

Village Board Meeting – June 8th, 2020

On June 8th, 2020, the Village Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at Colfax Rescue Squad, 614C Railroad Ave., Colfax, WI. Members present: Trustees Halpin, K. Burcham, Jenson, Davis, Michels, Stene and Gunnufson. Others Present: Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (via zoom).

Public Comments– none.

Communications from the Village President – none.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –May 26th, 2020- A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Michels to approve the minutes for the May 26th, 2020 Board meeting. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Michels, Davis, K. Burcham, Jenson, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Requests- none.

Facility Rental – none.

Licenses –Six Month-Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License – Colfax Softball Association- June 8th, 2020 to December 7th, 2020 - A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Davis approve the six month Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License for the Colfax Softball Association for June 8th, 2020 to December 7th, 2020. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, K. Burcham, Jenson, Davis, Michels, Stene and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

THANK YOU to Timber Technologies – Flower Beds in tower Park have been one of the selected Community Projects for 2020 – Niggemann informed the Village Board that Timber Technologies selected the Village Tower Park Flower Beds as one of their Community Enrichment Projects. The Public Works removed the soil and the old timbers from the flower beds and the Colfax Women’s Group removed the plants they wanted to keep. Timber Technologies brought their crew over at about 9 am and they assembled the new flower beds with their laminate timbers. They look wonderful and everyone should be sure to drive past and take a look. The soil and plants will be replaced by the Village and the Women’s Group soon.

Colfax Evergreen Cemetery –Private Mausoleum Structure – Update – Niggemann informed that Board that the architect from the state has been corresponding with her. The plans for the mausoleum are currently still in limbo between the departments due to the clarification of what the definition of a Private Mausoleum is. They are reaching out to Mr. Troot regarding the processes he has seen since he was a resource that Niggemann used and his family has been in the monument business for approximately 60 years. Mr. Hadidi has sent the village a letter indicating that if construction is not able to begin by June 30, 2020, he will be requesting his money back for the plots. He is not disappointed in the village efforts in regards to this matter, but he is disappointed with the progress of the state.

COVID-19 Review/Updates

County Order Discussion – Niggemann provided a copy of the June 2, 2020 Dunn County Health Department’s recommendations for review. The Village has been answering questions regarding gatherings that reflect the Dunn County recommendations.

Other Discussions- Board members discussed the bar and restaurant capacity allowance currently in place. It was determined that fifty (50) percent of total capacity is the recommendation.

Review/Approval – Bills –May 26th, 2020 to June 7th, 2020 – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the bills for May 26th, 2020 to June 7th, 2020. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Michels, Davis, Jenson, K. Burcham, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Closed Session – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Halpin to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1) (c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises: Public Works Employee – One Year Evaluation. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Michels, Davis, Jenson, K. Burcham, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Open Session – The Board reconvened into open session at 7:38 p.m. The Board voted unanimously to approve a pay raise for the one year evaluation of the Public Works employee of two percent.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Michels to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken, and all members voted in favor to adjourn. Motion carried.

Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer