Regular Village Board Meeting - August 14, 2017

On August 14, 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 Dale Schiferl from Timber Technologies, Mark Mosey, Police Chief Anderson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Appearances –

Mosey explained that he noticed the prairie grass which is located north of 509 Fairview Drive was cut. Mosey explained that in 1997 the DNR granted funds to plant the prairie grasses. Mosey explained that prairie grass is most effective when it can grow two to three years prior to being cut back or burned . In the past the Fire Department has been involved and used the prairie grass as a training event. If the Village prefers to mow, the best time of the year is mid-October, once every two to three years.

Schiferl explained Timber Technologies Community Enrichment Program. The goal is to enrich the relationship between Timber Technologies employees and the Colfax community. To accomplish this they are looking for input and collaboration opportunities, to identify needs within the community and would take place in the fall or springtime. To submit your ideas or requests, please call Timber Technologies at 715-962-4242 or email Dale at timberdale@timber-technologies.com or Tom at timbertom@timber-technologies.com.

Communications – Village President – President Stene wanted to address complaints that he has been receiving. It is preferred that individuals file their own complaints to the police for criminal items or village related complaints to Village Hall. To address some complaints that were reported to Stene, there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on August 14, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Minutes

Regular Board Minutes, July 10, 2017 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the July 10, 2017 Board Minutes. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Regular Board Minutes, July 24, 2017 – A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Rihn to approve the July 24, 2017 Board minutes. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request –

Sheila Riemer- Regional Utility Management – Lake Hallie – September 6, 2017 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Regional Utility Management conference on September 6, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none

Licenses - none

Consideration Items - none

Review/Approval – Bills –July 24, 2017 to August 13, 2017 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the bills for July 24 to August 13, 2017. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Schieber, Rihn, Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Closed Session – Motion to convene into closed session as per WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase or acquisition of public properties, which for competitive and/or bargaining reasons requires a closed session.

A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Halpin to convene into closed session at 7:26 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Open Session – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to go into open session at 7:58 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rihn, Schieber, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

No actions were made. Additional inquiries need to be made.

Adjourn: All business was addressed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann

Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer