Village Board Meeting – October 12, 2026

On October 12, 2026, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Trustees Speilman, Petznick, Jenson, T. Prince and President Prince. Trustees Stene and Best were absent. Others present were Kylie Gray with Colfax Schools, Mark Johson, Haden Hau with CBS Squared via computer, Public Works Director Sajdera, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comment – Mark Johnson wanted to thank Julie and the Board for the updates during the street projects. He feels it has been very helpful to everyone.

Communication from the Village President – none

5. **Consent Agenda**

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes –September 28, 2026
b. Review Statement of Bills Dairy State Bank Checking –September 28, 2026 – October 11, 2026
c. Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling – September 28, 2026 – October 11, 2026
d. Licenses – Operator's License-September 28, 2026-June 30, 2027 – Julie Mitchell-A Little Slice of Italy

A motion was made by Trustee T. Prince and seconded by Trustee Speilman to approve consent agenda 5a through 5d. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor, with Trustee Jenson abstaining. Motion carried.

6. **Consideration Items**

a. **Amended Ordinance 7-1-13 – 7.1.21-Agricultural Education** –Kylie Gray, Ag teacher at Colfax School, presented to the Board to amend the ordinance for having animals on school grounds for educational purposes. She stated she has already received grants, if approved, and it has been approved by the school board. Mitchell stated it would be small animals for now, rabbits, chickens, quail and bees. Discussion involved where they would be kept, who would take care of, what they would be used for. On school grounds and taken home by Kylie over the summer, the school and class would be responsible for care and they would be used for educational purposes including butchering, which they have already done. Trustee Jenson thought it was a great idea and wondered if a barn or larger animals would be in the future. Gray stated that would be great, but wanted to start small first. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee T. Prince to approve the amendment to ordinance 7-1-13 through 7-1-21 to allow these animals to be kept on school property. Voting For: Trustees Petznick, Speilman, T. Prince, Jenson and President Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

b**. ISG Basement Architectural Results & Next Steps for Reinforcement**-Mitchell started by stating the Elevator committee had covered the cost for the structural analysis to be completed. The next step is to schedule toe floor support framing for optimized future space needs which will run $15,000. Mark Johnson asked for the Village to chip in $5,000 along with the Elevator Committee and Restoration Group. Meetings with them are set up for Thursday and Sunday of this week where they will decide and vote on. Trustee Jenson wondered if one of the groups didn't want to what would happen. Mark & LeAnn stated they did not see anyone objecting to it, but if one did not, the Elevator Committee would more than likely cover the remainder. A motion was made by Trustee Petznick and seconded by Trustee Speilman to approve $5,000 to start the next step for reinforcement of the basement by ISG. Voting For: Trustees Petznick, Speilman, T. Prince, Jenson and President Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

c. **CBS Squared-Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services**- Haden Hau was connected virtually to present to the Board the DNR PFOS requirements for chemical treatment being reduced. He presented a couple options for the discharge, spray irrigation, absorption to ponds or environmental easements. A report will need to be submitted to DNR with our discharge plan which will run between $20,000 - $35,000. The Village still has roughly $10,000 for CBS Squared to do reporting for this year. We will re-visit for budgeting aspects for next year .No action taken.

d. **State of Wisconsin DNR PFOS/PFOA Discharge Plan –** Sajdera stated by January 7th a discharge plan needs to be submitted for the wastewater system. The plan states we have 7 years to control then a permanent plan will need to be in place. Trustee Jenson would like him to reach out to other engineering firms for estimates for moving forward. We will be moving forward with the temporary fix for now .No action taken.

e. **CARD Facility Lease-** Mitchell stated this is the Rescue District that has been formed and they will be leasing the current rescue building until they have their own building done. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Petznick to accept the CARD Facility Lease for $24,000 annually. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, T. Prince, Speilman, Petznick and President Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

f. **Recommendation from Parks Committee Resolution 2026-9 Renaming Tower Park as Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt Memorial Park & Sign Option #2-** Mitchell wanted this to be split into two motions. A motion was made by Trustee T. Prince and seconded by Trustee Petznick to approve Resolution 2026-9 renaming Tower Park to Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt Memorial Park. Voting For: Trustees Petznick, Speilman, T. Prince, Jenson and President Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Speilman and seconded by Trustee T. Prince to accept option #2 for the memorial sign in the amount of $7,440. Voting For: Trustees Petznick, Speilman, T. Prince, Jenson and President Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

g**. Recommendation from Parks Committee-Approval for Moving Gaga Ball Pit from Iverson Park to Fairgrounds-** Some discussion involved placement, if rules could be displayed on how to play and if it would interfere with dirt/grass with the splashpad. A motion was

made by Trustee Speilman and seconded by Trustee Jenson to approve moving the Gaga Ball Pit from Iverson Park to the Fairgrounds. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

h. **Resolution 2026-8 – Declaration of November as "Deer Donation Month" –** Mitchell stated the DNR reached out to municipalities for any hunters that did not want their deer to donate to local food shelters that accept it. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Petznick to approve resolution 2026-8 declaring November as Deer Donation Month. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

i. **Set Trick or Treat Hours** – Riemer stated the hours had always been 4-7 pm, but had gotten switched to 5-8 pm. There was much discussion about times other areas had, working parents, kids after school etc. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Petznick to keep hours 4-7 pm. No other votes entered. Motion failed. A motion was made by Trustee T. Prince and seconded by Trustee Speilman to set hours form 5-7:30 pm. Voting For: Trustees Jenson, T. Prince, Speilman and President Prince. Voting Against: Trustee Petznick. Motion carried.

j. **Update from Carrie Speilman on CARD Progress**- Speilman is the Village of Colfax representative for CARD. Updates included progress on getting insurances set up, there was a delay so Mitchell has been helping to get that taken care of, banking, third party billing progress and treasurer set up. She will update more after their next meeting.

8. Adjourn- A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee T. Prince to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

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Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Julie Mitchell Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer