

Colfax Township Meeting
December 12, 2012
Colfax Township Hall

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

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Greene, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Draeger.
Absent: Trustee Besey.

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided, Commissioner Kelley provides verbal highlights, of note, Benzie County has contracted with Grand Traverse County to assist in providing required access to benefits for Veterans.

Library Report: Written report provided via mail. Shirley Damore no longer interested in being the Library Representative for Colfax Township. Betsy Myer is currently acting as Trustee for Colfax Township on the Library Board and requests reappointment for four years. Mosher motions to appoint Myers as Trustee for another 4 year term, Evitts seconds, no discussion, no opposition, motion carries.

Minutes: November 2012 regular meeting minutes: Motion by Evitts second by Draeger to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Mosher motions to approve with corrections to date on 2nd CD (2012 in place of 112) and campground date should be Month of November, not October. Greene seconds. No opposition, motions carries.

Campground Report: Monies collected for month of November were turned over by Richter and deposited as per Treasurer's Report.

Clerk's Report: Proposals for computers reviewed. Motion by Evitts, second by Greene to complete the back up of the Clerk's computer and the Treasurer's computer, purchase 2 hard drive enclosures to store data from two old computers and allow computer towers to be discarded, and purchase an 8-port switch necessary for NAS (backup), with work not exceed \$350. No opposition, motion carries. Mosher to contact Mr. Estes to review approved portions of the proposal and arrange for work completion.

Planning and Zoning: LAND PLAN was selected by JPC to develop zoning, with a bid of \$13,800. Applying for Grand Traverse Band grant to cover 75% of costs r/t Zoning. New Library plans reviewed, questions regarding parking. Zoning Administrator contract has been updated and at attorneys for review.

Zoning Administrator will be an independent contractor, not an employee. All candidates were notified of this decision. This position will be filled at the January regular meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Blight Ordinance: Mosher to receive an electronic copy of the Blight Ordinance to forward for publication. All agree publication should occur after upcoming holidays. Mosher to schedule for publication January 2, 2013 if possible.

Contracts: Snowplowing-discussion; Mosher suggests staying with current provider and can change in future if we are not satisfied with service as there is no contract in place. Suggests not running ads, therefore spending money, if other services can be covered/if there is interest in covering by Board members. Discussion. Evitts to contact MTA regarding legality of Board members performing such duties for pay.

Gear it Up Contract: Mosher to contact Lew to request attendance at future meeting to review and discuss two contracts, choose which is most applicable, how they may differ from prior service.

New Business:

Board of Review: Greene motions, Evitts seconds to accept provided poverty resolution with addition of asset guidelines with asset list with explanation regarding land in excess of zoning ordinance defined minimum acreage. Discussion. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosher, Evitts, Draeger, Greene, Nays: None, Absent: Besey. No opposition, motion passes.

Budget Review: No items require adjustments, all reviewed.

Pay Bills: Motion by Evitts, second by Greene. No opposition, motion carries.

Correspondence: Reviewed, no action.

Extended Public Input: Betsy Myers suggests a letter of recognition to Shirley Damore for her service as Colfax Library representative. Board agrees. Suggestion for letter of appreciation to be sent to Skurski and Richter for their years of service on the Township Board as well. Board agrees.

Meeting adjourned at 2039.

Next meeting: Wednesday **January 9, 2013** - 7:00pm