

Colfax Township Meeting
September 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 Skurski, Trustee Richter, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Draeger. Absent: None.

Agenda: Add blight discussion as item c). Unfinished Business.

Public Comment: Wickham's reside in Colfax Township and have been having trouble with neighbors' children discharging a firearm within Village Limits (Elm Street) and shooting at their dog. Residents have complained to Sheriff Department without resolution, recently dog has been injured, presumably as a result of gun discharge (? Pellet gun). Evitts to follow up with Sheriff Department and communicate with residents directly and report back to Township at next meeting regarding Sheriff Department action, suggested next step and legal options.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided and reviewed; interviewing for Recycling Coordinator ongoing with Marlene taking permanent position with Clerk's office.

Library Report: None provided this month.

Minutes: August 2012 regular meeting minutes: Motion by Richter to approve as presented, 2nd by Evitts. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Mosher to approve with exception of Campground information, which will be corrected and up to date at the next meeting, 2nd by Skurski. No opposition, motions carries.

Campground Report: Richter reports brining has not been done at Campground, discussion on overall lack of satisfaction with brining this year. Mosher suggests we look at other providers if County is not giving us satisfactory services. Evitts states this is a vendor issue, and the County has relayed this information to him previously, reporting other options are much more expensive and he will talk to Road Commission again about missed roads and lack of satisfaction. Discussion regarding having a contract next year to include phraseology addressing guarantee of satisfaction of service prior to payment.

Clerk's Report: Receiving Board for elections will need to be appointed, as will election inspectors for November Election. Additional training for Election inspectors will take place Oct 18 if anyone has interest.

Planning and Zoning: Next meeting 9/20/12, still within waiting period for Master Plan.

Unfinished Business:

Police Contract: Contract complete. Lack of satisfaction with communication between Sheriff Department and local Boards; only one report received and that one had to be requested. Richter suggests if we look at doing this again, we need to consider asking for a portion of the income from tickets written, as discussed earlier in the year.

Blight Ordinance: Same complainant writes threatening letter included in tax payment indicating he wishes to pursue legal action due to the Township's lack of response to prior complaints. Mosher suggests Township communicate with our attorney to get a legal opinion as to whether our Blight Ordinance is indeed enforceable and we are in breach, or if the ordinance can somehow be removed or voided/nullified until we have a Master Plan and Zoning in place, and what sort of communication we need to provide this individual to address his threat and complaint. Evitts agrees to follow up with Township Attorney to find the answers to these questions.

New Business:

Budget Review: A few line items reviewed, however no budget adjustments needed at this time, will continue to monitor, elections in particular with increased staffing requirements as well as increased technology demand.

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

Gear It Up Invoice: Richter updates Board that the Web page has been updated to include Master Plan, invoice for such was paid for by the JPC, as agreed upon by all three entities since Colfax is the only entity with a Web Page and this makes it easily accessible to residents in all three communities.

Correspondence: Various written correspondence reviewed discussion on MTA classes typically scheduled after first of year for newly elected officials. No action taken.

Extended Public Input: None.

Meeting adjourned at 1958.



Next meeting Wednesday **September 12, 2012** - 7:00pm