

Colfax Township Meeting
December 8, 2010
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1900 by Supervisor Evitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Skurski, Trustee Richter, Treasurer Draeger, Clerk Mosher.

Public Hearing for DTE Ordinance: opened at 1901. No public discussion. Motion to approve the Ordinance as published by Evitts, second by Richter. Roll call: Ayes: Evitts, Draeger, Richter, Mosher, Skurski. Nays: None. Motion passes. Ordinance will be published again; will be effective 10 days after published. Motion by Richter to close Public Hearing, second by Evitts, no opposition, motion passes.

Regular meeting re-opened at 1902.

Agenda: Add Christmas Candy Purchase to New Business.

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided.

Minutes: November 2010 regular meeting minutes reviewed, Evitts motions to approve as presented, Skurski seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: October 2010: motion by Richter, second by Mosher to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries. November 2010: dates for interest on CD's should read 9/17/10 and 9/15/10. Draeger will update on next report. Motion to approve with corrections by Richter, second by Mosher. No opposition, motion carries.

Campground Report: A few hunters were in for November. Dumpster now locked, tables turned over for winter.

Blight Officer Report: None.

Clerk's Report: Precinct report for election was completed, Board of Review certification review completed, request for continued support of Snowmobile Patrol requested from the Sheriff's Department. Discussion—motion by Richter to pay \$300 to Benzie County Sheriff's Department in support of snowmobile patrol, second by Evitts. No opposition, motion carries. MTA requests opportunity to review worker's comp policy for the Township, board discusses

and declines—we are satisfied with current carrier. Liquor Law Sunday sales change presented.

Library Report: None.

Unfinished Business:

Planning and Zoning: Using Weldon attorney—will split cost three ways rather than each body taking items to their own attorney and incurring full cost. Weldon's attorney is very familiar with the project and willing to work with Weldon, Thompsonville and Colfax. Next meeting Dec 20th at 7pm, Weldon Township Hall. Public Hearing potentially in January..

Water Bill for adjacent property. Evitts reports Village states they will have the information next Monday (their meeting night) and Evitts will bring to Colfax's January meeting.

Tree Trimming: Evitts still waiting to hear back from John Francis.

BOR appointees for 2011: Evitts recommends: Peg Mister, Jerry Philo, Shelley Greene. Motion by Richter to accept this recommendation for appointees to the Board of Review, second by Skurski. No opposition, motion carries.

New Business:

Pay Bills: motion by Richter second by Draeger to pay as presented. No opposition, motion carries. Draeger motions to have the Federal 941 coupon deposit electronically transferred via EFT from the Township checking account to the IRS using only the Clerk's user ID and PIN therefore does not require 2 signatures. Skurski seconds. Discussion. Roll call: Ayes: Draeger, Mosher, Evitts, Richter, Skurski. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Next steps on Joint Planning Commission Ordinance: review of Planning Commission Ordinance, minor changes.

Board of Review Meeting: December 14 at 5:00pm. This is an organizational meeting open to public, but no review of public concerns regarding properties will take place.

Computer for Clerk: Evitts recommends we purchase a new computer for the Clerks desk and move current computer to vacant desk space for P/Z use, when needed. Mosher is asked to get bids on a new computer. Richter makes a motion to allow up to \$1200 for new computer to include monitor, tower, keyboard and mouse, with system capable of running QuickBooks, QVF Lite, e-mail and MS Office, at a minimum. Draeger seconds. No opposition, motion carries. Mosher to present bids at next meeting.

Christmas Candy: Discussion regarding candy for Christmas program. Question of legality—it is thought that prior audit had insinuated that this type of use of taxpayer money is not approved. Evitts to call Rhodes—three government bodies have rotated the duty of purchasing the candy for the past 50+ years. How are the other two allowed to purchase? How do they record it? Between Draeger and Mosher, candy and associated supplies will be purchased in time for filling bags on Sunday, December 19th at 2pm at Colfax Township Hall. Evitts will deliver to Thompsonville Fire Hall, as arranged with Denny Smith.

Correspondence: Road Commission public meeting is scheduled for 12/16/10. Clean up date for 2011 requested by Marlene Zylstra—we will provide to her when we determine a date.

Extended Public Input: None

Meeting adjourned 2042.

Next meeting Wednesday January 12 - 7:00pm

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