

Village Board Meeting January 10th, 2022

On January 10th, 2022, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI. Members present: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, Stene (online) and Prince (chair). Excused: Trustees Albricht, Davis and Rud. Others present included Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (online).

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting December 27th, 2021 - A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from December 27th, 2021. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Review Statement of Bills –December 27th, 2021 to January 9th, 2022- A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Statement of Bills for December 27th, 2021 to January 9th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Training Request

- **Public Works –Blood Borne Pathogens and Field Training – Rand Bates & Don Logslett**
- **Police – Blood Borne Pathogens – William Anderson & Ryan Strzok**
- **Administration Staff – Blood Borne Pathogens – Sheila Riemer, Lynn Niggemann and Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt**

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Jenson to approve the required training for Public Works, Police and Administration for February 1st, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none

Licenses – 2022 Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License – Nancy and Mark Mouledoux-Twice Blessed Treasures – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the 2022 Secondhand Jewelry Dealer Licenses for Nancy and Mark Mouledoux dba Twice Blessed Treasures. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Landfill Monitoring Agreement – CBS Squared 2022-2023– Bates explained that the agreement takes care of the required sampling and reporting to the DNR. The previous contract period was 2020-2021 for a contract amount \$6,800 plus reimbursable expenses which would include transportation, postage, lodging, meals, plots, reports, plan reproduction expenses, overtime, etc. The standard not-to-exceed \$8,500 base contract price would be a 25% increase from the previous term. Niggemann explained that due to having just received the agreement today, being Monday, January 10th, 2022, she was unable to get verification of why the cost increased. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to table the Landfill Monitoring Agreement to allow for Bates to get other estimates for the same service and allow CBS Squared to explain the cost difference. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dixon Engineering Agreement – T-Mobile Tower Maintenance (T-Mobile is required to reimburse all fees) – T-Mobile has requested a utility permit to do some upgrades to their antennas on the water tower. The agreement the Village has requires that T-Mobile is required to pay for the engineering associated with inspections before and after the work is complete. Niggemann has contacted T-Mobile about an outstanding invoice from the previous maintenance. Once T-Mobile has verified that they will be sending payment, the utility permit would only be approved if the new project is paid in full. A motion was made by M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Dixon Engineering agreement for the T-Mobile Maintenance project as long as T-Mobile satisfies outstanding invoice and pre-pays for the current project. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Charter Communications/Spectrum Agreement Discussion – Niggemann explained that the Village had a fifteen year agreement with Charter Communications beginning in 1998. In 2008 the State of Wisconsin Department of

Financial Institutions implemented Wisconsin State Statute 64.0420 which dissolved local agreements and required providers to be licensed with the State and submit applications requesting to provide service to each municipality. Currently, the Village limits are available to any provider unless there has been a separate agreement between an individual or a business for reduced rates for a contracted term. As long as the provider follows the appropriate protocols, any provider would be able to provide services to the Village of Colfax residences. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to have Niggemann contact the other local Internet Service Providers and ask if they are interested in possibly providing service to the Village of Colfax. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Board Pay Review and Consideration – Attorney Response – (Resolution 2021-21 rescinded) - Attorney Helquist indicated that the language in Wis. Stat. 61.193 means there cannot be a change in the per diem compensation for quite a while. The per diem would need to be established before papers are taken out in December of each year and the per diem would be effective for those that were elected in in the April election after the nomination papers were taken out. So even though changing the meetings to one per month and modifying the pay per meeting would equal the same payment out, that is not allowed.

With the attorney's response, Stene indicated that if M. Burcham was interested in rescinding the motion from the December 27th, 2021 meeting to modify from two meetings per month to one meeting per month, he would be willing to second that based on the new facts. The Board discussed the new facts presented. Most Board members would like to go to one meeting a month, but would like additional attorney assistance to draft a resolution or ordinance that addresses the meeting pay in scenarios, the per diem cost if there is one meeting per month and the cost per meeting if there are two meeting per month and when would the effective date be so that all members' pay changes at the same time.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to rescind the motion from December 27th, 2021 to change from two meeting per month to one meeting per month and continue with two meetings per month. Voting For: Trustees Stene, M. Burcham, Jenson and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Chair

Attest:

Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer