

Regular Village Board Meeting – July 10, 2017

On July 10, 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 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Leann Ralph with the Messenger, Director of Public Works Bates, Dan Flaten, Yvette Flaten, Deb Huebsch, Ed Huebsch and Kim McEldowney.

Public Appearances – none.

Communications – Village President – President Stene talked briefly about the meetings with Cooper Engineering and Canadian National regarding the rail spur. Mr. Fountain is going to get dimensions on how much land they own. He thought the meetings went well and believed the Canadian National Railroad would be willing to work with the Village. He also stated that he would be willing to help market the Railroad spur idea once the Village got to that point.

Minutes- Board of Review Minutes – May 30, 2017 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to approve the May 30, 2017 Board of Review meeting minutes. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and President Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2017 – A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the June 26, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and President Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request –none.

Facility Rental – none.

Licenses – none.

Consideration Items – Salt Shed Property-Deb Huebsch-Deb Huebsch and Yvette Flaten stated that they have started a petition to keep the salt shed property residential, they do not want commercial going in there. Kim would like to buy the land and put a garage on it. Trustee Wolff agrees it should be kept residential also. The added traffic with commercial use could be difficult with the park. The neighborhood is also concerned about the amount of traffic with the children using Iverson Park playground regularly.

Mrs. Flaten applauded and thanked the Village for removing the salt shed due the condition of the structure.

President Stene stated that he appreciated the concerns being brought to the Board. However, the appraisal has not been completed yet. The following things could potentially happen; the Village could sell the land, keep it, market it similar to the lots on Dunn Street or keep it for our use. Initially, only one person expressed interest, now there are several interested parties. No

decision will be considered until the appraisal has been received, but all suggestions will be taken into consideration. Mr. Flaten mentioned the Smart Growth Plan states it is important to recognize adjacent land use. The parcel is in the middle of a residential, which wouldn't be appropriate. President Stene mentioned the zoning will be an issue in any situation, but we first need the appraisal before any decisions are made. President Stene thanked everyone for their interest and reminded them to keep an eye on the agendas for future discussions.

Review/Approval – Bills –June 26, 2017 to July 9, 2017– A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the bills for June 26 to July 9, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and President Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Rihn to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:27 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and President Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Sheila Riemer
 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer