

Village Board Meeting July 25th, 2022

On July 25th, 2022, the Village Board met at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees M. Burcham, Davis, Rud, Stene, Prince and Albricht. Excused: Trustee Jenson. Others present included Travis Bushey with the ATV/UTV Club, Gareth Shambeau with Ayres & Associates, Amy Horchem and Nicole Christianson, Herb Sakalaucks with the Colfax Railroad Museum, Lucas Ciszewski with Precision Builders, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 11th, 2022- A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from July 11th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Review Statement of Bills –July 11th, 2022 to July 24th, 2022

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking July 11th, 2022 to July 24th, 2022

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Prince to approve both the Village of Colfax Statements of Bills and the Solid Waste & Recycling Bills for July 11th, 2022 to July 24th, 2022. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Training Request –none

Facility Rental – none

Licenses – July 25th, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Operator’s License- Kirsten Shaw-Outhouse

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the list of Operator’s Licenses for July 25th, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for Kirsten Shaw for the Outhouse. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Transient Merchant License- August 10th, 2022 to November 9th, 2022- Brison Tuschl – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the Transient Merchant License for August 10th, 2022 to November 9th, 2022 for Brison Tuschl. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Prince to move the Colfax Railroad Museum and the Gaga Pit items before the ATV/UTV Club Request. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Railroad Museum Updates – Herb Sakalaucks – Sakalaucks updated the Village Board regarding slowed progress due to him having surgery. The Main Street BounceBack and Anne Marie Foundation Grants have funded getting tables and storage containers for the tables for the model train shows they would like to participate in. There have been conversations with the FFA to add the model train show to their tractor event in the spring. The museum has been interested in a possible flea market to promote the train ride. They have a grant request to the state for tourism infrastructure; currently in negotiations because the Department of Administration incorrectly scored the Museum’s application in the shovel ready category. This request would allow a roof to cover the cars and a sidewalk to assist handicap viewing of the cars and the maintenance of the cars would change from ten year to forty years. The Library project is complete and the Archiving is being completed by UW-Eau Claire interns from the history program.

Parks Committee Recommendations - Gaga Pit Location

Prince explained that the Parks Committee met and felt that due to vandalism that the best location for the Gaga Pit would be at Iverson Park. Prince asked if Horchem or Christianson had any comments. Horchem indicated that after their meeting, they felt that the Gaga Pit size would be twenty feet to allow adequate space and the dates that work best for construction and installation are August 8th through August 10th, 2022. Bates indicated those dates should be fine. A motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the location of the Gaga Pit at Iverson Park. A voice votes was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

ATV/UTV Club Request to add Business Advertising Signage - Bushey explained that the businesses have reached out asking for their businesses to be advertised on the trails. The Club is requesting permission to provide the signage and pay the Village staff for the installation of the signage on the Village streets. The club would work with Police Chief Anderson, Public Works Director Bates and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the business advertising signage on the ATV/UTV routes of the Village streets. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Davis, Stene, Prince and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

High Street Duplexes – Recommendation from the Planning Commission to combine lots – Lucas Ciszewski-17111-2-291-109-440-0046 and 17111-2-291-109-440-0045

Ciszewski explained that he would like to combine the two lots to allow him to construct three duplexes rather than two. He would plan to construct the first duplex in the rear of the lot with construction beginning in September and be completed by July 2023. The other two units would be constructed within a three to five year window. The floor plan has been provided. Each unit would be approximately 1,562 square feet. They would have three bedrooms and two-car garages. The square footage would be quite a bit larger than the units on University, the double duplexes and current estimate of rent would be \$1,400/month. Estimated assessment value would be between \$350,000 and \$400,000 per building. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the request to combine the two lots on High Street to allow for three duplexes vs. two duplexes. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Davis, Stene, Prince and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Dunn Street Phase 2 Pay Request - Shambeau explained that he and Public Works Director Bates did a walk through and Shambeau has created a punch list. To address the depth of the manhole covers; Shambeau explained that the cost to cut out, current and resurface with a patch may not be the best option. Shambeau indicated that he would let Skid Steer Guy know that the Board is concerned with the depth of the manhole covers and would let Mitch Horvat propose a resolution. Once Shambeau has that information, he will propose that to the Board possibly as a monetary credit. Shambeau proposed that within the next two meetings he would expect that Skid Steer Guy would be ready to close out the Riverview/High/Oak Street project as he has completed the punch list as well as another payment request for the Dunn Street Phase 2 project. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the pay request in the amount of \$139,041 to Skid Steer Guy for the Dunn Street Phase 2 Project. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Davis, Stene, Prince and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Balsam Street Hydrant Repair – Pay Request - Skid Steer Guy – Bates explained that the hydrant valve was leaking at Balsam and Railroad Avenue and needed to be repaired. The project was going to get completed in 2021, but they were unable to get the project materials and schedule a contractor. The total invoice to replace the hydrant and restore the sidewalk and lawn is \$8,212.35. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the payment to Skid Steer Guy LLC in the amount of \$8,212.35. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Stene, David, Rud, M. Burcham and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Lagoon Update – Bates explained that all the brushing out has been completed. Charlie Cameron from the Clean Water Fund Program (CWF) was on-site last week and he seems to think the project would score high with in the CWF Program. Niggemann has forwarded the permit from the DNR and the permit from the County to the appropriate people involved with all funding sources. The project completion date is no later than October 30,2022.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jody Albricht, Village President

Attest:

Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer