

Village Board Meeting – January 26, 2026

On January 26, 2026, 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, Burcham and Prince. Trustees Davis and Rud were excused, along with ACT Mitchell. Others present were Public Works Employee Brett Sajdera, Chloe Styer, Keith Burcham, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Communication from the Village President – None

Public Comment – Keith Burcham presented he had questions that pertained to the agenda and would comment at the time they were discussed if that would be okay.

Consent Agenda

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes –** January 12, 2026
- **Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank –** January 12th, 2026 – January 25th, 2026
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking –** January 12th, 2026 – January 25th, 2026
- **Licenses – Operator’s License –** None
- **Training Request –**Brett Sajdera-WRWA Annual Technical Conference – March 24-27, 2026-\$1406.12

Trustee Burcham was wondering if it was just Sajdera going, she was looking for another request. Trustee Jenson questioned how it was listed in the budget and if training was budgeted for. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to approve consent agenda items a-e. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items:

Employment Ad-Public Works-Finalize and Approve – Discussion involved full or part time, budgeting, and if it was necessary at this moment. Sajdera stated that with all the changes going on, Bates trying to train, snow removal and other things that come up, there just isn’t enough time to complete everything. Trustee Burcham stated that would take away from Sajdera’s training also, Sajdera stated it would, but he’d rather go through it now instead of summer when it will be busier. They would just have to work it out. Trustee Burcham also stated they did not allow for a third full time person in the budget. President Prince stated they should at least look over and try to get the ad ready, while waiting to find out the budget information. Trustee Best said they had talked about just a part time, as Bates said that was all that was needed. Trustee Burcham asked about the part time employee we have that mows, it was stated that he helps when needed but that was all. Keith presented an email he received from Mitchell regarding budget. Prince again stated to work on the ad and try to get that published. Trustee Stene made a motion to get the ad written up pending further information and redo it for the next meeting. Trustee Burcham seconded. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

LUCAS 3 Device Follow-up and Possible Approval – Styer presented with estimates for new and certified pre-owned prices for the device. Previous questions from the Board were shelf life and warranty information, Styer stated the shelf life was 8 years and 1 year for warranty for both new and pre-owned. She stated the pricing went along with the next agenda item. Trustee Burcham stated since this was listed separately it would have to be motioned on first before going to next item. Styer did state again that the next item tied in with this but to go ahead. Styer wondered if there were any other questions. Prince wanted to know if money was previously set aside for this, Trustee Burcham stated there was funds, but not specifically set aside for this. Styer stated she was informed there was \$90,000 in the budget, while Keith Burcham presented another informational sheet to Prince with the budget not showing that amount. He stated it was only \$72,000 with all line items totaled. Riemer stated unfortunately Mitchell was not available to discuss further. Trustee Stene wanted to know the Rescue recommendation was. Styer said they would like to save \$10,000 and go with the certified pre-owned since everything was the same. A motion was made by Trustee Stene to take the recommendation from Rescue and go with the refurbished unit at \$13,681.61 and was seconded by Trustee Burcham. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion Carried.

Colfax Rescue COT and Stairchair Presentation-Discussion and Possible Approval –Styer stated their COT and chair lift were at the end of their life and not maintainable anymore according to MedPro who performs the maintenance. Stryker offered a bundle price of \$56,478.48 for all three items, the LUCAS, COT and Stairchair. Trustee Stene talked about the shelf life being so outdated and if something broke down, they wouldn’t not be able to maintain. Styer stated they decided to go with Stryker for quotes instead of MedPro. The bundle price could be broken down into 1, 2 or 3 year payments which would bring the price down and there would be no interest. Prince wanted to know the timeline for this, Styer said the sooner the better to make sure prices are locked in. A motion was made by Trustee Stene to table this until next meeting, get correct monies from Julie. The questions we need answered are how much money do we have, which line item will it come out of, how we want to pay, all at once or multiple payments, so when we come back everything is ready to go to make our decision. Styer will get something from Stryker for the bundle specifics. Since we made the motion to approve LUCAS already, we will take no action on that yet and present the package at the next meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Burcham. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions (no action)- Mitchell was not present for her report, but Riemer wanted to know if we were giving Brett the same spending rights as Bates had. Trustee Burcham wanted to make sure he had the title officially, Prince stated yes, since the first of the year Sajdera was Public Works Director. The Board stated Sajdera did have the same spending rights.

Closed Session-Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration off specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to go into closed session at 7:28 pm. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Open Session- A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to re-convene into open session at 8:13. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The lawyer's recommendation was reviewed and the Board will follow that recommendation.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Sheila Riemer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer