

Colfax Township Meeting

February 8, 2023

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 19:01 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Present: Trustee Besey, Supervisor Seguin, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Hoseit, Trustee Greene
Absent: None

Agenda: Mosher motions to approve agenda with Correction of TART to TARP for association of guest speaker. Seguin seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: None

Guests: Chuck Krause: TARP update—brief presentation with visual aids. Group would like to create a trailhead in Thompsonville water tower park. Group is in planning stage, with funding still being applied for through grant opportunities. Resolution of support recommended by Mosher, Krause states the group would greatly appreciate such a resolution and it could be provided directly to him.

County Commissioner's Report: Evan Warsecke provided verbal report, answered audience and Board questions. July 15, 2023 Thompsonville will have a tire collection.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Seguin with support by Besey to approve January 11, 2023 minutes as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve February's Treasurer's Report by Mosher seconded by Seguin, no opposition, motion carries. Hoseit states she will be at the hall on 2/14 and 2/28 for tax collection.

Campground Report: Closed. Besey asks prior Campground Manager who is in attendance in audience where the additional 3 camera mounts are, as per Township records and original receipts, there were a total of 5 identical mounts purchased all at one time which he was reimbursed for, but only two were provided to the Township after his resignation. Besey also states there is a receipt for 2 trail cameras from October and another receipt for two trail cameras purchased in November. Besey asks prior manager if 4 cameras were bought for campground (this is denied), then asks if maybe two were purchased for personal use and the receipt just ended up in township files. This also was denied by the prior manager. Upon further inquiry, Gene Hoseit, prior campground manager, refuses to reply, then states he "would have no idea" where the mounts were. After much discussion, Audrey Swisher, former clerk, states if she has a copy of the receipt, she will get the camera mounts to Tom Besey. Copies of receipt for purchase of 2 trail cameras and five mounts and copy of second receipt approximately one month later, for 2 additional trail cameras provided to Audrey Swisher.

Clerk's Report: Nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report: None.

Blight Report: Carmean Road property was visited, multiple vehicles on site but no one would answer door. Note left requesting contact. Wallin Road property now has cars accumulating again. Will keep monitoring and attempt contact as spring approaches.

Zoning Administrator Report: Verbal report provided. Issue re: farm animals being maintained within the Village limits within Colfax Township: Notice served—residents have one month to remove animal, have until June to deal with waste. Brief discussion re: Air BNB on Michigan Ave. Discussion re: condos to be constructed at NE Corner of 4-Way stop. No action.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Verbal report provided. No meeting last week: No quorum present. Rescheduled to 2/9, however cancelled due to pending inclement weather.

Library: None.

Unfinished Business:

A). BOR training: Larry Sevegney and Liz Kalis scheduled for virtual training 2/27.

B). MTA's Expo at Grand Traverse Resort: just a reminder for Board to sign up if interested.

New Business:

Budget Review: Mosher recommends 335 201>>970 in the amount of \$200. Discussion, Mosher motions same. Seguin seconds. Roll Call: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Hoseit, Greene, Mosher. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

Pay Pending Bills: Bills reviewed. Motion to pay all bills as presented by Greene, second by Seguin. No opposition, motion carries.

Colfax Township Regular Board Meeting Dates: To be set at next meeting. Discussion regarding time—why not earlier. Mosher and Hoseit state it would be difficult to attend if much earlier due to commute from work in Traverse City. Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to keep meetings on second Wednesdays at 7pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Budget Hearing date to be set: Discussion. Seguin motions to hold at 6:30pm, just prior to regular meeting, Greene seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Correspondence: Election Source: two invoices received, both for Test Deck for August primary. Mosher left message requesting return call to clarify.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to adjourn at 2003. No opposition, motion carries.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 - 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

DeAnn Mosher, Clerk
Colfax Township