

Colfax Township Meeting
August 14, 2013
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1900 by Supervisor Evitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Greene, Clerk Mosher, Trustee Besey, Treasurer Draeger. Absent: None.

Agenda: Item 3.5 added: Craig Johnson, Benzie County EMS update.

Public Comment: None.

Web Site, Jim Stamm: presented summary of township's current page and status, provided list of current web page projects under his management. Motion by Mosher, second by Besey to offer Colfax Township web page maintenance and management to Jim Stamm. Motion by Mosher, second by Evitts to appoint Greene as primary website contact person. Both Stamm and Greene accept positions.

Benzie County EMS, Craig Johnson: discussion regarding Thompsonville ambulance status: no longer staffed to the state required minimum. Benzie County EMS will be assuming coverage of the area 100% starting on/about end of September. Discussion regarding response times and vehicle availability to respond into the area.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided. Discussion on items, no action taken.

Library Report: Written report received by mail. Evitts mentions that Betsy Myer may want to resign.

Minutes: July 2013 regular meeting minutes: Motion by Evitts second by Draeger to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: July 2013 report reviewed, Greene motions, Evitts seconds approval as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Campground Report: Garbage picked up, holding tanks emptied, Conservation Resource Alliance sign posted on pavilion to help provide information on water depth measurement efforts. Gauge is located just downstream of dam.

Clerk's Report: Discussed audit, provided draft audit findings for Board to review. A couple found some postcards of Thompsonville area in a deceased relatives possessions and have offered to send them to the Clerk. Mosher to provide self addressed, stamped padded envelope for mailing.

Supervisor's Report: Informed Board of ongoing struggles with millage for Road Commission. Update on Board of Review. No action.

Planning and Zoning: ordinance to allow JPC to ZBA wording for a single ZBA, Sec 4, item f. Mosher motions, Evitts seconds. Ayes: Mosher, Evitts, Greene, Besey, Draeger. Nays: None. Ordinance #19 of Colfax Township is adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Blight Ordinance: Multiple attempts by Besey and Evitts to deliver notification of non-compliance to Mr. Hewitt. Will attempt within next week, then mail notification, 10 days later if no response, will contact legal counsel.

New Business:

Rear Doors: Discussed possible door replacement or block up hallway door. Doors do not have a good seal, allowing air leak and insect access to building. Discussion. Evitts motions, Mosher seconds to have Besey block up hallway door. No opposition, motion carries. Further discussion on rear entry door to business office tabled.

Budget Review: Evitts motions, Besey seconds to move \$87.31 from line 256-931 to 446.530 and 446.528. No opposition, motion carries. Ayes: Mosher, Evitts, Draeger, Besey, Greene. Nays: None.

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

Correspondence: Reviewed. No action taken.

Extended Public Input: Brief discussion on brining issue brought up by Lake Ann resident regarding quality of brine, potential contaminants contained. Questions regarding second brining—will same vendor be used? Evitts reports nothing has been determined yet.

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 11, 2013 - 7:00pm