

Special Budget Public Hearing - Board Meeting – December 2, 2019

On December 2, 2019, the Village Board met to hold the Special Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 613 Main Street. Members present: President Gunnufson, Trustees Halpin, Davis, K. Burcham, Jenson and M. Burcham. Others present included: Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Open Public Hearing - A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, K. Burcham, Jenson, M. Burcham and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The Village President called for public comments and kept the public hearing open for fifteen minutes. No public was present.

Close Public Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, K. Burcham, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

2020 Budget Review /Approval – The public notice reflected the levy amount of \$468,000 with the total expenses and revenues at \$1,200,239. The revenue and expenses for the Colfax Rescue Squad, Water Utility and Sewer Utility were published at the following amounts respectively \$414,023, \$272,490 and \$202,800.

Niggemann provided a chart for review by the Board to assist with the budget discussions. The chart reflected the apportioned levy for each jurisdiction with the Village of Colfax at \$468,000. Gunnufson explained that the Village of Colfax tax rate is driven by factors other than just the Village. The Colfax School District, Dunn County and Chippewa Valley Technical College also levy taxes through the Village tax bill. For the 2019 tax year payable in 2020; the County and the School District both had substantial increases from the prior year. The Village Board worked very hard to cut the budget by \$32,000 to assist in keeping the tax bill as low as possible, trying very hard to not have a tax increase.

A motion was made by President Gunnufson and seconded by M. Burcham to approve the 2020 General Fund Budget with revenues and expenses at \$1,200,239. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, K. Burcham, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President Gunnufson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Rescue Squad, Water Utility and Sewer Utility Revenue and Expenses as published at the following amounts respectively \$414,023, \$272,490 and \$202,800. Voting For: M. Burcham, Jenson, K. Burcham, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Set Tax Levy – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve Resolution 2019-11 Tax Levy Resolution with the Village tax levy at \$468,000. This amount consisted of \$327,089 for operation less debt, \$80,911 for debt and \$60,000 for the Library. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, K. Burcham, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. (The Resolution 2019-11 will be review at December 9, 2019 meeting with possible corrections. Noted by Niggemann on 12/5/2019)

Adjourn –A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer