

## **Village Board Meeting – August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 the Village Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colfax Rescue Squad, 614C Railroad Avenue, Colfax, WI. Members present: Village President Albricht, Trustees M. Burcham, Davis, Halpin, Stene, Prince and Rud. Others present included Susan Badtke with WCWRPC, Director of Public Works Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Communications from the Village President** – None.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021** - A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

### **Training Request – Rand Bates and Don Logslett-Annual Certification Classes for Water and Wastewater licenses – WRWA Annual Tech Conference, LaCrosse, WI –August 31, 2021 to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

Bates explained that the conference will allow them to get all their required annual certifications at one conference. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the training request for Bates and Logslett for August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Facility Rental – Colfax Fireman’s Ball – September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Colfax Fireman – Request for Fees to be waived- Fairgrounds – Beer Garden and Dance Floor/Fairgrounds Other Building and Grounds** - A motion was by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the use of the Beer Garden, Dance Floor, other buildings and the grounds with the fees being waived for all. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Fairgrounds Beer Garden and Dance Floor – Cody Richardson and Megan Loew – September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the rental of the Beer Garden and Dance Floor for Richardson/Loew wedding September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Licenses** – none.

### **Consideration Items**

**Dunn County Housing Study – Susan Badtke** – Badtke explained that Dunn County is applying for a grant to do a housing survey. The County is giving municipalities the opportunity to be part of an individual municipal study. By participating directly with the grant the municipality will get an individual study of their census. The estimated cost would be \$3,000 or less. Niggemann asked how the information that would be gathered with the survey would be beneficial for the Comprehensive Plan, for example if we hired WCWRPC to do the Comprehensive Plan would the information be helpful or would most of the information for the housing still be gathered from the census study? Badtke responded that the information would be a benefit to the plan; however the Comprehensive Plan would not require detailed housing information. The biggest benefit to having the study done would be assisting the municipality in planning for the future. It would give data that would help developers that would like to building in the Village of Colfax and allow the Village to search for developers that would build homes that match the study needs. Stene explained that the Village Board should consider the grant opportunity for the next meeting, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 so that the County will know if the Village is interested in participating in the grant request.

**2021 Board of Review- Open Book –Week of October 18<sup>th</sup>/Open Book Review with the Assessor – Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m./Board of Review Meeting – Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5 p.m.** – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve all the suggested

dates for open book and Board of Review meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Safety Meeting**

**Recommendation to increase the per capita by \$0.50 from \$17.67 to \$18.17/ Annual Meeting –Review the 2022 Budget – August 31, 2021 at the Rescue Squad** – Albricht started by indicating that the \$18.17 will not be sufficient to cover the ambulance budget. The \$18.17 still does not allow for any saving for the capital improvements. The Public Safety Committee discussed the Public Safety meeting discussions regarding wages, consider on-call pay versus hourly overnights, capital improvements and the cost to replace the aging ambulances and medical equipment, total number of annual runs in relationship to the number of those runs that are Medicare or Medicaid patients, the low reimbursement received from Medicare and Medicaid patients, consider operating as a district versus a village owned ambulance service to spread risk. The bottom line is that the Districts that pay into the ambulance need to know the actual budget needed to operate with consideration of budgeting annually for equipment fund. Based on the information provided by the Public Safety Committee members; a motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee Stene to hold the per capita decision until the next meeting to allow more time for the budget to be worked to come up with a solid budget number needed to operate. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling Meeting**

**Holiday Hours – Closed on Christmas and New Year’s Day/Open Extended Hours on Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - No action needed.

**Review/Approval – Bills –August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** – A motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the bills as presented for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. A voice vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Jody Albricht, Village President

Attest:

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Lynn M. Niggemann  
Administrator- Clerk-Treasurer