

Village Board Meeting – January 25th, 2021

On January 25th, 2021, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Rescue Squad, 614C Railroad Avenue, Colfax, WI. Members present: Trustees Halpin (online), M. Burcham (online), Michels (online), Jenson, Davis, Stene (online 7:13 pm) and Gunnufson. Others present include Christina Mayer, Gareth Shambeau with Ayres Associates, Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (online).

Public Comments – Christina Mayer wanted to let the Village Board know that she is running for Dunn County Circuit Court Judge. She introduced herself and presented her qualifications for the position.

Minutes - Regular Board Meeting January 11th, 2021 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from January 11th, 2021. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Halpin, Michels, Jenson, Davis and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request – none

Facility Rental – none

Licenses – Operator’s License – January 25th, 2021 to June 30th, 2021

Julie Eiseth – Kyle’s Market/Pierce Harvey – Synergy Co-op/Morgan Jensen – Synergy Co-op

A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve operator’s licenses, January 25th to June 30th, 2021 for Julie Eiseth -Kyle’s Market, Pierce Harvey-synergy Co-op and Morgan Jensen-Synergy Co-op. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Halpin, Michels, Jenson, Davis and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Riverview/High Street/Dunn Street Projects

Amendment to the Agreement – The original agreement reviewed by the Board did not include any engineering costs for Dunn Street. This amendment includes the Dunn Street engineering estimated costs. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Michels to approve the amendment to the Riverview/High Street and Dunn Street projects. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, Davis, Stene, Michels, M. Burcham, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Updates regarding the Project/High Street/Birch Street/Title Work for the Right-A-Way for the Riverview/High Street Project – Shambeau explained that the title work is for the stormwater outfall. The parcels in which the stormwater pipe travels through to reach the outfall into the Red Cedar River need to be confirmed whether there is a utility easement or not prior to work beginning. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the title work for the easement of the stormwater outfall from Northwest Land Title, Inc. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Jenson, Stene, Halpin, Michels, M. Burcham and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The stormwater outfall after closer review, would need more work than originally expected to fix the problem properly. The stormwater outfall has caused the bank to erode dramatically. The only way to prevent further deterioration of the bank would be to fix the slope. There are four options: One, keep the bank as is. Two, fix the slope and leave the pipe 8’ above. Three, replace the pipe, manhole and dump the water closer to the water’s edge. Four, complete as a separate project. Discussions brought up items such as whether this would be a grant eligible project or why not just fix now vs. waiting until the problem gets worse and then the cost could be significantly higher. The Board decided to table the item until Ehlers has prepared a cost analysis on the funding by General Fund and Utilities.

High Street/Birch Street right-a-way does not go through the center of the current road, High Street. The center of the right-a-way actually begins near the center near Riverview Avenue going east towards Birch Street, the center of the right-a-way is aligned with the south edge of the roadway. There are three options from an engineering point-of-view. One, keep the right-a-way as is. Two, correct the road to reflect the center of the right-a-way being in the middle of the roadway (Most correct option). This option would cause the parcels on the

north side of the roadway to increase their front yard by approximately twelve feet and the parcels on the south side of the roadway to lose front yard of equal distance. Some of the houses would have the street right-a-way on their property line. Third, the center of the right-a-way could be somewhere in the middle which would cause a little less disturbance to the front yards, however, still causing some disturbance. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Halpin to leave High Street center of right-a-way as is. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Halpin, Stene, Michels, Davis, Jenson and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Street & Utility Improvements schedule was presented. If the Board is able to finalize action regarding the stormwater outfall by the February 8th, 2021 meeting, the schedule would not change. Some of the significant items to be concerned with is the construction dates occurring when school is out for the summer. This would allow for communications with the school regarding possible parking in the school parking lot and to address the one-way access the Viking Drive addition.

Colfax Solid Waste and Recycling Updates – Niggemann explained that there have been a few problems with the compactors which are being evaluated. Gunnufson informed the Board that Solid Waste & Recycling Committee had decided to move forward with the purchase of an additional receiver box for each location to allow use of the other two compactors; cost is \$8,750 each. The other item that came in higher than budgeted is the rebuild of the compactors; approximately \$13,000 which would be split 50-50 between both groups, the Elk Mound and Colfax sites.

COVID-19 Review/Updates – possible action if needed – none.

Review/Approval – Bills – January 11th, 2021 to January 24th, 2021– A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the bills from January 11th, 2021 to January 24th, 2021. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, Davis, M. Burcham, Michels, Stene, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest:

Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer