

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville  
Community Joint Planning Commission  
14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
Minutes – April 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Debra Franke opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: Commissioners Shelley Greene, Irene Dunham Thayer, Kathy Maginity, Debra Franke and Eugene Allen; zoning administrator Craig Meredith. Absent: Peggy Minster, Gene Houghton (excused), Don Suchocki, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek.

Guests: Bryce Gibbs, Sue Meredith, Fran Griffin, Carrie Aldrich.

Agenda Additions/Corrections: Motion/second by Irene/Kathy to accept agenda; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second by Irene/Eugene to approve March minutes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Gibbs Project: Mr. Gibbs' application was presented for a reduction to the square footage requirement for dwellings in his Crystal View development. The application was reviewed and deemed administratively incomplete. Several application items were not filled out, and a narrative description of the project and a site plan with proposed dwelling footprint were not provided. It was agreed to not accept Mr. Gibbs' check for the permit at this time. Extended discussion. Debra will research documents for past actions by the Village on this project.

B. Violations/Citations: Shelley reported an informal hearing was set for April 11 on the William Lindsay citations and gave Craig the notices sent to Colfax in error. He asked if he was supposed to attend. Shelley said yes because he issued the citations as the zoning administrator, and she sent him an email on the matter asking that he mark his calendar. She called the court to inquire about representation. Attorneys are not permitted at informal hearings but witnesses are. Craig reported David Johnson paid his fine and will be removing the addition when weather permits. Wohadlo has not paid the fine. Osga issue is on hold due to extenuating circumstances. Craig provided copies of a March 8 letter to him with several civil infraction process documents from Magistrate Wally Armstrong. The letter stated the Osga and Wohadlo citations were being returned, they are to respond to the village/township to collect fines if they pled responsible and that it goes to the District Court to handle as a state civil infraction if they do not respond. This was confusing to the commissioners because the village/townships do not collect fines. Shelley felt the court may believe we have violations bureaus. Craig said Magistrate Armstrong knows we do not have bureaus and had no further information on the matter.

C. Weldon Withdrawal: Debra reported on a communication from Mr. Kuhn representing Colfax and the Village to Mr. Figura stating his clients are under the impression Weldon has not adopted an ordinance withdrawing from the planning commission, but if so, he would like a copy. He further wrote under Section 11 of the joint agreement it appears Weldon cannot withdraw until it has paid the reasonable costs necessitated by the withdrawal and asked how Weldon intends to address that requirement. Debra said he asked for several documents from Colfax and the Village and estimates on costs and said since Weldon cannot withdraw until all the Section 11 requirements have been met we should continue to function as a three municipality entity, and if Weldon doesn't show up for the meetings so be it.

D. Zoning Administration: Written and oral reports were provided.

E. Village/Township Reports: Debra reported Cleon Township applied for a grant to extend the trail from Copemish; the Village provided a letter of support. Scrap tire collection will be held 9A.M. until noon Saturday, July 14. A bond resolution was signed for the water project. A second full-time DPW position was filled. Debra, Eugene and Dennis Smith are up for re-election. Shelley said capital improvements were discussed in addition to routine business by the Colfax board. No Weldon report.

F. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: Motion/second by Shelley/Irene to pay insurance premium of \$2,054; motion carried. Motion by Irene/Eugene to pay zoning administrator \$258.57 and compensation authorization; motion carried.

#### New Business

A. Meeting Schedule: Discussion on 2018-19 meetings. Agreement to meet Monday, May 7 due to a conflict. Motion/second by Shelley/Irene to adopt resolution 040518 to schedule JPC meetings the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of May 7, at 7:00 P.M. at the Village hall; motion carried. Publish schedule in the Record Patriot.

B. Capital Improvements: Shelley will print the forms that need to be filled out and returned.

C. Zoning Administrator Backup: Tabled.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: No public comments. Irene said the county planning commission will host a community dialogue on the Cold Creek Watershed at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 10 in the commissioners room at the government center.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Irene/Eugene to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene

Secretary

*Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting*