

Village Board Meeting – September 8, 2025

On September 8, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Stene, Rud, Jenson, Burcham, Best and Prince. Trustee Davis was absent. Others present were Police Chief Anderson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell and LeAnn Ralph with the Mesenger.

Communication from the Village President – The ambulance repairs need to be made as soon as possible. There is money in the budget for these repairs, and we will continue to push the warranty claim to be reimbursed.

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes –August 25, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– August 25, 2025 to September 7, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – August 25, 2025 to September 7, 2025**
- **Licenses – Operator’s License-Brooklynns Dresel 09/08/2025 – 06/30/2026 – Outhouse Bar; Christian Ebert 09/08/2025 -06/30/2026 – Viking Bowl; Nolan Prince 09/08/2025 – 06/30/2026 – Viking Bowl.**
- **Transient License – Ivory Bloom Coffee – Ryan and Lindsey Pomasl, 09/01/2025 – 11/30/2025**
- **Training – Ehler’s Levy Limit Workshop. October 8, 2025. Julie & Sheila attend from 1pm – 3pm; close office at Noon.**

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

Consideration Items:

Dunn County Unit of Wisconsin Towns Association – Mitchell suggested joining the Wisconsin Towns Association, which is also for Villages. The dues are \$50 annually. Ralph stated they are quarterly meetings. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve joining the Wisconsin Towns Association and sending Mitchell to the banquet. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bauman Agreement Extension – Riemer said that the agreement raised the rates from \$200/hour to \$225-\$275/hour since it will be Davidson who will be working with us now. Trustee Burcham asked how many hours Mitchell uses per week. Mitchell said she has used approximately two hours since starting in the position, but will need more help throughout the budgeting cycle. Riemer also stated she had used approximately 2 hours. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to accept the terms of the agreement. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Banking Option – Mitchell brought numbers to the Board comparing Dairy State Bank and Bremer Bank offers for interest rates for entire banking portfolio. Dairy State offered 3.9% on all deposits. Bremer offered 3%. Mitchell suggested going with Dairy State due to the better rates as well as the local presence. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to consolidate Bremer’s accounts to Dairy State Bank. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

WRS Update – Mitchell gave an update on our participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). Any position that is expected to or actually works 1,200+ hours in one year must participate in the WRS. Mitchell said we have some Rescue Squad employees who are required to participate based on their hours. We shouldn’t have too much back pay. Trustee Stene asked how this is going to affect the Rescue Squad budget for the rest of the year, and Mitchell acknowledged that it will have a negative impact on the budget. Trustee Stene would like to see the numbers and Mitchell said she will gather that information.

Firewall Replacement – Mitchell said that our IT consultant, Joe Cramer, strongly suggests that we go forward with the Firewall replacement while we wait for the Dunn County IT switchover to happen, since it could be months before the transition happens. A motion made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to pay Joe Cramer \$935.29 for the Firewall and continue with the switchover with Dunn County IT management. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions

ACT Report – Trustee Jenson asked about the lawyer change. Mitchell explained that she brought the lack of follow-through with our current Attorney, Helquist, to the leadership of Weld-Riley. The Village was assigned a new Attorney,

Tony Wachewicz, who Mitchell said has been much more responsive and is a positive thing. Trustee Jenson asked what the firm had to say about Attorney Helquist's shortcomings, and Mitchell said the firm apologized on his behalf and is moving all of our work to Attorney Wachewicz.

Set Personnel Meeting – Discussion regarding the availability of Trustees for a Personnel Meeting. Trustee Best suggested making it a Joint Personnel Meeting. The Joint Personnel meeting is set for Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:00pm. Also, tentatively set September 29th for a Public Safety meeting, more to be determined after Personnel meeting.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Julie Mitchell, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer