

Village Board Meeting – November 24, 2025

On November 24, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main St, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Trustee Stene, acting as President Pro Tem at 7:01pm. Village President Jeff Prince was excused. Members present included Trustees Davis, Jenson, Best, and Stene. Absent were Trustees Burcham, Rud and President Prince. Others present were Public Works Director Rand Bates, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell. LeAnn Ralph with the Colfax Messenger was present.

Communication from the Village President –

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes –** November 10, 2025
- **Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank –** November 10, 2025 – November 23, 2025
- **Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking –** November 10, 2025 – November 23, 2025
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking –** November 10, 2025 – November 23, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Davis 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:

KM Construction – Xcel Energy & WE Energies – Mitchell and Bates presented information for Kris Meyer from KM Construction. Meyer is looking for the Village to help with the cost of running utility services (electricity and gas) south down Dunn Street to service the new construction. Trustee Davis expressed concern that if the Village covers the cost for this project, we would be asked to do this for everyone. Bates said that the Village has run the utilities in the past. Trustee Davis said the resident or builder should be responsible for running the utilities from the main to the residence. Trustee Jenson agreed with Trustee Davis. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to run the main for the Xcel electric, not to include the main to the individual properties. Voting For: Trustees Best, Jenson, Davis and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Best to run the main line for WeEnergies for a total not to exceed \$3518.85, not to include the main to the individual properties. Voting For: Trustees Davis, Jenson, Best and Stene. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

End Loader Purchase Decision – There was discussion about the three options for an end loader. The first option, the John Deere, will be available in approximately 45 days with all of the accessories we need for \$253,500. Deere also has the preferred set up with one joystick to operate everything. CAT will not have a machine available for 5-6 months, and they would have to add a second joystick to operate part of the plow, so two joysticks would be needed. Case has a similar joystick set up and the plow for that machine wouldn't be available until next year as well. For those reasons, Public Works Director Bates recommends the Village purchase the John Deere end loader. A motion was made by Trustee Best and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the purchase of the John Deere end loader for \$253,500. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, Best, Davis and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Parks Recommendation – Disc Golf Course Trustee Best brought a rough layout for the proposed Disc Golf Course along 18-mile Creek. Other locations were considered, but this location already has lawn maintenance and other locations would involve clearing trees and other expensive setups. There is ample parking if the start and end of the course aligns with Iverson Park. At least one walk bridge would need to be installed. Trustee Davis suggested that Trustee Best get a hold of someone from Anderson Bridges to determine how much of a project that would be, as a simple bridge may turn into a large project based on the land conditions. Trustee Davis also suggested that the DNR may have more restrictions. The whole project cost is approximately \$5,000, not including bridges. Bates thinks there is \$1,700 available in a fund for sports and recreation that could go toward this project. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Davis to table this until Trustee Best has a chance to talk to Anderson Bridges and find out more information. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

GMDC Membership Dues Invoice – Riemer said this was for the Greater Menomonie Development Corporation, which Trustee Stene said is now a part of the Dunn County Economic Development initiative. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Best to approve the \$2,000 membership fee. Voting For: Trustees Best, Jenson, Davis and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Election List Approval – Riemer said the Board needs to approve the Election worker list so that we can give it to Dunn County. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the updated Election worker list. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Best to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Gary Stene, Acting Village President

Attest: _____
Julie Mitchell, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer