

Village Board Meeting – October 22, 2018

On October 22, 2018, the Village Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main St., Colfax, WI 54730. Members present: Village President Stene, Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Others Present: Rick Johnson, Public Works Director Bates and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Communications from the Village President- There was a concern at the Beer Garden regarding some pigeons getting into the rafters. Public Works had already been informed and are working on a solution.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 8th, 2018 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the minutes from the October 22th, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request – Lynn Niggemann- November 1, 2018- Security and Fraud Awareness Seminar- a motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the Security and Fraud Awareness seminar on November 1, 2018 for Lynn Niggemann. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – Margaret Burcham – July 27, 2019 – Rental of the Beer Garden/Dance area – A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the rental of the Beer Garden/Dance area for July 27, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Abstained: Trustees M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Voting Against: none.

Consideration Items

Employee Benefit – Insurance Quotes

WEA Trust – Reviewed the quotes that are proposed for 2019. If the Village stayed with the current plan, there would be a 3.9 percent rate increase.

Healthy Solutions – Lifestyle Health Plan is a company that is new to Wisconsin, but has been in Minnesota for several years. The Wisconsin Rural Water Association approached this company looking for a policy that would be financially feasible for municipal players. The rates are significantly less than we are paying currently, however there is an approval process in regards to the group. The Village employees have completed the requested forms and we are awaiting that approval or denial.

Midwest Select Insurance Group LLC – Midwest Selection Insurance Group quoted the Dental, Vision and Life Insurance. The rates appear to have a saving in some categories, but not others. Overall, there would be a savings, but Niggemann recommends reviewing quotes on the auxiliary coverages possibly in the spring, closer to the renewal date of those benefits.

T-Mobile contract– The Village Board reviewed the information sent from Sara Corey regarding the T-Mobile antenna on the Village Water Tower. They would like the Village to enter an agreement proposing a 6-year guarantee rate in exchange of a rent reduction to help bring the site back into market value. Current rent amount is \$1,174.30 per month with a 3% annual escalation rate. The new terms would be an initial term of 5-years commencing on 4-1-19 at a monthly rental rate of \$1,000/month with 5 successive terms each consisting of 5-year for a final lease end date of 3/31/2049,

8% per term escalation rate. The Board would like a few questions answered for a future meeting to review prior to making a decision. What is the cost to relocate? What would another potential location be?

Dunn County Tax Collection Agreement – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Dunn County Tax Collection Agreement for 2018-2019 at a rate of \$2.30 per parcel. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Dunn County Humane Society Agreement – The Board discussed the report that Josh provided regarding the number of pets that were taken to the Dunn County Humane Society from Village residents and/or officials. Johnson explained an interaction with the Dunn County Humane Society which he was not sure if the contract was being enforced as it was written. The Board requested Mr. Dalton to attend a future meeting to discuss some of the information in the agreement.

Library Board Ordinance Sec. 2-4-3 – The Library Board has been reviewing their bylaws and have noticed some inconsistencies. To assist in bringing the Library's practices and the Village Ordinances consistent with each other, the Ordinance Sec. 2-4-3 is requested to have up to seven members and to reflect the State Statute 43.60(3), with reference to member type. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the ordinance update as represented. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Library Board appointments – A Library Board appointment list was developed based on the year each Library Board member began their appointment and a term expiration date was determined. The Village President appoints the individuals and the Board is required to approve the appointments. The Library Board appointments are as follows: Mark Halpin, Village Board, term expires 5/1/2019; Lori Halpin, School District, term expires 5/1/2019; Nancy Baumgartner, Village Resident, term expires 5/1/2020; Krista Ottinger (Library Board President), Township, term expires 5/1/2020; Gary Stene, County Board, term expires 5/1/2020; Eve Suckow, Township, term expires 5/1/2021; and Olivia Landon Village Resident, term expires 5/1/2021. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Library Board appointment list as presented. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Chair Rentals- M. Burcham did some research regarding what other facilities charge for rental of the white chairs. Some of the results: Hudson \$2.50 per chair; Menomonie \$1/chair, A-1 Rental \$1.45/white chair. The Village has 150 white chairs. Does the Board want to rent them out for events? Some discussion wondered if we should keep the rental to residents, events at our facilities, etc. The Board agreed that \$1/chair was acceptable with a security deposit and a signed agreement. The Board put the item on hold until agreements were updated and approved.

Personal Property Tax vs. Person Property Aid information for 2019 Budget – Niggemann provided a chart showing how the state ruling to eliminate the local share of personal property on Manufacturing Equipment would affect the Village and then how the Personal Property Aid Adjustment will help decrease the loss. The approximate net effect on the Village is expected to be a decrease in tax dollars of \$9,000.

Set Budget Public Hearing Date – Nov. 26 or December 3, 2018-A motion was made by Trustee K. Burcham and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to set the Public Hearing Date to December 3, 2018. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham and K. Burcham. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Dates – Veteran’s Day/Christmas Eve – The normal Board meeting for Monday, November 12, 2018 will be changed to Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The normal Board meeting for Monday, December 24, 2018 will be cancelled due to the holiday.

Any 2019 budget discussions-Bates has gotten the cost of a new paint sprayer; approximately \$2,000.

Budget Transfers – none.

Review/Approval – Bills –October 8th, 2018 to October 22nd, 2018 - A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the bills for October 8th, 2018 to October 22nd, 2018. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – All business was concluded and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer