

Village Board Meeting – July 28, 2025

On July 28th, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Stene, Best, Jenson, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Trustee Rud was absent. Others present were Public Works Director Bates, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Julie Mitchell and LeAnn Ralph with the Mesenger.

Communication from the Village President – Prince shared that he was informed by Rescue Director Smith that the new ambulance was being shipped to Antigo for repairs, the wires were starting to burn up and a full detail check will be done. It apparently broke down when on a run in Sand Creek. It is still covered under warranty.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –July 14th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– July 14th, 2025 to July 27th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – July 14th, 2025 to July 27th, 2025

Training Request – none

Licenses – Temporary “Class B” – Softball Association/Bushwacker Tournament-August 22, 2025-August 24, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda 5a-5d. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items:

Public Service Commission of WI-SRC Process- Riemer stated according to the letter received the Village is approved for a SRC, it states the increase could be up to 3%. Bates and Trustee Stene both commented that you did not want to wait until they order you to do an increase. Riemer stated she was unsure of the whole process. LeAnn Ralph said to check with Elk Mound, they do the SRC regularly. Bates will check with them and get back to Riemer with more information to try and stay ahead on the water rates.

Colfantastic Events-Possible Donation -Riemer stated the last donation was in 2023 of \$100. Trustee Burcham said we let them use the grounds without any fees and thought that was enough. They are looking at closing Main Street for the Christmas parade this year, Riemer will need Bates' help with contact information. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to table this item to a later date. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried

ZOR TIN Lizzies-Possible Donation- A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve \$100 donation to the ZOR TIN Lizzies. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: Trustee Jenson. Motion carried.

Zempel Appraisal Retirement & 2026 Assessment Services -Riemer reminded everyone that Barb Zempel will be retiring as the Village Assessor at the end of the year. She is willing to help with the process, recommendations etc. Trustee Stene suggested advertising the position. A motion was made by Trustee Davis to accept Zempel's retirement and advertise for 2026 assessor services, Trustee Stene amended to add a thank you to Barb Zempel for all her years of service and dedication, Trustee Best seconded. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Set Committee Meetings-Parks/Streets/Handbook/Other- Prince wanted to make sure the streets committee was set for the upcoming highway 40 project. There were some questions on when the next Parks meeting was going to happen, Riemer suggested the chairs try and decide when to set up some of those meetings and get agenda items to her for posting. Riemer also questioned when to have Ehler's come in for areas that need clarification and explanation.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Sheila Riemer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer