

Village Board Meeting – March 23, 2026

On March 23, 2026, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Best, Stene, Rud, Davis, Jenson (7:05) and Prince. Burcham's seat is vacant. Others present were Public Works Director Brett Sajdera, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sheila Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Julie Mitchell, Carrie Spielman, Chad Johnson, Donna Johnson, Josh Low with Ehler's, Teresa Ressler, Bryce Flug, Chief Police Bill Anderson and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Communication from the Village President – Prince introduced Bryce Flug as the new Public Works employee who will be starting with the Village March 30th.

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda

- a. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes** –March 9, 2026
- b. **Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank Checking** – March 9th, 2026 – March 22nd, 2026
- c. **Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling** - March 9th, 2026 – March 22nd, 2026
- d. **Licenses** – none
- e. **Training** – none

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

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

Consideration Items:

Josh Low-Ehler's-Potential TID Development: Julie explained Josh was here to give more information regarding a developer looking into building a housing development south of the Senior Center. Josh's discussion involved feasibility with TID, if it would be a good fit with the Village and advisement on how to proceed. Trustee Davis stated that if this went through, the purchaser of any housing should be made aware of the noise the grain bins would make. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve Ehler's moving forward with the potential development procedure. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Rud, Davis, Jenson and Prince. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

Vacation of Alley-Donna Johnson – 710 Amble Street: Johnson stated the alley has not been used since 1977 and there is a curb along the whole thing. They own both lots and would like to put up a garage but would like to vacate the alley first. This process would require a public hearing, which is usually a 3 week process with letters going out and publishing procedures. Johnson stated one of the neighbors does occasionally use the alley, but only part of it. Trustee Davis wondered if we could vacate only half then. Mitchell will look into. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to proceed with the public hearing process. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Pedestrian Crossing-Bethany Church Request: Mitchell stated Kyle Kressin reached out wondering if there could be a crosswalk added in front of the church since there are so many cross there. There is one handicap ramp already in place, another would have to be added. Mitchell will reach out to the DOT in regards to adding when the Highway 40 project is under way. Discussion involved that there were no other crosswalks from the school down to County Road M and it would maybe benefit having another. Prince asked Chief Anderson what his thoughts were, he stated he thought it would be a good idea. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve adding a ramp and crosswalk by Bethany Church. Voting For: Trustees Rud, Davis, Jenson, Best, Stene and Prince. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

Colfax Youth Sports Corp -Release of Funds-\$1500: Riemer stated this was the normal yearly request for the fund release. A motion was made by Trustee Best and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve the release of funds, \$1500, to the Colfax Youth Sports Corp. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Best and Prince. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

Change of Cemetery Signage-Updated Verbiage: Mitchell stated she had come up with a change in verbiage for cemetery regulations to be modified to state decorations may be placed year round, however, any neglected items would be disposed of by Village staff if necessary. Also the Village assumes no responsibility for items removed in the course of regular maintenance. A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the update verbiage for the cemetery. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Election Worker Wage Increase: Mithcell stated the pay for election workers came up recently and reviewed, our current rate is \$8/hr for workers and \$8.50/hr for Chief Inspectors. Riemer conducted a study with surrounding municipalities for what they paid their workers, \$15 seemed to be the average. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to follow the Town of Colfax rates of \$75 for a half day and \$150 for a full day. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud and Prince. Trustee Davis abstained. Voting Against: None. Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions -no action: Public Works Director Sajdera stated the basement work had been completed and is happy with the outcome so far. Also the trees have been cut down at the Fairgrounds and clean up should be completed this next week.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Julie Mitchell Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer