

Village Board Meeting – March 24, 2025

On March 24th, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Burcham, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best, Davis and Prince. Others present were Library Director Bragg-Hurlburt, Chris Larson and Tom Dworak representing Russell Toycen Post #131-American Legion, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Brown, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer. No media was present

Public Comments Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt -Library Grant \$10,000 – Bragg-Hurlburt wanted to update the Board that the library has received a grant from United Way of Red Cedar Valley for 4 new computers, United Way is donating 10 refurbished laptops for checkout at the Library, Dunn County came through with an additional \$5000 for the library, a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association was granted for improving the handicap ramp on the south side of the Municipal Building and money raised for the elevator fund in 2 months was \$5621, which is doubled thanks to the matching donor totaling \$11,242, bringing the total for the Elevator Project close to \$175,000. Trustee Jenson wondered what would happen if someone checked out a laptop and broke it or did not bring it back. Bragg-Hurlburt was unsure and will check into seeing how the grant stated it. Trustee Stene also suggested checking with IFLS to see how other places handle it. Bragg-Hurlburt also noted the laptops would be set back to factory when they came back so no personal information would be accessible to the next person checking it out.

Communication from the Village President – President Prince wanted to remind the Board members that the new laptops were for Village use only. All meeting agendas & packets will be uploaded to them prior to meetings by either Brown or Riemer.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –March 10th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– March 10th, 2025 to March 23rd, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – March 10th, 2025 to March 23rd, 2025

Training Request – Anderson/Strzok Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (Pursuit)

Carrie Brown-WEC Clerks Conference 9/30-10/1 Wausau; early bird registration through April 1

Licenses- none

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda 6a-6f, which includes Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 10th, 2025, Review Statement of Bills for Pooled Checking and Solid Waste & Recycling Checking, March 10th, 2025 – March 24th, 2025, Emergency Vehicle Operations training for Anderson/Strzok and WEC Conference 9/30-10/1-Wausau for Brown. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Chris Larson-Russell Toycen Post #131-American Legion-update & possible action- Larson updated the Board on the Veterans Memorial Project. Larson stated roughly \$48,000 has been raised. Flag poles were estimated to be around \$44,000. There will be 8 flagpoles, which include 1- 35' and 7- 30', with 9 flags. He is looking into having Randy Valaske possibly help with making them for a better price. They plan on incorporating the cannon at the cemetery in with the design. GP Excavating will be donating his time to help get the project going and with moving of the cannon. They are still looking for an electrician to help in that area. There will be 12x12 legacy stones available for \$400, they are working on getting informational flyers out for that. The Board had given some suggestions and contacts to Larson to try to help get the rest of the things needed completed. Larson also asked if the flag pole currently at the cemetery could be moved to the fairgrounds. The Board did not see any issues with that. Larson also wondered if permits were going to be needed. The Board did not think so, but told him to check with our building inspector to be sure.

Street Sweeping Bid-approval- Only one bid was received from Don's Sweeper Service in the amount of \$17,900 for the 2 year contract. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to accept the bid from Don's Sweeper Service in the amount of \$17,900. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Highway 40 SMFA-signed 6/1/2021- Administrator Brown wanted the Board to see the State/Municipal Financial Agreement letter that was signed on 6/1/21 by Lynn regarding the costs, curb & gutter, sidewalk etc. matters. Brown did not think we would be able to alter anything stated in that letter. Brown also stated the conversation she had with the DOT, they thought the pricing given at the last meeting was low by 15-20%. Brown is looking for Grants available for the project. Trustee Jenson stated there was a statement in the letter saying we could withdraw or change the agreement signed. There were some other questions that Brown could not answer, so she will check with the DOT to see if someone could be present at an April meeting to clarify and answer questions the Board has. There was no motion made on this matter.

Village Ordinance Update: Section 3, Ch 1, Sec 8-17 – Trustee Stene had some concerns regarding some of the changes with delinquent utilities and wanted clarification. Brown explained the attorney had gone over them and certain parts could be eliminated since they were no longer part of the state statute, or that it changed so often the statute was listed in the ordinance so we could decide what needed to be looked at to determine what would be done. Trustee Stene also was wondering if the administrator and deputy clerks needed to be bonded. Brown stated the insurance company said no, Trustee Stene would like her to ask someone else to be sure. Brown will inquire about some of the concerns and present at the next meeting for approval.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions-no action- Prince asked Riemer about the update on rescue billing. Riemer stated she was still waiting for information from Unified to be sure her totals were correct. Her list shows \$26,000 outstanding claims for 2023 and \$139,000 outstanding claims for 2024. She hopes to have information to present at next meeting. Riemer, Brown & Smith are also meeting with someone local that does ambulance billing to see how her operation works.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Carrie Brown, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer