

Colfax Township Public Hearing

2012/2013 Township Budget
March 14, 2012 at 6:30pm
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1830 by Supervisor Evitts.

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

2012-2013 Budget: Discussed and reviewed. Campground Budget to be separated per Auditor request. Fund Balance number is not available, per Supervisor. Mosher discusses line item 101-711 is not active, appears the older version, line item 101-862 under Other Functions is reflecting this data. Postage increases across all cost centers. Wages remain unchanged in light of the poor economy. Lunches for election workers who are unable to leave the premises while working are included in election expenses. Evitts confirms per MTA, it is also acceptable for Board of Review workers to be provided meals during their hour break, and these charges are also included in the Board of Review expenses. Assessor operating supplies includes second half of computer program update. Planning and Zoning printing and publishing fee is set to cover mandatory publication of final P&Z required documents. Blight Ordinance contract fee is set in budget, although without final P&Z in place, unclear how Blight will be handled—by each entity or through P&Z.

Campground Budget: Evitts suggests \$5000 to be transferred from General Fund to new account for the Campground, and between now and November 1, 2012 additional review/research is to occur to thoroughly document actual General Fund monies that are to be transferred into the Campground account. It is agreed that all additional Campground monies will be transferred from the General Fund to the Campground Account at the onset of the new fiscal year (2013-2014), inasmuch as this does not require the Township to cash in a CD investment prior to maturity to accomplish the transfer, and so long as the Campground has sufficient funds to operate until such a time as the monies are available in the General Fund. Monies owed to the Campground shall be tracked through the General Fund until all such monies have been transferred.

Mileage is set at the Federal Standard of \$0.555/mile for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, unless such a time comes within this fiscal year where re-evaluation and adjustments to remain in line with Federal reimbursements are necessary.

The Attorney of Record shall remain Ward, Kuhn, et al.

Paper of Record shall remain the Record Patriot. Discussion regarding why the Grant Traverse Insider (free paper), likely with wider distribution, would not be the paper or record? Evitts to discuss requirements of determining paper of Record with MTA to determine if we can indeed switch, or if we are legally bound to maintain the Record Patriot as paper of record. Evitts to bring this information to the April 2012 regular meeting.

Public Comment: Kelley commends the Board on a thorough, comprehensive, detailed budget.

Adjournment: at 1850pm.

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