

## Village Board Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, Rud, Stene, Jenson, Prince and Albricht. Excused: Trustee Davis. Others present included Dale Schiferl with Timber Technologies, Joe Solberg, Scott Ottinger, Sheila Riemer, Rescue Squad Director Knutson, Public Works Director Bates and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann. LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger has requested the audio for the meeting due to meeting conflict.

**Communications from the Village President** – none.

### Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** A motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Organizational Meeting Minutes – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the minutes of the Organization meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Review Statement of Bills –April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve the Statements of Bills for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Training Request** – none

**Facility Rental** – none

**Licenses** - none

### Consideration Items

**Timber Technologies – Dale Schiferl** – Schiferl wanted to keep the Village Board updated on their next project. Timber Tech has recently received their state approved plans for a 50' x 75' addition. The addition is an area that will house the final packaging of their products prior to shipping. Currently the employees are doing this process outside with the various weather conditions. The addition will allow for more controlled environment. The excavation will begin soon. By the end of May the building will arrive with an expected completion date of September. Some of the packaging equipment will arrive in November of 2022 with expected utilization of the space in December of 2022. There is additional equipment that will be added, but due to lead time, that equipment will not be on-site until December of 2023. No action.

### Joint Meeting Public Safety Committee and Boyceville Ambulance District

Knutson and Dow from the Boyceville Ambulance District prepared a booklet which shows the components of the Village of Colfax Rescue Squad and the Boyceville Ambulance as they are currently operating. Then there is a reflection of what it may look like if the two services combined or created a new district. With a merger or a district, Knutson would expect that there would be an east and a west side allowing each agency with their current member to keep their current per capita rates, Boyceville at \$86 per capita and Village of Colfax just under \$22 per capita. Albricht asked, "What would the Village of Colfax gain from this merger?" The answer is more debt and less influence. Knutson followed up with a larger agency and increased wages would be more attractive to gaining more workers. The question was asked, "How are other ambulance services set up around us?" Bloomer is a district and operates with a per capita similar to the Colfax Rescue Squad, Chetek is a district with similar per capita and Chippewa Falls is a district with similar rates also. The state average per capita is \$76. It was noted that the per capita includes much larger services and may not be a valid number for a comparison. Another discussion included housing ambulances at stations at other municipalities to possibly decrease response times when there are EMT's that may be available for calls. After Knutson talked with other municipalities, he believes that there would need to be further discussions with EMTs to gauge interest. Other discussions included if the Village of Colfax is having a hard time maintaining what we have, why take on a bigger issue?

A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to discontinue moving forward with a possible merger with the Boyceville Ambulance District. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Prince and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The Village of Colfax would like Niggemann to contact legal and accounting to discuss how creating an ambulance district would benefit the Village and the Colfax Rescue Squad knowing that the primary changes are decreasing the risk of any net loss or future capital purchases and ownership changes. The Board asked that Knutson send a survey or questionnaire to the municipalities asking their feeling on a District.

#### **Stuart Park/Campground Consideration/Consider Removal of Trees**

Prince would like to continue research regarding constructing a campground at Stuart Park. Jenson is assisting with looking for grant opportunities. This year Prince will work together with Bates to sketch out what a potential campground would look like from the number of sites, water and electricity, possible dump site, visitor center, bathrooms and possible showers. The visitor center is being considered because a lot of the grants require some sort of community building to qualify. The visitor center would be able to advertise the Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation, kayaking, tubing, fishing, UTV/ATV routes, etc. Prince has estimated camping fees of \$35/night with water and electric. If 20 sites were full through the summer camping season, the gross income would be approximately \$43,000. The removal of trees refers to widening the driveway to make it easier for pull behind campers to enter and exit the park. To do this some of the trees behind the boulder with the park name on it would need to be removed. Prince has contacted Flint Roberts and he is willing to cut the trees down for no cost as long as he is able to take the wood. The Village would need to grind up the tree tops. If the Board is okay with widening the driveway this year, it would be helpful to have the trees removed along with the one tree that is leaning. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to have the trees removed by Flint Roberts at Stuart Park to allow for the driveway to be widened. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Street Sweeping Bid Award**

The Street Sweeping Bid deadline was April 20, 2022. The Village only received one bid from Don's Sweeper Service. The bid amount is \$6,850 with an hourly rate of \$115/hour for additional services. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to accept the bid from Don's Sweeper Service for \$6,850 with any additional services at \$115/hour. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Dunn Street Project Timeline**

Skid Steer Guy has provided the timeline for the Dunn Street project with an expected start date of May 4<sup>th</sup>. The first week will be the removal of asphalt and underground. The provided schedule represents the worst case scenario. The hope would be to get started and complete the project as soon as possible with a contractual deadline no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Designated Fund Balance Worksheet** – Will be on the next meeting.

#### **Marshfield Clinic – Employer Meetings Update 04.21.2022**

There was a very good turnout for the Employers meeting with Marshfield Clinic. Kruse explained that the mobile unit would visit the Village of Colfax with a minimum number of six patients and maximum of fifteen in a day. The unit would provide primary care and since the last visit with the Village board on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Marshfield has added pediatrics services for children greater than two years of age. Kruse and Scherf explained the Marshfield Mobile Clinic as an employer sponsored event and as a community event.

**Employer Sponsored-** The mobile unit could be scheduled to come to the Village of Colfax representing a group of employers. The group of employers would pay approximately \$155/ hour for a six hour period. The

employees of those businesses would then be able to use the service at no charge because the employers are paying the fee and no insurance would be billed.

**Community Event** – There would be no hourly cost to the community or employers. The mobile unit would schedule patients as if they were attending a regular appointment and the insurance would be billed accordingly.

Another discussion topic brought up by the employers included services offered at a cash price vs. being billed through insurance through the community sponsored event.

**Lagoon Streambank Stabilization Project Update**

Bates informed the Board that the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – the contractor was on-site completing the surveying, the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the soil boring sampling was completed and today, Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 some of the construction equipment was moved on-site and today, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the contractor began the access road.

**Next meeting items**

Tower Park gazebo roof and the well house roof quotes and the pool ordinance review. A Public Property meeting needs to be scheduled, the committee agreed on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 pm.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Jody Albricht, Village President

Attest:

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Lynn Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer