

Village Board Meeting – June 9, 2025

On June 9th, 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, Stene, Best, Davis, Jenson and Prince. Others present were Gus Fehr & Jim Irwin representing the American Legion, Public Works Director Bates, Chief of Police Anderson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Brown, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments – none

Communication from the Village President -none

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –May 27th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– May 27th, 2025 to June 8th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – May 27th, 2025 to June 8th, 2025

Training Request – none

Facility Rental – none

Licenses- Operator's License-Brittany Mateski-July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, Jeff Prince-July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, Gary Stene July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

Chicken License – Adam & Rachel Fruit-809 Riverview Ave-July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda 5a-5c, which includes Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 27th, 2025, Review Statement of Bills for Pooled Checking and Solid Waste & Recycling Checking, May 27th, 2025 – June 8th, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Best and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda 5d which includes Operator's Licenses Brittany Mateski-July 2024-June 30, 2025, Jeff Prince-July 1 2025-June 30, 2026, Gary Stene-July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 and Chicken License-Adam & Rachel Fruit-809 Riverview Ave-July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. A voice vote was taken with Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson and Best voting in favor. Trustees Stene and Prince abstained. Motion carried.

Consideration Items:

Donation to American Legion/Veteran's Memorial- Jim Irwin stated he and Gus Fehr were here on behalf of the Veteran's Memorial, they are responsible for gathering donations for the Memorial. The American Legion wants to thank the Village for their continued loyalty to the Legion. They have done raffles, bake sales and bingo for the fundraising for the Memorial that will be located at the Evergreen Cemetery. So far they have raised \$55,000 of the \$80,000 goal. There are 218 veterans buried at the Evergreen Cemetery. Irwin explained there would be flags, which would include the county's flag along with all branches of the military and POW. There will also be benches and pavers to purchase at an approximate cost of \$400. The Legion is asking the Board for an \$8000 donation to cover the remainder of costs associated with finishing at the cemetery. Trustee Stene made a motion to donate \$10,000 to the Veteran's Memorial Trustee Jenson seconded. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. Trustee Stene wanted to thank them for their continued efforts and President Prince added we should all be proud of the veterans and all the work Legion is doing.

Police Department-vehicle quotes (revisited)- Chief Anderson presented quotes which included train-in prices. Looking them over, the Ram was the best deal at \$45,977, \$24,977 with trade-in. Trustee Rud stated she thought we should still stay local, but there was not enough information on the performance of a Chevy, since this is the first year Chevy has had patrol vehicles for purchase. Discussion included keeping the old squad vehicle, selling the Impala, installing new equipment and graphics. Anderson stated the cost of new equipment would run around \$12,000 and the arrival of new vehicle is between 12-16 weeks. Trustee Davis mentioned it would be a good idea to share the duty by using both vehicles if keeping the old squad for back up. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the purchase of the Ram from Gilbertson's, auction the Impala and include graphics on the new squad. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

MPIC Invoice-Property insurance through June 30, 2026-\$16,429 A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to approve payment of the MPIC property insurance for \$16,429. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

DSB Loan Payoff by June 28, 2025- Loan XX939 (TID3) Estimated \$41,854.52- Brown stated she would like to pay this loan off early so it will be taken care of before she leaves and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer won't have to worry about it before a new Administrator is hired. Brown will call to get the final payment amount, but it will be around the \$41, 854.52 amount. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Best to approve the DSB loan payoff of Loan XX939-TID3 estimated at \$41,854.52. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Closed Session- A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Best to go into closed session at 7:40 pm pursuant to WI statute 19.85(1)(c) Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against none. Motion carried.

Open Session- A motion was made by Trustee Best and seconded by Trustee Burcham to reconvene to open session at 8:25 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Action: A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve a \$.50 raise to Director of Public Works Bates upon proof from the DNR that the certification(s) he received was needed. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 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

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