

## **Regular Meeting – March 10, 2014**

The March 10, 2014, 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, and Buchner. Others present included Beth Fierek, Julie Resch, Brian Longdo, Lisa Fleming, Randy Simpson, Director of Public Works Bates, and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto. Trustee Olson was excused.

**Public Appearances** – none.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve the minutes from the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, meeting, and the March 1, 2014 Joint Board/Personnel Meeting.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Training Requests** – none.

**Facility Rental** – none.

**Licenses** – none.

**Communications – Village President** – President Gunnufson had no communications at this time.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation – Brian Longdo Request** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schauer to grant the request from Brian Longdo to install a second semi-trailer on his property based on the recommendation from the Board of Appeals.

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

Voting Against: Trustee Johnson.

Motion carried.

**Colfax Women's Club Banner Update** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Buchner to approve an additional \$500 for 22 banners with two different sides. Then banners will be double sided with historic pictures on each side. The women's club will be donating \$500 making the total for the banners \$3,553.00.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Schauer to use the money from the holiday decoration reserved money. A voice vote showed all Trustees in favor.

Motion carried.

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Update** – Lisa Fleming, Ayres & Associates reported on the progress on the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. One of the items was the retaining wall and the trees on the right of way at the property owned by Lon Pecore. There were a couple of scenarios: One scenario is to leave things as they are and replace them as they were. The second would be to remove the trees and the retaining wall and landscape the yard back to an acceptable grade. The next item was the drainage issue and where the Board wanted the water to flow. The new inlets should pick up the storm water as planned, but Fleming will check into this issue some more. The last item were the driveways, initially the Board wanted to go back 3 feet for replacement, but most of the driveways were concrete and would have to be replaced at the joint. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin to hold the public informational meeting on April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the rescue squad building or DPW building depending on the availability.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Snow Blower Purchase Discussion/Action** – A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Halpin to purchase a T590 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader with snow blower attachment and blower extension for \$48,750 along with an excavator attachment for \$3,500.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Halpin to fund the purchase of the skid steer with monies from the following accounts: ¼ water, ¼ sewer, ¼ reserved parks equipment, ¼ reserved street equipment.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Cemetery Software Update** – A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Buchner to hire Marvin Topper to update the cemetery software plots with the new addition for \$100.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Casual Part-Time General Laborer** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Buchner to have Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto check into the correct verbiage to allow the casual part-time general laborer to work on call during the year. This will remain a yearly position up to 1,000 hours.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Street Sweeping Bidding Documents** – A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin to advertise the street sweeping bids for two weeks in the Colfax Messenger and the Eau Claire Leader.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Update on Property Complaint** – President Gunnufson read aloud some of the items clarified on the property complaint by Beth Fierek regarding the unsightly property at 606 Balsam Street. There were several issues in the complaint regarding the vehicles on the property, the chain link fence, unsightly items in the yard, and the trailers parked along the boulevard. It was reported that the fence was brought before the Board for permission, there were items in the yard, but the snow is making it difficult to determine what is actually in the yard, and there is still an issue about where the legal limits of the street and boulevard are. President Gunnufson asked Beth Fierek for a little time as the snow melts to find a solution to this problem.

**Insurance Plan Update** – Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Ponto checked into a health reimbursement account (HRA) and a Flex Spending Account (FSA), these types of plans are not allowed without a group health plan offered by the company. Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

Ponto will check with a company to present some options to the Board. The Health Savings Account (HSA) should now be taken post tax because of the Affordable Care Act.

**Committee/Department Reports** (items not for discussion or action)

- a. February 2014 Budget Comparison*
- b. Street Committee Minutes, February 19, 2014*
- c. Board of Appeals Minutes, February 5, 2014*
- d. Board of Appeals Minutes, March 5, 2014*
- e. Colfax Police Department Report, February 2014*
- f. Colfax Rescue Squad Report, February 2014*
- g. Annual LWMMI Policyholder Conference Flyer*

**Review/Approval – Bills** – A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the February 16 - 28, 2014, bills for payment.

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

Voting Against: none.

Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Trustee Schauer and seconded by Trustee Halpin to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. All voted yes to a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Jackie L. Ponto  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer