

Colfax Township Meeting
May 12, 2010
Colfax Township Hall

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

Agenda: Motion by Mosher, 2nd by Skurski to accept as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: None

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided.

Minutes: March 2010 minutes reviewed, corrected 24 hour time of budget hearing to 1904 and 1924, also corrected spelling of Betsie Myers name under Public Comment. Skurski motions to approve March minutes as corrected, second by Moorman. No opposition, motion carries. April minutes reviewed. Remove line re: Betsie Myers comment from Public Comment (carryover from March minutes). Motion to approve April minutes with correction by Richter, second by Skurski. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

Draeger absent, no report.

Campground Report: Water has been tested, no problems found. Several trees were removed; tables are being repaired and new ones being built. Gravel is to be brought in for several camp sites and road is to be graded; these as per recommendation for past several years by DNR (DNRE). Trash pick-up will start in June.

Blight Officer Report: One open case—Hewitt property in Wallin subdivision. Residence now has only 3 cars (down from 10-12) so progress is being made. Owner claims these three remaining vehicles are for ORV use, all have valid ORV stickers. Workman asks Board for guidance, as ordinance does not address ORV's. Workman also mentions ordinance wording uses "County Zoning" in many areas, and since County no longer has zoning, wonders about integrity of ordinance. Motion by Richter, second by Skurski to have Workman discuss ordinance integrity with attorney, with attorney to respond in writing to this board. No opposition, motion carries.

Clerk's Report:

Mosher discusses need to update QuickBooks accounting program to 2010 version as 2008 (current operating version) outdates in 2011. Motion by Mosher to purchase new QuickBooks disc while there is a 20% discount offered. Second by Moorman, no opposition, motion carries.

Library Report: None.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Deputy Clerk: Mosher motions to appoint Trisha Peer as Deputy Clerk, Richter seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Planning and Zoning:

Weldon Members and lawyer trying to get a meeting set up in June after new Colfax Supervisor is appointed. Per Craig Meredith of Weldon Township, Attorney Figura does not recommend use of County Master Plan due to discrepancies, etc within it. Rhodes to contact each person individually to set up meeting in early to mid-June. Figura also states cost to set up new P/Z should be much less than previously quoted. Moorman suggests having Skurski and Richter talk to Figura and see if he could attend next Township meeting. Skurski suggests waiting until after group meeting then have Figura come to Colfax.

Landscaping of adjoining property: Need to run ad with Richter's phone number as contact person. Did not get in last month due to delay by paper, causing a short deadline and Moorman as contact person when he will not be available. Ad will run in mid to late May for one week in the GT Insider.

New Business:

Appoint Supervisor: 2 letters received by advertised deadline, 2 received after deadline. Discussion. Richter motions not to accept for consideration any letters received after deadline. Roll call: Mosher Aye, Richter Aye, Moorman-abstains, Skurski-Nay. Moorman states not a majority since four members of Board present and only 2 voted in favor. Motion does not carry. Skurski motions to accept for consideration all four letters as presented, no support. Motion by Mosher to re-run ad with deadline of June 1 and review all applicants at next meeting, Richter seconds, no opposition, motion carries. Further discussion. Mosher to check with County Clerk and possibly legal counsel regarding appropriate action. Motion by Mosher withdrawn, support by Richter and Skurski. No opposition.

Motion by Mosher to table appointment of supervisor until counsel by County Clerk, and / or legal counsel is sought. Second by Richter. Roll Call: Mosher-Aye, Moorman-Abstain, Skurski-Aye, Richter-Aye. Motion carries.

Fireworks permit: Date of July 10, Board is presented with forms and liability certificate in request of performing fireworks on July 10 within Township. Moorman has talked to Fire Chief in Thompsonville, and there is no conflict there, however it appears the incorrect forms have been submitted. Mosher to contact State and locate correct forms to provide to requestor.

Renner Property: Next to cemetery in Nessen City—available through tax sale. Motion by Richter, second by Skurski to purchase property for \$855.28 (back taxes owed), with purpose of potentially expanding cemetery in future. Roll Call:

Mosher-Aye, Richter-Aye, Moorman-Aye, Skurski-Aye. Motion carries. Clerk to send letter to County Treasurer's office with notice of intent.

Pay Bills: Motion by Moorman, second by Richter to pay bills as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Correspondence: Reviewed, no action.

Extended Public Input: Discussion regarding Elmer's Construction putting in new sidewalks, curbs and roadway on Main Street in Thompsonville. Discussion regarding P/Z.

Meeting adjourned 2023

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