

## **Regular Village Board Meeting – May 22, 2017**

On May 22 2017, the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI. Members present: President Stene, Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn and Burcham. Others present included Kenny Kiekhafer, Debbie Miles, Kim McEldowney, Jane Dobbs, Tony with Senn Blacktop, Public Works Director Bates, Police Chief Anderson, Officer Shipman, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and Leann Ralph with the Messenger.

**Public Appearances** – Kenny and Debbie have indicated that they would like for Legion Drive to be blacktopped or at least have reclaimed blacktop put down. They feel that the staples from the railcars and the semis should be cleaned up better also. They have had two flat tires already. Kenny and Debbie would like the Village to consider paving Legion Drive. It was explained that the Street Committee will have to schedule a meeting in which we possibly go to the location and discuss possible action that could be taken before the board at a later date.

Kim McEldowney expressed her interest in possibly purchasing the parcel next to their home at 604 Evergreen Street in which the salt shed was once located. President Stene explained that the original intent has to be reconsidered due to there being three interested parties in the lot now; both neighbors, Heubsch, McEldowney and one business, Commercial Testing Lab. The Village may have to have a public auction or advertise for sealed bids for the land.

**Communications – Village President** – none.

**Minutes- Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2017** - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the May 8, 2017 Regular Board minutes. Voting For: Trustee Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Training Request** – none.

**Facility Rental** – none.

### **Licenses**

**Temporary Class ‘B’/”Class B” Retailer’s Licenses- Russell Toycen Post #131 – American Legion – Colfax Fair- June 22 to June 26, 2017** – A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License for the Fair, June 22, to June 26, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Operator’s License –May 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 – Christopher Larson – American Legion**  
**Operator’s License –May 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 – Katherine A. Walters – American Legion**  
A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve both Christopher Larson and Katherine Walters’s Operator’s License for the American Legion. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Fu Hua Lu, China King Inc. – Transient Merchant License – May 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 & July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017** – A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the transient merchant license for both quarters. Voting For: President Stene, Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### **Consideration Items**

**Salt Shed – 1903 Block** – A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Halpin to have the Colfax Restoration Group display the 1903 block at the flower gardens provided by the Class of 1958 at J.D. Simons Memorial Park or Tower Park in the flower gardens provided by the Women’s Group. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Maple Street Tree- Struck by Lightning** – Jane Dobbs expressed her concerns with the process that the Village used to take down the tree that was struck by lightning. She did not feel that the tree would cause any immediate danger. She feels that the Village should have given her a formal written notice by certified mail as the ordinance indicates for other tree issues. This process also would involve a public hearing, etc. This process could take up to a month.

The Village employees felt that it was important for the safety of anyone passing by via street or sidewalk that the tree be removed immediately. Officer Shipman was on duty at the time of the lightning. He felt that the tree was unsafe and made the appropriate phone calls to have the tree removed. Public Works had contact with a tree service that came immediately the next morning.

Dobbs indicated that no one from the Village talked to her, but Bates indicated that he talked with her at 7:30 a.m. No concerns were brought up at that time.

The Board is referring the issue to the Streets Committee for review.

**South Cedar Street Bid Award** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to award the bid to the low bid, Senn Blacktop in the amount of \$16,430.27. The bid also included the cost of additional 8” of base if required of \$13.55/ ton and to remove poor soils and replace with sand for \$15/ton. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Two other bids were received:

- Oium Asphalt Paving, Inc. \$19,861, \$12/ton for 8” base and \$17/ton for remove and replace poor soils.
- Monarch Paving Co. \$17,490.20, \$16.35/ton and \$35.65/ton for the remove and replace poor soils.

**Recommendation from the Parks Committee - Concession Stand Roof**

**Recommendation from the Parks Committee – Warming Shed**

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve both the concession stand roof materials for \$3,680 and the warming shed roof for \$800 to total \$4,480. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Burcham, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Abstained: Trustee Rihn. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Review/Discuss the Spreading Garden Design** – Parks Committee wanted to show the Board the design that Bryana Buchanan came up with for the spreading garden at the cemetery. The Parks Committee is very pleased with the product. There are still several steps prior to finalizing the design such as picking out some low maintenance trees, shrubs, etc. and begin getting some cost estimates. Mr. Mosey has indicated that the NHS group would be interested in possibly assisting with any work that would help bring the project to completion and Ms. Neuberg can get a meeting with Lynn Nyiring to get her expertise on the plants.

**Recommendation from the Public Safety Committee – Emergency Operation Plan** – The Board will revisit this Emergency Operations Plan at the June 12 meeting. Paper copies of the emergency operation plan will be available May 23, 2017 for pickup.

**Review/Approval – Bills –May 8, 2017 to May 21, 2017**– A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the bills for May 8 to May 21, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Rihn to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:16 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all trustees voting yes. Motion carried.

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Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer