

## Village Board Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the Village Board met at the Colfax Rescue Squad, 614C Railroad Avenue, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees Prince, Rud, Jenson, M. Burcham, Davis and Albricht. Excused: Trustee Stene. Others present included Susan Lanou, 610 Main Street business owner, Barb Black, Mark Johnson, Herb Sakalaucks with the Colfax Railroad Museum, Sheila Riemer, Gareth Shambeau with Ayres Associates, Public Works employee Brett Sajdera, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

### Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes –January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** A motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

### Review Statement of Bills –January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

#### Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve both the Village of Colfax Statements of Bills and the Solid Waste & Recycling Bills for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Training Request** – None

**Facility Rental** – None

**Licenses** - None

### Consideration Items

**Cedar Street Discussion and possible action** –Shambeau indicated that the bid documents have been prepared and have been discussed with the Village staff. If the Board is ready to get the project to the bidding phase the schedule would tentatively be:

01/20/2023 Final Plans & Specs Ready for Review

01/23/2023 Village Board meeting (Approval to Bid) & PIM

01/30/2023 Release for Bidding

02/16/2023 Bid Deadline

02/20/2023 Village Board Meeting (Approval to Award)

05/30/2023 Earliest Start Date

09/01/2023 Latest Completion Date

Niggemann reminded the Board that the Village will need to hold a Joint Review Board meeting prior to awarding the bid to consider the project to be in Tax Increment District 03. Shambeau indicated that there can be a 30-day delay clause in the bidding documents to allow for the JRB meeting to occur.

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to release the Cedar Street bids. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Rud, M. Burcham, Jenson, Davis and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

### Colfax Railroad Museum-Herb Sakalaucks –Letter of Support Consideration

Sakalaucks indicated that he is applying for a grant with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to construct a shelter over the railroad cars. The total project is expected to be approximately \$975,000. The project requires that Colfax Railroad Museum to have a soft match of 20% of the total project. The construction of the shelter will allow less maintenance on the cars that have been restored allowing for more time to spend on restoring additional cars. The Board did want to remind the Railroad Museum to be getting the appropriate permits to ensure that all set-backs are followed. A motion was made by Trustee Prince and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to approve the Letter of Support for the Colfax Railroad Museum, Resolution 2023-01. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Rud, M. Burcham, Jenson, Davis and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Snow Removal Discussion- Possible Action-** Bates explained his current process which he feels is the most efficient with the current equipment and staffing. Lanou explained that she would like a few spots on at least one side of the parking stalls on Hwy 40/ Main street to be plowed to allow customer parking. Johnson spoke of some of the past practices and made some suggestions to also entertain additional customer parking when there are large snow events. Sakalaucks comments indicated that he feels that the Public Works is doing a great job on Railroad Avenue. There was no action taken.

**Bobcat Compact Track Loader Trade-in - Reviewed and approved at the December 13, 2021 Board meeting-** Bates explained that the Bobcat Track Loader that the Board approved in 2021 is finally arriving at the vendor location. Money from the equipment fund was earmarked to pay for the trade-in price which will still be \$4,200 even though the current Bobcat Track Loader has more miles on it than it did in 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to continue with the trade-in of the Bobcat Compact Track Loader at the approved price of \$4,200. Voting For: Trustees Prince, Rud, M. Burcham, Jenson, Davis and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Ixom Watercare Inc. – Estimate for Mixer at the Lagoon to replace the Grid Bee –** Bates explained that the Village of Colfax continues to have troubles every year with the Grid Bee motor failing. Due to the distance of travel, it takes months to get a service tech to service the motor. Ixom has indicated that the floating style mixer, air drive, would be a better route to go; expecting every 4 to 5 years there would be an expense for a replacement kit. The cost to convert from the Grid Bee to the Floating style mixer is \$8,134. Bates feels that with all the issues that the Village has been having with the Grid Bee, he would like to try this mixing equipment which is expected to be more reliable. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the purchase of the Wastewater Mixing Equipment in the amount of \$8,134. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Jenson, M. Burcham, Rud, Prince and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn –** A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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 Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer