Village Board Special Meeting – March 28th, 2018

On March 28th, 2018, the Village Board Special meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Community Fire Hall, 407 County Road M, Colfax, WI 54730. Members present: Trustees Burcham, Wolff, Jenson, Rihn, Halpin, Davis and Stene. Other Present: Attorney Christopher Gierhart – Weld Riley S.C., Police Chief Anderson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments – There was approximately thirty people in attendance. Some of the speakers included Jason Johnson, Holly Berge, Ricky Brockmiller, Polly Rudi, George Entzminger, Tom Hendrickson, Sally Johnson, Dave Daunky, Kathy Mitchell, Olivia Daunky and LeAnn Ralph. The speakers shared their thoughts and stories of why they feel it is important that the Village adopts an ordinance restricting residency of sex offenders in the Village of Colfax.

Discussion and possible action on sex offender residency ordinance – The Village Board answered questions that they were able to answer and reminded the public that they should reach out to the state representatives to make changes that would be of greater impact. Niggemann identified that Mr. Yingst sent a memo stating the Schools recommendation and justification, Shannon Evenson, Jordan Teele and Tom Hendrickson also presented recommendations in writing to the Village for consideration.

Closed Session: convene to closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering adviceconcerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved with respect to enforcement or application of a sex offender residence restriction ordinance against specific individuals. – A motion was made by Trustee Rihn and seconded by Trustee Halpin to convene into closed session at 6:50 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Burcham Wolff, Jenson, Rihn, Halpin, Davis and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Open Session: convene to open session and discuss/take action if necessary on closed session item. The Village Board Reconvened into open session at 8:00 p.m. The Village President informed the public that the attorney will draft an ordinance that is enforceable and constitutional. Prior to the next meeting the draft will be posted on the Village website.

Adjourn – All business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer