

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – January 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

Sue Meredith declared the meeting open at 7:00 P.M. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: JPC members Shelley Greene, Peg Minster, Irene Dunham Thayer, Sue Meredith, Chris Jones, Don Suchocki, Debra Franke and Pat Shaeffer.

Absent: Eugene Allen and Craig Meredith (both excused).

Guests: Sally Bobek and Carrie Aldrich.

Agenda Additions/Corrections. **Motion** by Don, Pat seconded supporting Shelley's request to add Campground to the agenda. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Election of Officers. Sue Meredith was nominated Chairperson by Shelley, seconded by Chris; there being no other nominations or objection, Sue was elected Chairperson. Peg Minster was nominated Vice Chair by Shelley, seconded by Sue; there being no other nominations or objection, Peg was elected Vice Chair. Shelley Greene was nominated Secretary by Peg, seconded by Pat; there being no other nominations or objection, Shelley was elected Secretary. Terms are for one year.

Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Irene, Pat seconded to approve the December regular meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

A. Airport. The fence application is in process of being filled out.

B. Mobile Home Replacement Amendment. Sue reported Dick Figura is still reviewing and has some questions. Sue will share his email response when received.

C. Debit Card. Sue reported the card will be issued with the new chip technology.

D. Weldon Audit. Discuss invoice during Budget agenda item.

E. CIP. Debra presented the Village's plan so far and said she and Eugene addressed comments raised at Council meeting, many about funding. They will continue CIP work with departments. Peg said it's a great start. Sue said Weldon's is in process. No plan yet for Colfax; Shelley was not at the last two meetings. Peg noted this is new for everyone; the CIP is a living document that can be updated on an ongoing basis. We should provide copies to officials; seeing the projects listed may spark new ideas.

F. Zoning Administrator Update. Sue read the written report in Craig's absence. She said he met today with someone about the campground property as it relates to zoning. Irene asked about a Miller Road permit; Sue to check with Craig.

G. Village/Township Reports. Debra reported on Village topics. Ambulance/fire department: new flags are up; they joined a new association and will be dispatched as Bravo 11 which is basic (a paramedic on board makes it Alpha 11); annual fee of \$1,150 covers all training; ~~a countywide grant will cover~~ fire department will purchase ten sets of new pants/jacket turnout gear for firemen costing \$1,600/set. Cemetery: activity extended late in the year due to mild weather. DPW: tires and power steering replaced on dump truck; road gravel ordered. Ballpark: wooden train set put in storage. Streets: county's three-year plan is to tar/chip Lindy Road from M115 and seal coat CR669 outside Village limits. Snowmobile patrol contract declined; written reports not provided. Water project: decided on new well and well house; meters will not be installed; paint tower this year; replace old hydrants; a second well will be needed within ten years. Sue reported that Weldon worked on the CIP; she attended a Farming workshop; the snowmobile contract was declined; terrorism coverage was added to insurance policy. No report for Colfax due to absence.

H. Campground. Shelley felt the Lindy Road property was still an open issue and that the JPC needs to know how to handle changes to the current use going forward. Don read the December 2015 minutes stating the Zoning Administrator's findings. In summary, when the zoning ordinance was rewritten years ago, the campground and canoe rental property was changed from Special Use to Principal Use at the request of the Stocklins. Shelley wondered if "principal use" was a term used to document cancellation of the Special Use permit. Also, should the JPC issue a Special Use permit, at no cost, to document current use of the property that is in an RR2 zoning district? Sue will contact Dick Figura and seek his opinion on the matter.

I. Budget/Compensation Authorization. Bills presented were \$650 for audit, \$197.12 to Craig for permits and the comp authorization. Current balance: \$5,406.69. **Motion** by Debra, Pat seconded to pay bills as presented. Roll call vote: Shaeffer, Franke, Suchocki, Jones, Meredith, Dunham Thayer, Minster and Greene – aye; no nays; absent: Allen. Motion carried.

New Business.

A. Community Action Work Session. Peg led discussion on implementation of goals and strategies from the Master Plan, issues such as housing and economic development and a lot that is going on with rural communities such as having access to financing. Keep sights set on what we have to offer, such as workforce housing, and at least explore the possibilities. Look into funding through MEDC. Peg reviewed numerous examples of housing opportunities and options. Work session set for January 23 from 12:00-3:00 P.M.

B. Budget/Annual Report. Committee formed with Sue, Debra and Shelley to develop a proposed budget for JPC to review/approval at February meeting then submit to townships and Village with the annual report.

C. Insurance Renewal. There were no suggested changes. Shelley will return the signed documents.

Correspondence. None.

Public Input. Sally Bobek spoke of retail for Crystal Mountain's new building and was curious about plans. She said a store with groceries and meat was to open. Sue will try to get a report for the next meeting.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Peg, Pat seconded to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene

Secretary

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