

Village Board Meeting – September 9, 2019

On September 9th, 2019, the Village Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main St., Colfax, WI 54730. Members present: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Berge and Chair Halpin (until president Gunnufson arrived at approximately 7:15 pm. Excused: Trustee Davis. Others Present: Public Works Director Bates, Rescue Squad Director Knutson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger. Arriving after the meeting began is Ricky Brockmiller and Rick Johnson.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments –No public was present at the start of the meeting.

Communications from the Village President -none.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 26th, 2019 - A motion was made by Trustee K. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of August 26th, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Berge, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Training Request - none.

Facility Rentals – none.

Licenses

Operator's Licenses – September 9th, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - Tiffany Reed – Kyle's Market

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Berge to approve Tiffany Reed's operator's license as for the term ending June 30, 2020. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Berge and Halpin. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Request for 40% Sidewalk Reimbursement – 502 Balsam Street – Property owner dropped off an invoice from Nellessen Concrete for 502 Balsam St. to tear out and replace 72' x 5' = 360 square feet plus 8' x 4' = 32 square feet for a total of 392 square feet @ \$4.60 = \$1,800. The Board discussed the sidewalk assessment policy which is for property owners to request fund in 2019 for 2020. This allows for the Village to budget accordingly. Forty percent of the bill is \$720, however the policy allows reimbursement for a typical 4' sidewalk and sidewalk that is in the public right of way. The Board has asked Bates to confirm which part of the invoice is for sidewalk in the public right of way. With only \$311 left in the sidewalk budget, could this be reimbursed in 2020 or possibly split up between 2019 and 2020?

East View Development Single Family Documents – Acceptable Materials and Number of Trees – & Multi-Family Documents – Acceptable Materials and Number of Trees - Niggemann explained the discussions from the Planning Commission meeting on August 27th, 2019 (see minutes). After a little further discussion, a motion was made to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the changes to the marketing material, application to purchase Village Owned Lots and the agreement for the purchase of Village Owned Lots in East View Development. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the changes recommended by the Planning

Commission. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Berge, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The Board granted permission for late arrival Brockmiller to speak on behalf of the East View Development. Brockmiller wanted to inform the Board that the reason that the Development is not taking off is because of the high taxes. He did go on to give some examples comparing the Village of Colfax to Altoona and Eau Claire. Gunnufson informed Brockmiller that there are several factors that go into creating the taxes for the Village including three other entities; the School, the County and CVTC. Increasing valuation by getting businesses and more housing into the Village is one way that we can attempt to lower taxes. Niggemann mentioned that the conversation was no longer regarding East View Development and we should get back onto the agenda items. Gunnufson thanked Brockmiller for sharing his thoughts.

East View Development – Phase Two – Free Lot Opportunity – The Planning Commission had made a recommendation to the Board to allow for the first lot in phase two to be free to assist in getting an additional building up to help make the land more attractive. Each case going forward would be considered by the Planning Commission and the Board for future development. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve Lot # 7 as a free lot to build a multi-family residence as an incentive to keep things moving in the Development. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Berge, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Public Works Building Ceiling – Re-install new steel – Bates finally received an estimated price from Savvy Home Solutions, Inc. to re-install purlins and the new steel as well as screw the other ceiling to avoid future damage. The estimate is \$8,678.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the Savvy Home Solutions, Inc. estimate for \$8,678 to re-install new steel and re-fasten the remaining portion of the ceiling. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Berge, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Elevator Committee Possible New Member – M. Burcham has added additional job responsibilities which do not allow her to be as available. She needs to step down from the committee. Gunnufson asked that anyone that may be interested should contact Niggemann.

Review/Approval – Bills –August 26th, 2019 to September 8, 2019 – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Berge to approve the bills for August 26th to September 8th, 2019. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Berge, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Closed Session – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to convene into closed session at 7:58 p.m. pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding a Medical Facility. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Berge, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Open Session – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to convene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session regarding a Medical Facility at

8:16 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Berge, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Gunnufson announced to the public that the Village Board unanimously agreed that they would welcome any medical facility into the Village and they have agreed to give sponsorship for any grant opportunities to assist with that happening.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by M. Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. A voice vote was taken and members voting to adjourn the meeting.

Scott A. Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer