

Village Board Meeting January 24th, 2022

On January 24th, 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 Rud, Prince, Jenson, M. Burcham, Stene (online), Jenson (until 7:30 pm), and Albright. Others present included Jon Strand with CBS Squared, Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (online).

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting January 10th, 2022- A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from January 10th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Review Statement of Bills –January 10th, 2022 to January 23rd, 2022- A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve the Statement of Bills for January 10th, 2022 to January 23rd, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Training Request - none

Facility Rental – none

Licenses – none

Consideration Items

Landfill Monitoring Agreement Award – The Village received three agreements for the landfill monitoring for 2022. CBS Squared's base price was \$3,500 but the general fees for travel, testing and reporting were in addition to the contract price. Short Elliot Hendrickson (S.E.H.) base price was \$3,600, with the general fees for travel, testing and reporting are part of the base price. Ayres Associates base price was \$4,800 with the general fees for travel, testing and reporting are part of the base price. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to award the agreement to Short Elliot Hendrickson (S.E.H.) in the amount of \$3,600. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Lagoon Streambank Project/Wastewater Slope Stability Project/Communications with US Army Corps of Engineers/CDBG/Ehlers/CBS Squared – Jon Strand with CBS Squared was online to explain that the Village has received a letter from the US Army Corps explaining that the expected costs for construction have come in much higher than expected. The letter indicates that the initial federal funds received were \$1,351,740 (65%) and the Village portion was \$581,700 (35%) for total project funds of \$1,933,440. The estimated construction in 2022 has been estimated at \$2,600,000 plus Army Corps labor, \$260,000, the construction engineering, \$50,000, the project close out and O&M Manual, \$35,000 totaling an estimated cost to completion of \$2,945,000. The project expenses to date are \$258,860 bringing the total project funds required to \$3,203,860. To complete the project, the federal portion is an additional \$730,770 and the Village portion is \$539,650. In order to continue forward the Village must secure financing of \$540,000 and transfer the funds to the Army Corps Escrow account.

After notification of the increased cost-share, CBS Squared and the Village have talked with CDBG regarding the increased construction cost. CDBG has indicated that they do not have any additional funds available and having already granted a one-year extension, CDBG is not in the position to grant any additional extensions. CDBG has reminded the Village that if the construction does not start by April 30, 2022, the CDBG funds of \$592,000 will be rescinded.

After the CDBG news, CBS Squared and the Village talked with the DNR regarding a Clean Water Fund (CWF) Loan. The Village would need to apply for interim financing to issue payment to the US Army Corp now and the CWF loan would be expected to close spring of 2024. The Village would apply for Principal Forgiveness which is similar to a grant. If we received the Principal Forgiveness, our financed amount would be reduced.

A motion was made by Trustee Stene to pursue Clean Water Fund loan to bridge the gap funding between Army Corp and CDBG, using local financing to pursue the interim financing and reach out to local representatives in regards to whether there are any ARPA funds available. Motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to pursue the application process for the Clean Water Fund Loan and to apply for the interim financing with local banks to keep the project moving. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Rud, Stene and M. Burcham. Voting Against: Trustee Davis and Albricht. Motion carried.

Rescue Squad Boiler – Pay Request Approval – The Plumber \$7,139 – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Rud to approve the invoice for The Plumber \$7,139. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Meeting – January 31, 2022/Discuss time and organization of the meeting – Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 6 p.m. works for all the board members.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jody Albricht, Village President

Attest:

Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer