

Village Board Meeting – May 26, 2026

On May 26, 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, Jenson, Rud, Spielman, and Prince. Trustee Petznick arrived at 7:03 p.m. Others present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell, Mark Johnson, Herb Sakalaucks with the Colfax Railroad Museum, and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Communication from the Village President – Prince gave a tribute to Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt, saying that she was instrumental in what the library is today and that she will be greatly missed. He added that her children and her family are in our thoughts while dealing with this tragedy. He also asked for a moment of silence in Lisa’s memory. He also said the Memorial Day ceremony was a success. There was a great turnout. Special thanks to Brett and his crew for all their work readying the cemetery for this event.

Public Comment – Mark Johnson expressed his gratitude to Brett Sajdera and Chelsea with Ayres for helping with a property defect that was uncovered during the sidewalk installation for the Hwy 40 Project.

Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes –May 11, 2026
- b. Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank Checking –May 11th, 2026 – May 25th, 2026
- c. Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling – May 11th, 2026 – May 25th, 2026
- d. Licenses – Transient Merchant – ACP Enterprises, Tasty Trolley Food Truck-June 13, 2026 – August 30, 2026.

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

Consideration Items:

- a. **Herb Sakalaucks -Update on Grant** – Herb thanked the board for the resolution of support for this grant. The Colfax Railroad Museum got \$600,000 for a variety of needs, including an after-school program for children.
- b. **Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt – WIMA Vending Donation** – Trustee Stene made a motion that was seconded by Trustee Jenson to table this item, along with items c and g. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2026-4 – Emergency for Disaster (NIMS)** - Tabled
- d. **McCoy Maintenance Billing Agreements – 4 year- \$10,305.74 & 7 year- \$19,673.37** – There was discussion concerning how long we would have the end loader that these service agreements would cover. PW Director Sajdera suggested if they were looking to trade it in, six years is the sweet spot for a trade in. Trustees generally agreed that a maintenance agreement is needed but were not sure on the terms. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to approve the 7-year agreement which, after credits, will be \$16,538.84, which will be paid monthly. Voting for: Trustees Best, Stene, Rud and Prince. Voting against: Trustees Jenson, Spielman and Petznick. Motion carries.
- e. **Johnson Alley-Variance or Vacate Decision** – Mitchell gave options for the alley, and recommended vacating part of the alley. Trustee Jenson was concerned about retaining an easement. A motion was made by Trustee Best and seconded by Trustee Jenson to go forward with vacating part of the alley. Mitchell will look into whether another public hearing is needed. Voting for: Trustee Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Spielman, Petznick and Prince. Motion Carried.
- f. **EMS District Intergovernmental Agreement** – Mitchell presented the agreement that was given to us by our attorney and agreed to by the District board. Mitchell will make the corrections to small typos that won’t substantially change the agreement. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Petznick to endorse the agreement with the changes specified, and contingent on approval of the Innovation Grant. Voting for: Trustees Spielman, Petznick, Rud, Jenson, Best, Stene and Prince. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- g. **Building Code Ordinance** - Tabled

Committees/Departments/Reports: We need to schedule a Streets Committee meeting when Brett gets information from Mitch regarding the suggested 5-year plan. Brett assured that Board that the fairgrounds will be ready for the Fair.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against Village employee. LeAnn Ralph was invited to attend the closed session as President of the EMS District. Voting for: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Spielman, Petznick and Prince. Voting against: none. Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:52pm.

Open Session: A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Rud to reconvene into open session. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:17 pm. Discussion was had by the board and administrative action was taken. A Special Meeting of the Joint Personnel Committee of the Board was scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 4:30pm.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Jenson to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Julie Mitchell Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer