

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – December 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

Peggy Minster opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: Commissioners Peggy Minster, Shelley Greene, Irene Dunham Thayer, Don Suchocki, Sally Bobek, Rob Aldrich, Debra Franke and Eugene Allen. Absent: Chris Bobek and Craig Meredith (excused).
Gene Houghton arrived at 7:06 P.M.

Agenda Additions/Corrections: Motion/second by Irene/Don to accept the agenda as presented; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second by Irene/Debra to approve the November regular minutes with correction "...fire department is awaiting radios..." instead of "...has new 800mhZ radios...". Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Zoning Amendments: Meeting not yet scheduled.

B. Violations: Peggy said there is no specific action to be taken or discussed at this time. She will talk with Craig regarding support and ask if he feels assistance/delegate is needed.

C. Lindy Road: Sally reported on events resulting from the issue going to court as a blight violation. Visit was made to the property and another court date has been set. It was agreed to set aside the JPC decision made in November to write a notice of violation for a salvage yard. Wait for outcome of court ruling. Discussed what the special use permit allows that was agreed to by Weldon Township a number of years ago.

E. Site Plan Review Policy: Review at a future date.

F. Zoning Administrator Report: Written report provided. Address violations at North Street property at next meeting. It appears work has continued at the property that was issued a stop work order. Next step is to issue a citation and alert the building department. Shelley said there is mail addressed to Craig from an attorney in the post office box. Steps will be taken to get it to him.

G. Village/Township Reports: Sally reported that several guests attended Weldon's November meeting and expressed opinions related to zoning. She informed them they should be addressed to the JPC. Debra said the water bid went out again; waiting for samples to come back before the new well can be turned on; rep from Alliance for Economic Success talked about a grant for a study on sidewalks, streetscaping and other amenities. Shelley said the campground is closed and was busy this year; county Solid Waste Dept. applied for a 2018 scrap tire grant; Colfax cleanup day will be June 9.

H. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: Reviewed budget detail; p.o. box renewal was \$36. Sally said a land use permit was issued; need to ask Craig about payment. Motion/second by Irene/Shelley to pay bill and compensation. Roll call: Gene Houghton, Eugene Allen, Debra Franke, Sally Bobek, Don Suchocki, Irene Dunham Thayer, Shelley Greene, Peggy Minster – aye; nay – none; motion carried.

New Business

A. Letter to Colfax and Village: Peggy thought it would be a good idea to send a letter to Colfax and the Village for their records stating Weldon's intent to withdraw from the JPC. Shelley will handle and include Weldon's letter and resolution that was sent to the JPC earlier in the year.

B. New JPC Ordinance: Although timing of Weldon's withdrawal is unknown, Peggy felt the Village and Colfax should think about drafting a new ordinance so it's underway for the transition. Eugene said there has been casual conversation on some budget items. He suggested forming a committee. Gene asked if there was a sense as to when withdrawal will be other than after the first of the year. Peg said that's all we know.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Irene/Debra to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting