

Village Board Meeting – January 13, 2025

On January 13, 2025, the Village Board met at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustees Jenson, Burcham, Best, Stene and Prince. Absent: Trustees Davis and Rud. Others present included Adam Accola, Director of Economic Development for Greater Dunn County, Public Works Director Bates, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Riemer, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Johnson and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

Public Comments Adam Accola introduced himself and talked a little about what he does. He is a facilitator for Dunn County working with smaller communities to bring in resources to capitalize on and build up the smaller communities to keep them moving forward. He works on residential, commercial and industrial subjects, making sure we have adequate housing, business etc. He has met with Trustee Stene, Administrator Johnson and President Prince to discuss the Village of Colfax moving forward thoughts and options. He believes the railroad is a great option to start seeing as how there are not many surrounding areas with the access the Village has.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes –December 16th, 2024

Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– December 16th, 2024 to January 12th, 2025

Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – December 16th, 2024 to January 12th, 2025

Training Request –Carrie Johnson-WI Public Finance Seminar-February 13-14, 2025 by Ehlers

- Chrystal Smith-WEMSA Conference-January 21-24, 2025. Will ONLY need to pay for Continuing Education

Facility Rental –none

Licenses- none

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to approve consent agenda items 6a-6f which includes Regular Board Meeting Minutes –December 16th, 2024, Review Statement of Bills Pooled Checking– December 16th, 2024 to January 12th, 2025, Review Statement of Bills Solid Waste & Recycling Checking – December 16th, 2024 to January 12th, 2025, Training Request –Carrie Johnson-WI Public Finance Seminar-February 13-14, 2025 by Ehlers, and Chrystal Smith-WEMSA Conference-January 21-24, 2025. Will ONLY need to pay for Continuing Education, with the exception of any questions on the training portion. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration Items

Hydro-Corp Renewal Agreements – Residential & Non-Residential Johnson stated this is required and a 2-year agreement. Prices are consistent with previous years. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Best to approve the Hydro-Corp renewal agreements for Residential at \$2285 and Non-Residential at \$8499.46. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Loan Application-BCPL (re-approve corrected documentation from 11.13.24 meeting) – Johnson explained that at the 11.13.24 meeting the wrong resolution was used, the State needs it to be in their resolution and needs to be read by Trustees before approval. Trustee Burcham read the first loan application and resolution as attached for the State Trust Fund 5 year loan #05606095 of \$255,000 for financing TID 3 street projects only. A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the 5 year loan application and resolution as attached to the application for \$255,000 for financing TID 3 street projects only. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. Trustee Jenson read the second loan application and resolution as attached for the State Trust Fund 18 year loan #05606094 of \$500,648 for financing TID 5 street projects only. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to approve the 18 year loan application and resolution as attached for \$500,648 for financing TID 5 street projects only. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Stene, Jenson, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

New Ambulance –Request to showcase at WEMSA conference on January 21-24 2025. Chrystal Smith will accompany and attend trainings as available, delivery will occur after the conference. Johnson explained that the ambulance will be ready the week prior to the conference and thinks it would be a great idea for us to showcase at the WEMSA Conference. The ambulance company will cover Chrystal's tuition to the conference and hotel costs if the ambulance can be showcased, then she would just need continuing education costs to be covered. Trustee Jenson wondered what that cost would be. Johnson figured around \$200 not more than \$250. Johnson stated until it was approved they couldn't register to find out exact costs. Trustee Jenson would like that amount when Smith signs up. A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best to approve showcasing the new ambulance at the WEMSA Conference January 21-24, 2025. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Stene, Best and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Committee/Department Reports/Discussions-no action- Administrator Johnson wanted to be sure the financial reports shown were what the Board was looking for. Moving forward the Board would like them in color as some of the amounts were hard to make out in black & white.

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Closed Session – A motion was made by Trustee Burcham and seconded by Trustee Best 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 at 7:42 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Open Session – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to convene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session at 8:50 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to increase Public Works Director pay to 5% instead of 4%. Voting For: Trustees Best, Stene, Jenson, Burcham and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to pay Public Works Director’s dentist bill from June for \$566, due to issues with non-enrollment. Voting For: Trustees Burcham, Jenson, Best, Stene and Prince. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee Burcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 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