allows to request up to 1 million dollars of funds with \$500,000 of match funds. Costs of approximately \$33,000 for engineering would not qualify for funding under either program. These funds will be a cost to the Village.

WWTP Bank Stabilization CDBG Committee – The Village President Stene is appointing the Village Board and one Village resident to comprise the committee. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the WWTP Bank Stabilization CDBG Citizen Participation Plan to include the Village Board and Mark Mosey as the Village resident and at least one member of the

committee meets the low to moderate income requirements. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

WWTP Bank Stabilization CDBG Citizen Participation Plan – Resolution 2019-02 CDBG Citizen Participation Plan – The CDBG Citizen Participation Plan is a requirement of the grant which formally states that the Village will allow citizen participation throughout the project.

A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve Resolution 2019-02 CDBG Citizen Participation Plan with appropriate changes to include the Village resident as discussed previously. Voting For: Trustees Wolff, Davis, Halpin, Stene, K. Burcham, M. Burcham and Jenson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing Date – April 8th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Village Hall – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Wolff to set the public hearing date of April 8th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

United Health Care 5/1/2019 Renewal – Dental/Life/Vision – The dental portion of the plan would create an approximate premium increase of \$890 for the year for all employees. The life and visions insurance have no change in premium.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the United Health Care Renewal as presented. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Salt Shed Repair Estimates – The salt shed damage is covered by insurance, however, Bates wanted to present the price for the same structure that collapsed as well as the price for a structure that would contain a truss roof vs. the pole structure. The insurance will cover the replace of the same type of structure that was there. The increased cost would not be covered. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Halpin to replace the structure with the same type of building which will be covered by the insurance. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Review/Approval – Bills –March 11th, 2019 to March 24th, 2019 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the bills March 11th to March 24th, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – All agenda items were completed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

Gary Stene, Village President