

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – January 15, 2015 Special Meeting

Sue Meredith declared the meeting open at 7:00 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: JPC members Jack Richter, Shelley Greene, Peggy Minster, Sue Meredith, Chris Jones, Don Suchocki; alternates Irene Dunham Thayer, Sally Bobek and Mike Foust. Absent: Debra Franke, Eugene Allen and Craig Meredith (excused).

Agenda Additions/Corrections. Peg moved, seconded by Jack to approve the agenda with additional discussion on the Compensation Form. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Chris moved, seconded by Peg to approve the December minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Draft Joint Zoning Ordinance. Members discussed details for the January 31 public hearing. Shelley will send letters notifying the utilities. Peg raised issue of sending a copy of the draft ordinance to the county planning commission and that a local township official informed her they were not notified of the hearing. Shelley read instructions provided by Mark Eidelson and noted that local units of government were not included. She will check with Mark on the process.

Unfinished Business

A. Zoning Board of Appeals. Shelley said Colfax needs one candidate, and Sue said Weldon will make a decision soon.

B. Fee Schedule. Chris moved, seconded by Jack to accept the fee schedule as presented. Don will email file to Shelley. Sue, Shelley and Mike will present to their respective legislative bodies for adoption by resolution at the February meetings.

C. Renewal of JPC Appointments. It was reported that Chris, Jack and Debbie were reappointed to three-year terms.

D. Proposed Budget. Shelley moved, seconded by Peg to accept the proposed 2015-16 budget as presented. Ayes all; motion carried.

E. Annual Report. Shelley informed the legislative bodies in January that the report would be provided in February. She verbally presented the proposed budget as advance information.

F. Zoning Administrator. Sue reported for Craig that Crystal Mountain sent their intent to build a condo unit which will be presented to the Weldon Planning Commission in January. Building height will be discussed. Fire department was asked for their input; hydrant and new hose were discussed in addition to a taller ladder which is available from other communities.

G. Budget and Expense/Compensation Approval. Jack noted that compensation for the Zoning Administrator should be taken from Wages, not Zoning Administrator, in the budget until the zoning ordinance is adopted. Jack moved, seconded by Don to approve the compensation authorization form. Ayes all; motion carried. Members agreed Weldon clerk should be removed from the form.

New Business

A. Election of Officers. Jack moved, seconded by Don to keep the same slate of officers and increase the secretary's pay from \$50 to \$75. Ayes all; motion carried.

B. Board of Commissioners Meeting. Shelley reported her presentation in December covered background on the JPC's formation, its accomplishments and the upcoming public hearing.

C. County Master Plan, Showcase Event. Peg spoke about the recreation plan which is due by April. She also covered the county Showcase event scheduled for Saturday, February 14 at the Beulah Winterfest. County departments and local government units can showcase their services at indoor space; cost is \$20. Weldon and Village did not receive info on this; Colfax did not discuss due to oversight. The JPC discussed what could be displayed; township and village services could also be included. Sue and Shelley volunteered to coordinate and attend. Sally moved, seconded by Irene to spend \$20 for a booth at the event. Ayes: Bobek, Dunham-Thayer, Foust, Greene, Jones, Meredith, Minster and Suchocki. Nays: Richter. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Don moved, seconded by Chris to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Next meeting is February 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the Weldon Township hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene

Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting.