

## Village Board Meeting – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Village Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at Colfax Rescue Squad, 614C Railroad Avenue, Colfax, WI. Members present: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Stene, M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels and Gunnufson. Others Present: Jon Strand with CBS Squared, Don Hill, Jeff Prince, Police Chief Anderson, Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (via Zoom).

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments**– none.

**Communications from the President** – none.

### **Open Public Hearing – Citizen Participation Plan Committee of the Village of Colfax – Project funded by Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities Program**

#### **a. Wastewater Treatment Plan Bank Stabilization Project Update**

#### **b. Public Input on Wastewater Treatment Plan Bank Stabilization Project**

Strand explained that the purpose of this second public hearing regarding the Wastewater Treatment Bank Stabilization Project is to give the public a chance to learn about the progress of the project and to ask any questions they might have. The project is a design project to repair the river bank along the Red Cedar River adjacent to the Village of Colfax Lagoons that have been eroding over the past ten years. Army Corp, DNR, CDBG are working with the Village of Colfax to repair the bank to decrease the chance that there would be a catastrophic event which would not only affect all Village residents, but also the residents which fall into the low to moderate income category. The Army Corp has funded \$1,080,300 towards the project, CDBG has funding the project up to \$592,000 and the Village financial commitment is \$38,000. The Army Corp has moved the project into the design phase and the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) has been sent out. Once the RFQ has been received, the selected contractors will submit a design build plan. The award would take place in November and construction would begin Spring of 2021.

Jon Strand opened the meeting for public input. Stene asked when construction would begin. In June, 2020, the Village Public Works was able to get a majority of the road constructed which will be the path that the contractors will use to get their equipment to work site. A good portion of the project is being bid out for the streambank portion of construction and is expected to start during the spring 2021 or summer 2021 with work completion no later than November 2021. Niggemann confirmed that the project start date would be spring 2021 and most likely be completed by the end of summer 2021. Stene asked who is in charge of the project. Army Corp is overseeing the project, however, Jon Strand and Rand Bates will be keeping track of the project process. There will be meetings between all parties to discuss the project progress; Niggemann and Bates will report back to the Board. Gunnufson asked if the Village has allocated any funds yet. Niggemann replied that yes all funds required by the Army Corp have been expensed from our line of credit toward the project. They are holding the funds in a trust. The Village has \$38,000 remaining in the line of credit which is allocated for the CBS Squared engineering costs. Don Hill attended to find out what the timeline was for the project and wondered what year the lagoons were built. Bates responded 1982 was the year of construction of the lagoons. Strand asked once more if there was any additional public input and there was no response.

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Halpin to close the public hearing. Voting For: Trustees Michels, Jenson, M. Burcham, Stene, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes –July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020** - A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the minutes with corrections to reflect K. Burcham's written request. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Stene, M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### **Training Requests- Jacob Pake –Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics – 8/18 to 8/19/2020 in Osseo, WI –**

Chief Anderson explained that he felt the training is a very good training. He feels that the training is one that every officer should attend. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the

training for Jacob Pake is Osseo, WI; Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics August 18 to 19, 2020. Voting For: Trustees Michels, Jenson, M. Burcham, Stene, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Facility Rental** – none.

**Licenses – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Mom’s Restaurant and Pub -Vicki Christenson and Leah Scheffler**

– A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve both licenses; Vicki Christenson and Leah Scheffler. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Stene, M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### **Consideration Items**

**Ordinance 2020-03 –Annexation Legal Description** – Niggemann explained that we are still waiting for the legal description. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Stene to table the ordinance for the annexation of the Viking Bowl until the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels, Halpin, Davis, Stene and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling – consideration and possible action** –The Board discussed the meeting from Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The general feeling was that most of the municipalities were planning to either withdraw if the Village was going to be the Responsible Unit or stay for one more year with the County and consider withdrawing for the 2022 budget. The Board Discussed how the equipment would be handled at the Colfax site if the Village withdrew from the program. Should the County be able to charge if the equipment was funded by municipalities? It was mentioned that the program has debt so they would most likely charge for the equipment. After a lot of discussion; A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to move forward with Village of Colfax withdrawing from the County program and becoming a Responsible Unit. Voting For: Trustees Michels, Jenson, M. Burcham, Stene, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Vandalism at the Fairgrounds – discussion and possible action** – Chief Anderson explained that there has been vandalism in the cattle barns and bathrooms continuously. Anderson wanted the Board to consider closing the bathrooms at the fairgrounds and open them only for events. The Board asked about installing cameras and putting up signage regarding security cameras. Anderson has been checking into the security cameras and feels that would be a good investment. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the purchase of security cameras and putting up security signage. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Stene, M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### **COVID-19 Review/Updates-discussion and possible action**

Gunnufson noted that the Governor has issued emergency order #1 which was adopted on August 1, 2020 which requires face coverings in all indoor buildings unless you meet one of the exemptions.

**Review/Approval – Bills –July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Michels to approve the bills for July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, Michels, Stene, Davis, Halpin and Gunnufson. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. A voice vote was taken, and all members voted in favor to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Scott Gunnufson, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer