

Village Board Meeting – October 14, 2024

On October 14th, 2024, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees Jenson, Rud, Best, Burcham, Davis, Stene and Prince. Others present included Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Rescue Director Smith, Library Director Bragg-Hurlburt, Herb Sakalaucks with Colfax Railroad Museum, Matt Flatland, Nancy Mouledoux, Mark Mouledoux, Mark Johnson, Barb Black, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Johnson, and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments – Mark & Nancy Mouledoux stated they received a zoning violation letter and are actively working on taking care of the matter and the survey is in process. They would like to apply for a zoning change for mixed use, President Prince told them to contact Administrator Johnson to obtain what was needed. Mark also wanted to state that the rumors of him turning the Felland property into a 4-plex was not true, “those words never came out of his mouth”.

Communications by the Village President – none.

Consent Agenda

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Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking–September 23rd, 2024 to October 13th, 2024

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – September 23rd, 2024 to October 13th, 2024

Training Request – none

Facility Rental –Jacci Myers-Beer Tent/Fairgrounds-October 26th, 2024-Reception

Licenses – Operator’s Licenses-October 14, 2024-June 30, 2025-Nolan Prince-Viking Bowl & Catering, October 14, 2024-June 30, 2025-Kiah Christianson-Viking Bowl & Catering, October 14, 2024-June 30, 2025-Aubrey Swenson-Viking Bowl & Catering, October 14, 2024-June 30, 2025-John Riebe-Synergy Coop., October 14, 2024-June 30, 2025-Megan Vanyo-Wells-Synergy Coop.

Before a motion was made Deputy Clerk Riemer stated that the facility rental had been cancelled. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda items a-d and f. A voice vote was taken with all member voting in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction- Matt Flatland, Flatland Inspections LLC- Matt Flatland introduced himself to the Board. He stated he heard we may be looking for a new inspector and wanted to throw his application in the mix. He has lived in the Colfax area most his life and has been doing inspection work since 2017. The Board thanked him for his interest. The Board will be looking at resumes and deciding at a later meeting date. No action taken.

2025 Maintenance Assessment Agreement-Barbara Zempel –Ms. Zempel was not present, but had sent a letter requesting a \$50/month increase. Administrator Johnson stated Ms. Zempel had been with us a number of years and it had been 3 years since her last request for a pay increase was made. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the \$50/month increase for Barbara Zempel-Assessor. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Davis, Rud, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Railroad Museum-National Heritage Area Discussion –Herb Sakalaucks was present to discuss he had been contacted to see if the Village would be interested in being a part of having a heritage area. There is a \$5000 grant for the development of heritage areas in the area. The museum is interested in being a part of that by providing an information center at the museum. It would help with bringing jobs and people to the area, along with providing information on the bike and walk trails near Colfax. He would need to submit a letter of support and is wondering if the Village would like him to continue pursuing this idea. The Board stated they would be willing to support and told Administrator Johnson could help with the letter and any other things involved with the grant needs. Sakalaucks also wanted to thank the Board for the use of the fairgrounds for the Train Show. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to have Sakalaucks continue his pursuit of having national heritage area and that Administrator Johnson would help where needed and report progress back to the Board. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Rud, Davis, Burcham and Prince. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Reschedule November 11, 2024 Board Meeting due to Holiday (Veteran’s Day) – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to move the November 11, 2024 Board meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Presentation-EMS & Library- This was discussion only, giving the Board to ask any questions before the submittal of the budget. Smith with EMS stated the biggest expense is the overtime, she is working on getting that under control. She also stated

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there will be a \$5 increase for the per capita cost which brings the price to \$45. Trustee Burcham stated Smith did the design for the ambulance so that will save the extra cost of having to hire someone to do that.

Bragg-Hurlburt decreased her budget by 2%. With the County decrease of \$18,000 to the Village, Bragg-Hurlburt made cuts where she could to try to even out the budget for next year. She continues to apply for Grants, stating she believes she has applied for 15 of them. She stated the million dollar grant that was applied for we did not get, so she will continue to pursue other grants.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Prince, Village President

Attest: _____
Carrie Johnson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer