

**The Colfax Public Library Board**

**July 16, 2024**

Eve Suckow called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in person.

Attendance

* Members present: Nancy Baumgartner, Jeanne Herrick, Eve Suckow, Gary Stene, Abbie Hartung, and Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt
* Non-members present:

Quorum: A quorum has been established.

Open meeting law: We are in certification of compliance with the open meeting law.

Approval of Agenda

* Gary Stene made a motion to accept the agenda.  Jeanne Herrick seconded the motion.  Unanimously approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes

* Gary Stene made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2024.  Nancy Baumgartner seconded the motion.  Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Bills

* Gary Stene made a motion to approve the bills for June 2024.  Nancy Baumgartner seconded the approval.  Unanimously approved by the Board.
* Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt noted that the grant writing fee was included on June’s Monthly Bills, but that the money came out of the Elevator Fund.

Current Business

* Market & Johnson made a bid for the automated door for $14,000. Village Board voted to provide the additional $4,000 to complete the project. The door will be located at the back door and will not include any changes to the ramp.
* Flexible Facilities Grant was submitted. Project expenses have increased due to increased work being done, including finishing the basement to provide telehealth meeting rooms, and to meet additional needs of the community.
* 140 kids are signed up for summer reading. The vast majority of prizes have been donated by the community. Big prizes this year are scooters. First summer reading event is tomorrow, July 17. Four staff and six volunteers will work the event. Book bike will give out free deleted children’s books.
* 1000 Books Before Kindergarten books were purchased from Dragon Tale Books in Menomonie and another online book vendor.
* New Blood Pressure Station is located next to the printer in the library.
* Alex Rose is about halfway through his time working at the library through DVR.
* Shakespeare group will be giving a free performance in Tower Park. The group is ages 15-22 and will be performing As You Like It.
* Lisa is working on the 2025 Budget and will be discussed at the next meeting.
* Mary Larson donated $2,000 to the library. She continues to volunteer covering books for the library as well.
* Gary Stene reported from the village that the streets project completion has been delayed due to rain and ordering the man hole covers.
* Gary reported that next year Hwy 40 will have construction all through town.
* Gary reported that Carrie (new village clerk) has been settling into the position and wrote a letter in support for the Flexible Facilities Grant.
* Gary reported that two local women are starting a Colfax Booster Club.
* Gary reported that from the County, there is a small movement to try to delay refugees settling in Dunn County for another two years.
* Gary reported from the County that it was voted to allow zoning for smaller dwellings to be added to properties (commonly referred to as mother-in-law houses).
* Gary reported that a new highway shop will need to be rebuilt in the next 5 years due to space restrictions as equipment gets larger.
* Gary reported that the American Legion is fundraising for a veteran memorial at the cemetery.
* Melissa was not present to provide a report from the school district.
* Nancy reported from the Elevator Fund that the thrift sale will be August 8-10 at the Colfax Fairgrounds. Sign up at the library or Café II. Items can be dropped off Monday and Wednesday. Items will all be free-will donation, not individually priced. Volunteers will be treated to a pizza party (paid for by the Elevator Fund).
* Discussion of Trustees Essentials will be tabled for next meeting due to new member not being present.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

* Nancy Baumgartner made a motion to adjourn.  Jeanne Herrick seconded the motion.  Unanimously approved by the Board.