

Regular Meeting – February 25, 2013

The February 25, 2013, Village of Colfax Board regular meeting was held at 7:20 p.m. at the Colfax Village Hall. Members present: President Stene, Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, S. Olson, C. Olson and Gunnufson. Also present were Jeremiah Wendt, S.E.H., Annie Schieber, LeAnn Ralph, Eric McCoy, Director of Public Works Bates, and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto.

Public Appearances: none.

Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Trustee S. Olson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013 Board of Appeals meeting and the February 11, 2013 regular meeting.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, C. Olson, S. Olson, Johnson Schauer, Gunnufson, and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Communications – Village President – President Stene wanted to wish the Boys and Girls Basketball team's good luck, the new Full-time Police Officer, Michael Madrid, will be starting on March 13th, and National Library Week will be celebrated April 15th – 19th.

Pollutant Trading Update – Jeremiah Wendt, S.E.H. presented the Board with updates from a meeting with the DNR. Within the last few months legislation has been passed regarding pollutant trading. The plan that the Village was going to move forward with is no longer available, therefore the DNR has suggested using the summer as a testing phase on what the Village could do to try and remove the phosphorous from the lagoon. The Village's permit expires December 31, 2013, and the DNR is willing to work with the Village to see what amount of phosphorous could be removed and work on a solution for the remaining level left in the lagoon. At present the Village will be able to discharge at a level of 2 because of the TMDL study. This was a study done to determine what phosphorous level the water shed could handle. Based on this study and design flow, the Village would be at a level 2 while most communities are at a level of .1. Right now the Village's discharging phosphorous levels are between 8 and 9.

Phosphorous Contract Update – A motion was made by Trustee S. Olson and seconded by Trustee C. Olson to approve the contract with S.E.H. to continue to work toward a phosphorous reduction solution up to \$17,200 billed at an hourly rate.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, S. Olson, C. Olson, and Stene.

Voting Against: Gunnufson.

Motion carried.

Colfax Municipal Building Restoration Group to Paint Auditorium – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the request by the Colfax Municipal Building Restoration Group to paint the auditorium. The Group will work through Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto to ensure the proper insurance documents have been received.

Voting for: Trustees C. Olson, S. Olson, Gunnufson, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Colfax Municipal Building Restoration Group Donation Amount – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to table this subject until a document with the final actual expense is brought forward to determine the correct amount of the donation. Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto will contact Cedar Corporation for documentation on the final costs incurred.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, S. Olson, C. Olson and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Village of Colfax Board Pay – A motion was made by President Stene and seconded by Trustee S. Olson to raise the Trustee pay by \$500 and the President pay by \$750 per year.

Voting for: President Stene.

Voting Against: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, S. Olson and C. Olson.

Motion denied.

Village of Colfax Board Pay – A motion was made by Trustee S. Olson and seconded by Trustee C. Olson to increase the Trustee pay to \$1,250 and the President pay to \$1,550 with an increase in meeting pay to \$20.00

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, S. Olson, C. Olson and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion denied.

Fire Department Agreement – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee S. Olson to approve the new Fire Department Agreement. The agreement was re-written to remove the Town of Tainter from the agreement, the rest of the agreement remains as it was before.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, S. Olson, C. Olson and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Colfax Anniversary Celebration – Trustee Gunnufson handed out a sample committee listing to start the celebration discussion. Some ideas of bands, food, refreshments, movies, and dates of the celebration were discussed, but no action was formally taken by the Board. Trustee C. Olson will produce a list of civic groups and clubs to send letters to for participation.

Ordinance Re-codification Contracts – A motion was made by Trustee S. Olson and seconded by Trustee C. Olson to approve the contract with General Code to re-codify the Village's ordinances. The amount of the contract is for \$12, 128, and the process will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, S. Olson, Gunnufson, and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Fee Schedule – 1st Section – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee S. Olson to table the fee schedule discussion. The Board will meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 2013 to start reviewing a list of fees for approval.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, S. Olson, Gunnufson, and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports – Trustee C. Olson reported that the school board would like more details on the map created for the cemetery expansion

Review/Approval Bills – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee S. Olson to approve the bills from February 15th, 2013.

Voting for: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Gunnufson, S. Olson, C. Olson and Stene.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee C. Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to adjourn the February 25, 2013 meeting. All members voted yes to a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Gary Stene, President

Attest: Jackie L. Ponto

Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer