

Village Board Meeting – July 10th, 2023

On July 10th, 2023, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Others present included Lawrence Phillips, Tim & Heather Irwin from Wheeler, Mary Jo Bowe and Jason Huebner with Edina Realty, Mark & Nancy Moueldoux, Sheila Riemer-Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Police Chief Anderson, Public Works Director Bates, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger requested the audio.

Public Comments – Mr. Moueldoux had some suggestions for crosswalks which included additional light up signs at the three intersections in downtown Main Street or signs that could be moved into the street daily. Bowe commented that she was at the meeting to discuss 619 Main Street in regards to the public access/parking to the property and also mentioned that they did a quick search to see what they could come up with, but an in-depth search would be required.

Communications by the Village President – Prince wanted to recognize and send his sympathies to Morgen’s Auto Body for the significant loss due to fire this afternoon as the business has been a staple in the Village of Colfax for greater than fifty years.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –June 26th, 2023

Review Statement of Bills –June 26th, 2023 to July 9th, 2023

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – June 26th, 2023 to July 9th, 2023

Training Request – none

Facility Rental - none

Licenses- Chicken License July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 – Pamela Moen

Operator’s Licenses – July 10th 2023 to June 30th, 2024- Tori Wilson -Synergy Co-op/ Emily Rubenzer – The Blind Tiger/ Andrew Anderson – The Blind Tiger/ Elizabeth Affolter – The Blind Tiger/ Bridgette Lenz – A Little Slice of Italy/ Michael Buchner – Colfax Firefighters /Lisa Kurbanov – Synergy Co-op

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the consent agenda items 6a to 6f ii which includes the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for June 26th, 2023, the Regular Bills and the Solid Waste & Recycling Bills for June 26th, 2023 to July 9th, 2023, Chicken License for Pamela Moen through June 30, 2024, Operator’s Licenses for July 10th, 2023 to June 30th, 2024 for Tori Wilson -Synergy Co-op/ Emily Rubenzer – The Blind Tiger/ Andrew Anderson – The Blind Tiger/ Elizabeth Affolter – The Blind Tiger/ Bridgette Lenz – A Little Slice of Italy/ Michael Buchner – Colfax Firefighters /Lisa Kurbanov – Synergy Co-op. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

License Transient Merchant – Linus Jobs-Eau Claire, WI – Kirby Vacuums-July 2023-September 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the Transient Merchant License for Linus Jobs, Eau Claire, WI – Kirby Vacuums for the term of July to September 2023. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Request for Sidewalk Assessment – Ellen Anderson-60% Property Owner -40% Village of Colfax – Anderson sent a request asking the Village Board to approve a cost share for the replacement of her sidewalk. The Village has a sidewalk assessment indicating that the Board can consider reimbursement to the property owner 40% of the cost to replace their sidewalk. Anderson has a quote from Nellesen Concrete for \$4,885.00, Village portion would be \$1,954 and the property owner \$2,931. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the reimbursement of 40% of the sidewalk replacement at approximately \$1,954. Stene wanted noted for the record that he is actually against charging property owners at all for sidewalk repairs and feels that the Village should pay 100 % of the costs. With the ordinance as it reads, he will be voting in favor of helping the property owner out. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

ZOR TIN Lizzies Donation Request – Niggemann explained that 2019, 2021 and 2022 the Village donations respectively were \$50, \$50 and \$75, noting that due to COVID there was no fair in 2020. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve \$100 donation to the ZOR TIN Lizzies for the 2023 Fireman’s Ball Parade. Voting For: Trustees Best, Jenson, Stene, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Recommendations – June 29th ,2023

- **Re-zone East View Development from Ag-1 to R-2 Lots 8 & 9, Ag-1 to R-6 Lots 10-12**
- **East View Development Sub-Division of Lots 10 & 11 to Lots 10, 11 & 12**

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the Re-zone of East View Development from Ag-1 to R-2 for Lots 7, 8 & 9 and Lots 10, 11 & 12 from Ag-1 to R-6 as well as sub-divide Lots 10 and 11 to Lots 10, 11 & 12. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Davis, Rud, Burcham, Jenson and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Recommendations – June 29th, 2023 - Recommend to not re-zone 619 Main Street from B-2 to R-3 / 619 Main Street Discussion – Possible Consideration – These two topics were discussed together. Chief Anderson indicated that he felt that 619 Main Street would be a great purchase to allow the Village offices to have more space and accommodate the library request for more space. The Police office and Village offices could possibly move into 619 Main Street, allowing the library to expand into other areas and there would be a garage for the police vehicles. By moving the vehicles, that Public Works would have more space.

Further discussions regarding the Planning Commission recommendation to not re-zone 619 Main Street from B-2 to R-3 was based on the parking concerns expressed by the adjoining property owner, the Village ordinance parking requirements, it is preferred to keep the space business and it was noted that the access to the garage/property needs to be confirmed.

Niggemann responded that the item could be put on hold if they wanted to do some more discussions in the future. Jenson indicated that she would love to have discussions about the future, but timewise, she does not feel it is applicable right now, Prince agreed. It was recommended that Phillips should get the property surveyed to resolve the garage/property access.

A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Burcham to not re-zone 619 Main Street from B-2 to R-3. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Rud, Burcham, Jenson, Best, Stene and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The 619 Main Street Discussion – No action taken.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest:

Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer