Village Board Meeting – October 27, 2025

On October 27, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Best, Davis, Burcham, Rud, Stene and Prince. Trustee Jenson was excused. Others present were Kris Meyer with KM Construction, Public Works Director Rand Bates and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer. No media was present.

Communication from the Village President – None

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes –October 13th, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– October 13th, 2025 to October 26th, 2025**
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – October 13th, 2025 to October 26th, 2025**
- **Licenses – Operators License- October27, 2025 – June 30, 2026-** Teagan Mayer-Kyle's Market, Cynthia Castillo – Outhouse Bar, Dale Oebser –American Legion Post 131.

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

Consideration Items:

Dunn County Humane Society Contract-January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 – Trustee Davis thought we had done away with this, Riemer stated we did for a year then re-instated last year because of all the calls and we don't really have a place to keep the animals. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Burcham to accept the contract with Dunn County Humane Society for $2696.10. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Colfax Youth Sports –Release of Funds-2025 - The Colfax Youth Group submitted a letter for release of funds in the amount of $1500. This has been a yearly fund paid to the youth group, it is usually paid in April but must have been overlooked. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the release of funds to the Colfax Youth Sports Group for $1500. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. President Prince also wanted to add that he heard Kris Meyer was possibly donating something to the group, Kris confirmed they were going to replace the backstop for them in the spring.

KM Construction-Gas & Electric Extensions-Discussion and possible action – Kris stated the gas didn't come in too bad, at a price of $3500, but the electric came in at $21,000 just to extend to the new housing. He's looking to see where the Board sits with helping with the costs and work together on it. He had talked with Adam Accola regarding the TIF district and if that would be something it would cover. Trustee Stene believed it would. Kris also said that didn't include hook ups, once that was done there would be some reimbursement. He also said he was surprised at the cost because when the twin homes went in the cost was only around $3500 as well. Apparently they will be putting 2-3 poles in and that is where the extra cost comes from. Trustee Stene made a motion to table this until the next meeting so that we can consult with Ehler's regarding the specifics with the TIF and Kris will also try to get more information. Trustee Burcham seconded. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

End Loader Purchase/Estimates-available Monday – Bates provided 3 estimates, from John Deere ($253,500), CAT ($247,889.29), & Miller-Bradford & Risberg (Case)($234,500). Bates stated he would like to take the time and test each one to see how they handle. He also said there were some issues, the CAT would not be available for 5-6 months, the Deere has everything in the lot and ready to use, and the Case has machine ready but cannot get a plow for 5 months. Trustee Best asked if we would have to add the plow to the Deere, Bates said yes that price gets added. Trustee Stene asked if it was the same size, Bates stated the CAT was a little bigger with a couple more "bells and whistles". The Case was $19,000 cheaper and roughly $5500 between the CAT and Deere. Trustee Stene asked if we took one of the other ones if the bid would hold up, Bates said yes. Trustee Davis wanted to know if our plow now was transferable, Bates stated it was, but is included in the trade. Bates also wanted to add that the Case had an 84 month warranty. Trustee Stene recommends Rand test drives all these then come back with his recommendation and to also take Brett with him. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to table until the November meeting after Bates has a chance to test them all out. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook-Updated Finalization – Riemer stated ACT Mitchell had stated that if no one had any changes with the copy they received it was okay to approve. Trustee Best and Trustee Rud stated they did not get a copy, Riemer will get them a copy before they leave. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to table until the next meeting. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Set Personnel Meeting-Committee Assignments – President Prince stated if anyone objected to not wanting to be a chair of any of the committees to let him know, otherwise he will be assigning new since there is a conflict of interest with an upcoming chair position with hiring an LTE for Rescue. Trustee Best wants to remain on his since he has a project in the works already. Prince said it will be brought to the next meeting with changes made.

Set Public Property Meeting – Trustee Stene wanted to know who was on that committee besides him. Riemer stated it was Stene, Burcham and Rud. Trustee Stene stated the meeting was for the Elevator Fund and Library wanting to clarify some things and the outlook for the building. Trustee Davis stated most of these meetings have been typically held on Wednesdays, Trustee Stene set the meeting for Wednesday November 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions – (no action) –

a. Discuss Rosenbrook Offer- President Prince said there was a counter offer made by Rosenbrook, he was not present for the conversation but he would like $10,000 back, will set up time to talk with Julie and would like this taken care of sooner than later. Trustee Best wanted to know if the lots were up for sale again, Prince stated the one will be at the end of the week and the other is up the end of December, which is the one he is requesting negotiation on. Kris said they would take the first one and wondered about a discounted price on the second, Prince said that will all be discussed and decided in the next meetings. Kris said he wants to work with us and his only concern is that the one lot was never transferred? Wondering if something was missed when Carrie was here and wanted to bring it to our attention. Kris also talked a bit about pricing on his properties.

Prince asked Trustee Stene if he would be available for a phone conference Thursday morning at 9:30 to discuss the land behind the Senior Center, Adam Accola would also be there.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: ________________________________
Sheila Riemer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer