

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2013

The May 13, 2013, Village of Colfax Board regular meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Village Hall. Members present: President Gunnufson, Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, S. Olson, and Buchner. Also present: Leona Ubelohde, Patrick Beilfuss, Mark Johnson, Randy Simpson, Brian Reilly – Ehlers & Associates, Public Works Director Bates, and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto.

Public Appearances: none.

Consent Agenda – Minutes – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the April 22, 2013 minutes with some changes. Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto will revise and resubmit for approval at the next meeting.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Training Requests – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the training request by Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto to attend the 2013 Wisconsin Clerks, Treasurers & Finance Officers Institute – June 26 – 28, 2013.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Facility Rentals – none.

Licenses – A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Buchner to approve a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage license to the Colfax Softball Association at the Tom Prince Memorial Park on June 21-23, 2013.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Abstain: Trustee Olson.

Motion carried.

Licenses – A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the kennel license application to Olivia Justice and Christopher Castro at 706 University Avenue.

President Gunnufson informed the couple that if complaints were received, the Board may take action against the kennel permit.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: Trustee Olson.

Motion carried.

Communications – Village President – President Gunnufson mentioned that the street sweeping should begin soon.

Street Closing – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the street closing request by Leona Ubhelohde for May 18, 2013. Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto also checked with the Red Cedar Auto Club renting the fairgrounds for the car show, and as long as access remained open from County Road M, it wouldn't bother the club.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

COPS Hiring Program – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to continue the grant writing process for the COPS Hiring Program. The Federal government is offering a grant for a full-time officer for a four year period. The grant is for \$125,000 and is a cap for the amount paid for the four year term of hiring a new officer. If the officer should leave during their term, the officer could be replaced. If the Village is granted the monies, the Board would still have the option to turn down the money.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: Trustee Johnson.

Motion carried.

Colfax Women's Club –A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve the request by the Colfax Women's Club to use the auditorium as a rain site during the summer for music in the park. Trustee Schauer mentioned that the restoration group and Village office had concerns about keeping the auditorium clean after each use, if used. Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto will relay the message to the women's club about the cleaning and where to pick up a key if needed.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Public Participation Plan - Smartgrowth – Patrick Beilfuss, Cedar Corporation, was present to address the public participation section of the Smartgrowth plan. Some updates were done in front of the Board that will be implemented in the Plan during a Plan Commission Meeting. More information will be brought forward at the June 7th, 2013 meeting.

Ehler's & Associates – Brian Reilly – Brian Reilly from Ehler's & Associates introduced some new information on the 2004 Utility bonds. At this time, the Village is in a very good position to bring in a good interest rate from buyers. However, there is an option to work directly with Bremer Bank should they give us a competitive interest rate. In order to refinance the bonds, the Park Drive Project, and water tower painting project, it would require an issue of \$1,160,000 which includes all fees for the refinancing. Reilly went over the differences in a public sale versus working with a bank directly. At this time, the Village would be taking a small hit in the interest rate, but would also have time and money involved in making both offers competitive. The most important factor in refinancing is to save money, and at this time the opportunity is present to save those monies. A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Schauer to move forward with Bremer Bank through Ehler's & Associates for refinancing the 2004 utility bonds.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

New Municipal Officials Workshop – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve Scott Gunnufson and Mike Buchner to attend the New Municipal Officials Workshop training on June 14, 2013 in Eau Claire.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

New Municipal Officials Regional Dinner meeting – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve Trustees Johnson, Schauer, and Gunnufson to the League of Municipalities Regional Dinner Meeting on June 13th, 2013 in Eau Claire.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

EMT Proclamation – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to proclaim the week of May 19th, 2013 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

2013 PASER Agreement – A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Olson to hire Dunn County to perform the PASER report due every other year to the State.

Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Johnson, Schauer, Schieber, Olson, Buchner, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Reschedule May 27, 2013 Meeting – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to reschedule the May 27th, 2013 meeting falling on Memorial Day to May 28th, 2013.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

2013 Open Book Meeting – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve June 6th, 2013 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the 2013 Open Book.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Board of Review – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve June 11th, 2013 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. for the 2013 Board of Review.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Committee Re-appointments – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the 2013-2014 Committee/Commission reappointments.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Plan Commission Meeting Pay – President Gunnufson explained that a Plan Commission member questioned whether the commission was paid a stipend for their meetings. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Olson to have Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto research other communities and bring back the report to the next meeting.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports – *Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report, Colfax Police Department Monthly Report, Plan Commission Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2013, April 2013 Budget Comparison.*

Review/Approval – Bills – A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the bills from April 16 -30, 2013.

Voting For: Trustees Buchner, Olson, Schieber, Schauer, Johnson, Halpin, and Gunnufson.

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

Adjourn - The May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. All members voted yes to a voice vote. Motion carried.

Scott A. Gunnufson, President

Attest: Jackie L. Ponto
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer