

Colfax Township Meeting
July 11, 2012
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, Clerk Mosher, and Treasurer Draeger

Agenda: add d) Parking Lot to Unfinished business, as requested by Richter.

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided and reviewed, discussion on multiple topics, including Veteran's Office in Benzie County and annual County budget by Commissioner Kelley and Board.

Library Report: Written report mailed to Township.

Minutes: June 2012 regular meeting minutes: Approval of minutes as presented with motion by Richter, 2nd by Evitts. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as presented by Evitts, 2nd by Skurski. No opposition, motions carries.

Campground Report: Toilet seat broken 6/26-6/27, replaced, otherwise things running well.

Clerk's Report: Purchase of new printer for e-poll book laptop (just picked up) needed for upcoming election. Discussion by Board, motion by Skurski, second by Richter to have Mosher purchase an appropriate multi-function machine prior to elections, with intent of replacing the Brother printer in office currently in use. No opposition, motion carries

Planning and Zoning: 3 candidates interviewed for Zoning Administrator position. Discussion as to whether this position would be a contract or employed position, discussion on items within the Master Plan (maps, notations, etc). Public Hearing will be on 9/20/12 if all three entities pass a motion to adopt this Master Plan.

Unfinished Business:

Police Contract: Started 6/22/12, signed contract received. Discussion on where monies came from to pay for this contract. Agreed this money was to come from Capital Outlay.

Blight Complaint at Deer Track Trail: Mosher recommends Township implement an enforceable ordinance for Blight, as per samples provided by MTA representative. Mosher to

review and bring two best fitting options to next meeting for review and discussion. Evitts to contact the Prosecuting Attorney to see if he will be willing to prosecute offenders.

JPC draft master Plan: Board members presented with a hard cop at last meeting. Skurski requests clarification on several inconsistencies related to format issues and referencing the local, township cemetery as the “Nessen City” cemetery rather than the “Colfax Township Cemetery,” as is accurate. Discussion. No action.

Motion by Evitts to accept Master Plan as presented by Shelley Greene. Richter seconds. No opposition. Motion carries.

Hall Parking Lot: Skurski asks why parking lot motion was not carried out, input from audience (whom bid was received from and accepted by township). Discussion on topic, with agreement that motion to approve this project still stands, and Board agrees project should be completed promptly so the area may settle prior to snowplowing this winter. Direction given to contractor to complete the project as bid, no further action taken.

New Business:

Budget Review: Discussion, Mosher to bring updated budget to next meeting with recommended adjustments.

Pay Bills: Motion by Evitts, 2nd by Richter to pay as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Correspondence: Various written correspondence reviewed, no action taken.

Extended Public Input: Shelley Greene requests reimbursement for training for Zoning Board of Appeals, for which she paid out of pocket for herself and one other individual. States the training notice was not reviewed until after the June meeting. Discussion. It was decided that since this training was not pre-approved and the ZBA is not yet functioning, and there is not a Zoning Plan yet in place, that the training would not be reimbursed.

Meeting adjourned at 20297.



Next meeting Wednesday **August 8, 2012** - 7:00pm