

Colfax Township Meeting

June 14, 2023

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 19:02 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Present: Trustee Besey, Supervisor Seguin, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Hoseit, Trustee Greene

Agenda: Mosher motions, Seguin seconds to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: None

Guests: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Thorough brief verbal report, no action.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Seguin with support by Besey to approve May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes
No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve June's Treasurer's Report by Mosher, second by Seguin, no opposition,
motion carries.

Campground Report: steady flow of campers. Garbage is getting full. Discussion re: talking to Corey Brown
about cost of a dumpster through Northern Disposal, compare to Republic Waste charge.

Clerk's Report: QuickBooks to be purchased/installed at time of audit. Cemetery signage needed including
large sign, Mosher will work on getting bids. Audit scheduled for June 26, Mosher will be present for the day to
assist if needed. Clean-up costs associated with printing and mailing out postcards. Mosher states Weldon puts
date and time in Winter tax bills. Could also put ad in local paper and place a couple postings around town, at
the hall. Residency can then be checked against the tax roll that Barb can print out. Discussion. All present
agree. Mosher motions to no longer provide post cards for spring clean up, but to include accurate date and
time in newsletter sent out with Winter tax bills along with a notice that taxpayers in Colfax Township will no
longer be receiving the post cards in the spring but will be expected to show proof of residency at time of drop
off. Seguin seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Supervisor's Report: Discussion re: parking lot—Seguin and Besey to mark out area to be paved and Seguin to
call for bids.

Blight Report: No action. Discussion regarding necessity of consistent follow up. Besey and Seguin to revisit
Carmean Road residence, leave note on door, send violation via certified mail and regular mail to land owner,
who has this same address. Not the responsibility of the Township to ensure the correct person at the
household receives the violation or citation. Mosher states this residence needs to be followed every week or
two. Fines can be imposed for failure to make progress with each citation.

Zoning Administrator Report: Oral report by Greene.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Oral Report by Greene, next meeting 6/1/2023.

Library: Written Report provided.

Unfinished Business:

A). **Annual Audits:** First scheduled for June 26.

B). **Clean Up Day:** Successful but too busy for one person to work. Complaints about not receiving cards in mail.

C). **Colfax Fiduciary for JPC:** No additional information available. Mosher to get more info by next meeting.

D). **Fire Inspection:** Extinguishers placed, bill received and paid.

New Business:

A). Budget Review: Reviewed, no changes recommended.

B). Pay Pending Bills: Motion by Seguin second by Besey to pay bills as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

C). Township Mailbox: Clerk and Deputy Clerk have keys, mail will be picked up 1-2 times a week and delivered to hall. Treasurer to let them know if mail needs to be picked up more frequently such as during tax season.

D). Letter of Support for Thompsonville Fire Department: Mosher reads email requesting letter of support for grant they have applied for. Mosher motions, Seguin supports to provide letter of support, no opposition, motion carries. Mosher to complete.

F).Brining farther on Dinger Road per resident request: email read-residents live and operate a business beyond the end of the maintained road (on seasonal part) about 300 feet. They state the road is plowed by the county past their drive and it was brined last year. Discussion. It is agreed that Seguin will ask at the next Road Commission meeting about this: what are the requirements for a road to be adjusted from seasonal to maintained? Board agrees that this year there is nothing that can be done, and if it were done for this resident, we would have to accommodate all other residents in same situation. Township did not pay for this additional footage to be brined last year, so it was simply a mistake by the brining company.

G). Wolverine Power Co-op: Resolution provided by Wolverine Power Co-Op discussed. No action.

H). Website – Policy or reference document re: links: Discussion about Greene being requested to add links on township website. Mosher suggests she and Greene develop a guide to determine if it link aligns with intent of page: to provide useful information about the Township, area or resources of need for residents and visitors of Colfax Township. Mosher makes a motion for the above, Hoseit seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

I). Township Hall yard: Village not able to fully remove debris in yard from plowing. When DPW employee asked, stated the clean up was done, no additional work to take place. Besey states he can remove the remaining debris sufficient to allow mowing. Seguin motions to have Besey complete, Greene seconds. No opposition, motion carries. Large old stump at south end of property—should be responsibility of Village. Second stump at edge of parking area where tree removed to be removed by Besey in prep for paving of parking area. Motion by Seguin, second by Greene to have Besey complete. No opposition, motion carries. Besey to talk to Village DPW about removal of other stump near sidewalk.

Correspondence: None.

Additional Public Comment: Attendee who lives in Village expresses concerns over the plow truck being parked since winter full of sand/salt. States repairs done on truck last year related to conveyor/spreader, wondering how having salt in bed throughout the summer, being rained on, etc. Can't be good for the truck?

Are the minutes going to be posted online? Mosher states this is a process and she is behind, but working on it.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to adjourn at 2016. No opposition, motion carries.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

DeAnn Mosher, Clerk
Colfax Township