

## **Village Board Meeting – September 22, 2025**

On September 22, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Rud, Jenson, Burcham, Best, Davis and Prince. Trustee Stene was excused. Others present were Allie Petznick, Herb Sakalaucks, Rescue Director Chrystal Smith via zoom, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell and LeAnn Ralph with the Mesenger.

**Communication from the Village President** –Prince stated the concrete at the cemetery had been poured for the Veterans Memorial, progress continues.

**Public Comment** – None

### **Consent Agenda**

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes –September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**
- **Licenses – Chicken License-September 22, 2025 – June 30, 2026-Brian Vande Kolk-412 Main Street**

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

### **Consideration Items:**

**Allie Petznick-Update Splash Pad-possible action** – Allie stated she had completed the research requested and had met with three different communities that have splash pads. All 3 had similar responses. Her first visit was to Cameron, they have had theirs for about 12 years. They have a closed loop system which is similar to a pool. More maintenance is required with this as someone needs to control the Ph levels. Fees they collect go towards maintenance and to pay the person who sits at the gate. Businesses also volunteer to cover admission fees on some days. No vandalism and they feel it has been positive for the community. Woodville has had theirs about 11 years. They use city water and use roughly 1 million gallons that discharges through the storm drain, no testing needed. Estimated yearly maintenance is \$500. They do not have a fence and do not charge admittance. No vandalism, gets used a lot and a great addition to the community. Phillips has had theirs for about 6 years. They use well water and pump excess water into the local lake. The only cost to the city is for electricity to run the water pump and is estimated less than \$100 per year. They also have no fence or admission fee, vandalism has not been an issue and they do have signs posted that the park is under surveillance. The Board would have to decide which method to use, they will be checking with Public Works Director Bates for additional input. For approval to pump water into the stream, the Village would have to fill out a 6 page document and submit to the DNR yearly for approval. After checking with Deputy Clerk Riemer, the Village insurance does cover this under the current policy. Fundraising started on 9/6/25 and \$347.50 has been raised so far. Money is being held by the Community Foundation of Dunn County. She has had 17 people to help with fundraising and are planning a bake sale at Kyle's Market sometime this fall.

**Resolution 2025-28 – Support for Colfax Railroad Museum** – Herb Sakalaucks said they completed the \$5000 match for the Community Foundation of Dunn County. Wanted to thank the Village for use of the fairgrounds for their train show, it has been going extremely well. The reason for the support letter is because the State had notified them they had received the Grant but contacted later and stated they were not funded, so they have to re-submit for it. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to accept the resolution 2025-28 for support to the Colfax Railroad Museum. Voting For: Trustees Best, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**DOT-Application and Release-Relocation Personal Property and Estimates(available Monday)** – Riemer stated the paperwork had to be redone and new estimates done, as of meeting time the new information has not been received. Will follow up at next meeting. No action.

**Logslett Heating & Cooling-Estimate for Air conditioning Unit-possible action**– Riemer stated this was for the Library only, the office unit has been running with no issues. Trustee Burcham would like at least 2-3 more bids before considering. In regards for budget for next year, this would be placed under the building maintenance. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to get 2-3 more estimates. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

### **Committee/Department Reports/Discussions**

**Rescue Report** – Chrystal was present via zoom for any questions. Trustee Burcham wondered if she had completed the annual report to set up the meeting yet. Smith informed her she was finishing up with it. Per capita will not be increased this year and that memo had been sent to participating communities. The annual meeting is set for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Rescue Building. Smith will be posting agendas and sending to members.

**Closed Session- Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises**

- a. Handbook Updates
- b. Departments
- c. Time Clock

A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to convene into closed session at 7:25p.m.

Voting For: Trustees Best, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to convene into open session at 8:43. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to set a Public Safety Committee meeting for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Mitchell, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer