

Village Board Meeting –September 11th, 2023

On September 11th, 2023, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees Burcham, Stene, Best, Jenson, Davis, Rud and Prince. Others present included Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Public Works Director Bates, Rescue Director Knutson and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments - none

Communications by the Village President – none

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –August 28th, 2023

Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– August 28th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – August 28th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023

Training Request –REVISED DATES

i. **Brett Sajdera-Basic General Wastewater on-line – October 16– 20, 2023**

ii. **Brett Sajdera- Ground Water Supply & Distribution Classes CVTC-Chippewa Falls– September 26-28, 2023, October 3-5, 2023, with October 9, 2023 as a Refresher**

Prince mentioned before approval that the training for Brett Sajdera was revised because the previous approved dates were for 2020, not 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Regular Board Minutes August 28th, 2023, Statement of Bills Pooled Checking & Solid Waste & Recycling Checking from August 28th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023, Revised dates of Training for Brett Sajdera. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Facility Rental – none

Licenses –none

Consideration Items

East View Development-Xcel Electric Extension to service Lots 8-12 plus future-\$3000

Bates explained that our electric ends at Fourth and they have to extend it south on Dunn Street to service Phase 2 and any future lots. Trustee Jenson questioned if the timeline for building was this year yet. Bates stated as far as he knew things were on track this year to have the single homes started, but the twin homes would not be until next year. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the Xcel Electric Extension to service Lots 8-12 plus future for \$3,000. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Street Patch Estimates – Review and Possible action-West Railroad Ave.

Bates explained that the part in the previous bid that stated we would do the base coarse was taken out and we would not be doing that. The cost of \$7,794.00 is correct. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the estimates from Senn Blacktop for \$7,794.00. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Proclamation National Rail Safety Week-September 18-24, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the Proclamation for National Rail Safety Week September 18-24, 2023. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Stene stated his concerns for Cedar Street. The walk-through was not positive and he has concerns about the patch jobs with the manholes and water shut off. Stene made a point to verify that future bid documents include that lift one needs to be completed, then the restoration and the final step would be lift two. Stene is not very happy with how the Cedar Street project went. Bates indicated that there will be one more walk through prior to final pay request to identify if punch list items have been completed.

Rescue Squad 2024 Preliminary Budget Review-Discuss Colfax Rescue Annual Meeting Results

Along with other discussion at the Annual Meeting was the extra hours Director Knutson has been putting in to cover the shortage on shifts. The committee would like to eliminate this as much as they can and are proposing the Option D

scenario for budgeting. This would reflect four 40-hour employees vs. three 30-hour employees along with a \$2.00 per hour raise. Per Capita would also increase by roughly 30% for all municipalities involved. The general attitude of the other municipalities was mutual and agreed that it is a necessary evil, but aligns with the increased shared revenues that municipalities will receive in 2024. Director Knutson stated that the recommendation is not a binding recommendation. With the increased shared revenue in 2024, now is the time to consider this type of change. Trustee Stene would like a 6-month report showing where the Rescue Squad is at financially and how the four 40-hour staff position are helping with coverage. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the Option D scenario along with getting a status report at 6 months regarding the coverage performance and a budget review. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Davis to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Sheila Riemer
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer