

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville  
Community Joint Planning Commission  
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
Minutes – February 4, 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, Sally Bobek, Debra Franke, Eugene Allen and Pat Shaeffer.

Absent: Chris Jones and Don Suchocki (both excused).

Guest: Marlene Wood and Mike Foust.

Agenda Additions/Corrections. **Motion** by Peg, Debra seconded to accept the agenda with addition of Marlene Wood. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Sally, Irene seconded to approve the December regular meeting minutes with correction to remove "...a countywide grant will cover..." and add "fire department will purchase ten sets of new pants/jacket turnout gear for firemen costing \$1,600/set." Ayes: all; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

A. Airport. Awaiting fence application.

B. Transfer Station. Marlene Wood received no advance warning the transfer station would be closing and offered to be the contact in planning for the May and June cleanup days. She said the compacter trucks work well and the ground is covered to keep the area clean. Marlene said a dumpster could be provided for metal collection. Site options were discussed; Shelley to ask Don if Northern Disposal is an option. Village Council to be informed it will need to make a decision soon.

C. Mobile Home Replacement Amendment. Dick Figura's suggested amendment language was discussed as well as codes, snow load requirement and inspections. **Motion** by Sally, Debra seconded to recommend to boards they accept verbiage for the mobile home amendment as proposed by Dick Figura. Ayes: all; motion carried. Sue offered to take it to the county building department.

D. Campground. Craig reported a potential buyer is looking at the property to get a feel for its potential. Lack of a special use permit is not an issue at this time considering the property is being evaluated. Monitor and revisit in a few months.

E. Proposed Budget. The committee's proposal was presented which included reductions in some expenses and increases in others. New expenses were added for Rent and Audit at \$500 each. Total estimated expenses amounted to a \$900 increase for the next fiscal year. **Motion** by Shelley, Peg seconded to accept the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 of \$18,800 with a rollover balance of \$6,695. Ayes: all; motion carried. Shelley will include with the annual report and distribute next week.

F. CIP. Debra gave an update on what has been added for the Village. Sue said Weldon's is on the way. Shelley will discuss at the next Colfax meeting. The CIP committee will meet in the near future.

G. Community Action. Peg discussed the January work session outcome. Schedule Sarah Lucas to discuss housing and Marc Florian on Brownfield as well as a developer. Peg will gather more information and have an update for the March or April meeting. She spoke about county activities including a potential contract with AES to work with its Economic Development Corporation.

H. Zoning Administrator Report. Craig reviewed his written report with thorough discussion on several items. No permits were issued in the past month. He requested permission to contact Dick Figura concerning second violation notices. Craig said he was told the ordinance on the website is very small text; Shelley believes they may need to update Adobe or adjust view/print options. Shelley and Irene confirmed a mobile home was brought in by new owners on Milnichol east of CR669 and that a

violation notice needs to be issued. Regarding Gunn Road, Craig told Shelley the process is Brian Bury must first notify the owners concerning structures near the river before Craig can issue a violation notice if one is still needed **Motion** by Shelley, Peg seconded to grant Craig permission to contact Dick Figura. Ayes: all; motion carried.

I. Village/Township Reports. Debra reported a free CPR class was scheduled; a grant will cover radios for the 800 system; Marv Prepejchal to choose from three bids for airport tree removal; a new maintenance person was hired; the well house property needs to be surveyed; and the Village was considering obtaining a debit/credit card. Sue reported Gary Sauer gave a county commission update; Corey's Big Dog Towing is closed; Ron Evitts is not seeking reappointment to Brownfield Authority; township is seeking quotes on security for the building and is working on the website. Shelley reported the Nostwick Road bridge weight limit was reduced to three tons creating a hardship for property owners and is an ongoing issue with the road commission.

J. Budget/Compensation Authorization. No expenses were presented. **Motion** by Shelley, Pat seconded to approve the comp authorization as presented. Roll call vote: Shaeffer, Allen, Franke, Meredith, Dunham Thayer, Minster and Greene – aye; no nays; absent: Jones and Suchocki. Motion carried.

New Business.

A. Violation Process. The process was reviewed and discussed.

Correspondence. December ParPlan News was distributed.

Public Input. None.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Peg, Irene seconded to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene  
Secretary

*Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting*