

Colfax Township Meeting
June 13, 2012
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1904 by Supervisor Evitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Public Comment: Candidate running for Prosecuting Attorney, Sara Mason introduces herself and provides both personal and relevant work histories.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided and reviewed, discussion on multiple topics by Commissioner Kelley and Board.

Library Report: Written report mailed to Township.

Minutes: May 2012 regular meeting minutes: Approval of minutes with typographical errors under Planning and Zoning: LIAA acronym to include second "A" and JPZ corrected to JPC with motion by Skurski, 2nd by Evitts. No opposition, motion carries.

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

Campground Report: 1 fire ring replaced, 1 table repaired, gravel delivered and graded. Richter reported to Road Commission that Dam Site Road was not graded when other county roads in are were graded, brine was applied without grading. Has since been graded. New rates are posted, web page updates submitted, trash pickup arranged for summer. No bill received to date, Richter to follow up on this so we will not be charge late fee. Fees taken in for month are higher than last year.

Clerk's Report: Election Inspector training scheduled for 7/20/12. 10 inspectors signed up, additional inspectors can be trained in October.

Planning and Zoning: 1 person from each entity covered is now required to sign checks. 3 candidates to be interviewed 7/5/12 for the Zoning Administrator position. Attorney Figura is to attend the next meeting regarding pricing for contract to retain his services. Next meeting 7/5 at 7pm at Weldon Township Hall.

Unfinished Business:

Hall Parking Lot: Discussion, no further action. Motion approved at last meeting to have gravel delivered has not been completed, now placed on hold.

Road Brining: All roads brined, bill not yet received.

Blight Complaint at Deer Track Trail: Evitts talked to both parties; hopefully by fall offending party will have area cleaned up, complainant content for now. No contact with MTA or legal counsel discussion to date regarding this issue. Mosher states MTA indicated a Junk Ordinance should not heavily reference Planning or Zoning, and that typically such ordinances have a clause which indicates any items deemed not enforceable shall be void, but all other aspects of the ordinance remain in effect, therefore likely it would not be our entire ordinance that is unenforceable, only items referencing County Planning/Zoning. Several sample ordinances available, Mosher to access and bring to next meeting. MTA also states this type of ordinance does not have the 60 day delay, publication, or strict public review and discussion requirements.

New Business:

JPC draft master plan: Copies distributed and discussed. Input requested ASAP as changes would require review, discussion and perhaps delay of adoption.

Budget Review: discussed as it refers to capital outlay. Project approved for gravel and grading of drive now on hold. Discussion regarding contracting with the Sheriff's Department to have a deputy available for limited summer hours. Richter presented information on cost and breakdown for township financial responsibility should contract be entered into. Thompsonville Village and Weldon Township have already approved this proposed contract. Richter motions to enter into a contract with the Benzie County Sheriff's Department for contracting one officer (to include police car, uniformed officer, etc) to cover Thompsonville, Weldon Township and Colfax Township for a total of 22 days throughout the summer at 6 hours per day, for 22 days (to be specified by the entities named above). Cost of such contract would be \$1980 per entity. Evitts seconds. Discussion. Roll Call: Ayes: Richter, Evitts, Mosher, Draeger. Nays: Skurski. Motion carries. Richter to complete the contract for initiation on 6/22/12.

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

Correspondence: Various written correspondence reviewed, no action taken.

Extended Public Input: David Bedells introduces himself as candidate running for Probate Judge and provides personal background and relevant work history.

Meeting adjourned at 2027.

Next meeting Wednesday **July 11, 2012** - 7:00pm