

## Village Board Meeting – February 23, 2026

On February 23, 2026, the Village Board met at the Colfax Fire Hall, 407 CTY Rd M, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Best, Stene and Prince. Trustee Rud arrived at 7:02 p.m. and Trustee Davis was excused. Others present were Public Works Director Brett Sajdera, EMS Director Chrystal Smith, Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt, Robert Kelsall, Autumn Wildfeuer, Chloe Styer, James Sand, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sheila Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Julie Mitchell, Police Chief Anderson (7:45) Doris Meyer and Jerry Mrdutt with Town of Tainter, Tim Benjamin and Terry Stamm with Village of Elk Mound, Jason Klukas with Town of Colfax, Tony Christopherson with Town of Elk Mound, Cory Scheidler with Cedar Corp, Carrie Spielman, Michael Nelson with Town of Sand Creek, Bob and Bev Bernier with Town of Otter Creek, Mark Dietrich with Town of Grant, Chris Homuth with Groundworks and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

**Communication from the Village President** – None

**Public Comment** – None

### Consent Agenda

- **Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – February 9, 2026
- **Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank** – February 9, 2026 – February 22, 2026
- **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking** – February 9, 2026 – February 22, 2026
- **Licenses – Operator’s License** – None
- **Training** – MTAW-April 30 – May 1, 2026/Sheila Riemer, \$700; WMCA -April 15-16, 2026/Julie Mitchell, \$172

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda items 5a-5e.

A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

### Consideration Items:

**EMS District/Towns Association-Discussion:** Lots of discussion regarding the pros and cons of going to a District, thoughts from other townships, Grant process, 5 year plan, Village buy out, per capita, etc. Ultimately it is the Village’s decision on if they want to move forward or not. A meeting was set for the Board to discuss how they want to progress.

**Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt- Municipal Building Update** – Bragg-Hurlburt updated the Board on space needs for the Library. The stats for our population show we should have space for approximately 20,000 books and we only have space for about half that. Progress on water-proofing the basement is under way. Utilizing different parts of the Municipal Building.

**Groundworks-Discussion/Possible Action:** Chris Homuth with Groundworks was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding the basement. Drain tiles and sump pumps will be installed to help control water issue. There is a lifetime warranty on the work being done. The cost is \$30,757.14. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Rud, Best, Stene and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Elevator Release of Funds – Update Costs-Cedar Corp-\$1000** – This release would be for updating the plan for the elevator project. The cost would be paid by the elevator fund account with the interest earned. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the release of funds for Cedar Corp in the amount of \$1000. Voting For: Trustees Rud, Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Drainage Culvert Dunn St-Action-** A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to table until the next meeting due to Kris Meyer with KM Construction not being able to be present. Voting For: Trustees Rud, Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Closed Session-**Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to go into closed session at 8:45 pm. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Stene, Best, Rud and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Open Session-** A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to re-convene into open session at 9:20 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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