

Village Board Meeting September 26th, 2022

On September 26th, 2022, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees M. Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Prince and Albright. Others present included Herb Sakalaucks, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sheila Riemer, Rescue Squad Director Knutson, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments - Sakalaucks explained to the Board that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation was going to be opening up a grant which required the Village of Colfax to sponsor the Colfax Railroad Museum in order for him to apply for the grant. The grant amount would be \$340,000 to \$350,000 to have a cover installed over the top of the railcars which would minimize future maintenance. The Village would not have any financial commitment with the sponsorship. A second grant is being used to get solar power which can hopefully be used as part of the match for the WI DOT grant. Lastly, the Railroad Museum is having security cameras installed.

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 12th, 2022- A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from September 12th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Review Statement of Bills – September 12th, 2022 to September 25th, 2022

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – September 12th, 2022 to September 25th, 2022

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve both the Village of Colfax Statements of Bills and the Solid Waste & Recycling Bills for September 12th, 2022 to September 25th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Training Request – None

Facility Rental - None

Licenses – None

Consideration Items

Driveway Permit Request-1006 High Street Duplex-Luke Ciszewski –A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the driveway permit for 1006 High Street Duplex for Luke Ciszewski. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Colfax Police Department –ARPA Funds – Village of Colfax \$7,000 – Niggemann explained that the Police Department has received notice of ARPA Funds to be distributed after purchase of qualifying expenses from the Department of Administration. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to accept the \$7,000 award from the Department of Administration. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Prince and Albright. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Park Drive Cost Estimate – Between Colfax Health & Rehab and Viking Bowl-Possible action

Railroad Avenue cost Estimate – by the Colfax Messenger – Possible Action– Two estimates were received for the two patch jobs, Park Drive and Railroad Avenue. Pavement Consulting Services LLC \$15,218 and Senn Blacktop \$13,818. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to accept the low bid from Senn Blacktop for \$13,818. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, M. Burcham and Albright. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee Recommendations/Update Title 9-Public Utilities Chapters 1 and 2 –Water & Sewer Utilities/Street Opening Fee Determination/Allow corrections of typos and updates of previously adopted rate changes in the Water Utility Ordinance Title 9, Chapter 1/Adopt Sewer Ordinance Amendment 2022-03 with approved rate changes/Adopt updated Construction/Access application with approved rate changes - Niggemann answered questions that had been asked at the previous meeting regarding what payment options the property owners would have in paying the street opening fees, invoice, installments, tax roll? The Village could apply the street opening fee to the tax bill based on a schedule that was arranged as a special assessment. Stene inquired about modifying the Village

sewer ordinance to replicate the portion of the water ordinance that makes the property owner responsible to the curbs to the main. The property owners have the option redo their laterals for water and sewer when the Village does a reconstruction of the street. However, the Village does not require them to update at that time. Niggemann explained that she would like to research why all the municipalities that she has looked into have the ordinance written the same way, and would prefer no ordinance modification until the research is complete. Stene indicated that he feels the reason is cost shifting. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Prince to have no street opening fee. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Prince, and Stene. Voting Against: Trustees Jenson, Rud, M. Burchman and Albricht. Motion did not carry. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Prince to have a \$250 street opening fee. Voting For: Trustees Stene and Prince. Voting Against: M. Burcham, Davis, Jenson, Rud and Albricht. Motion did not carry. A motion was made by Trustee Stene to have a street opening fee of \$500. There was no second. Motion dies for lack of second. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to set the street opening permit fee to \$2,500. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Davis, Rud and Albricht. Voting Against: Trustees Jenson, Stene and Prince. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the water and utility ordinance changes. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, M. Burcham and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Colfax Rescue Squad – EMS Flex Grant Award-\$101,830 – Knutson received information a couple hours prior to the meeting that the award amounts were modified. Without formal notification received yet, Knutson has found a new award list indicating the new award will be \$105,915. Option one-purchase a new ambulance, with a starting cost of approximately \$315,000 less the grant and fund balance, possible amount to finance is \$112,000. Option two-purchase two cots and two defibrillators; cost approximately \$105,915 so approximate cost would be \$1,200. Knutson has a deadline of October 11, 2022 to select the categories that the money will be spent in. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to schedule a special meeting for Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 7 pm to discuss which option the Rescue Squad should select. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, M. Burcham and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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