

Colfax Township Meeting
October 10, 2012
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1901 by Supervisor Evitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Skurski, Trustee Richter, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Draeger. Absent: None.

Agenda: New Business add as item d). Entrance Door Replacement.

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided and reviewed; Brief discussion regarding County Building Department is now a contracted department, allowing considerable cost savings.

Library Report: Written report provided via mail.

Minutes: September 2012 regular meeting minutes: Date of next meeting reads September 12, should be October 10. Motion by Richter second by Skurski to approve with this correction. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Date in header reads September 12, should be October 10. Mosher motions to approve with this correction, Richter seconds. No opposition, motions carries.

Campground Report: Richter reports continues to look as if brining was not done at Campground, Evitts concurs. Richter states Brad at Road Commission states "problems with brining vendor this year." No discussion regarding reimbursement, etc. Evitts to follow up with Road Commission on this item.

Clerk's Report: Burnham and Flower Insurance update regarding coverage provided/review and renewal.

Planning and Zoning: Public Hearing held 9/20/12, 2 persons in attendance. JPC taking bids for Zoning Ordinance.

Unfinished Business:

Road Brining: Evitts to talk to Road Commission, also to talk to Weldon about prices, etc.

Blight Ordinance: Evitts states he did not get a chance to talk to attorney Ward yet. Plans to set up a face to face meeting.

Question regarding follow up on dog/firearm discharged in Village. Evitts states he spoke with Sheriff and no resolution was identified. Evitts relates that the Sheriff's Department relayed that the claim was looked into, but without physical evidence or the officer observing the discharge of a firearm, there is nothing they can do. Commissioner Kelley and Mosher both disagree. Kelley states that the discharge of a firearm in a Village which has laws against this is serious and it should be investigated further. Mosher agrees, stating the officer should have at least talked to the neighbors and made it clear that discharging any kind of gun within the village limits is illegal. Evitts reports he did call the Wickhams and let them know the result of his meeting with the Sheriff, and encouraged them to report any future issues of this nature of the Village as well as to the Sheriff Department.

New Business:

Approval of master Plan: Discussion. Evitts motions, Draeger seconds to resolve the adoption of the Master Plan as presented to this Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Skurski, Mosher, Richter, Draeger, Evitts. Nays: none. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Skurski extends a thank you on behalf of the Board to Jack Richter and Shelley Greene for working so hard on this important project and keeping us updated so well.

Budget Review: No items require adjustments, all reviewed.

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

New Entrance Doors: Richter suggests looking at replacing two entrance doors in back office. Many bugs are coming in, presumably due to the poor seal on the doors, and likely an area of heat loss. Richter suggests getting a few bids. Evitts states we will need to check the budget to see if we can consider this improvement. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

Correspondence: Flags are received, bill will be in for next month.

Extended Public Input: Mosher discusses Commissioners meeting on the topic of the Veterans in Benzie County and lack of necessary and needed services. Kelly also comments on progress: currently available services do not meet the needs of the Vets, but does appear to meet the minimum requirements of the State. There will be changes implemented and the Commissioners meeting was a start in the right direction. Potentially contracting with the department in Traverse City, with the hopes of having someone train alongside during the contract period to become certified and then run an office independently in Benzie. Much work to be done.

Meeting adjourned at 2010.

Next meeting Wednesday **November 14, 2012** - 7:00pm