

Colfax Township Meeting

February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 1903 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public Comment: none

Guests:

- a. Charles Kraus: TARP update: handouts provided, verbal update with projected timelines and budget. Project includes moving Caboose to within Campground boundaries, construct a bathhouse with showers and flushing toilets, 10 improved campsites with electricity, paved drive through campground, signage regarding old fountain, discussion regarding restoring the “railroad diamond” where the two railways intersected with potential monument.
- b. Chad Hollenbeck: Benzie Bus provides annual update, state ridership up 20% this past year, answers all questions.

County Commissioner’s Report: absent

Meeting Minutes: Tabled until March meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve January’s Treasurer’s Report by Mosher, 2nd by Seguin, no opposition, motion carries.

Campground Report: Closed, no activity.

Clerk’s Report: Excessive number of hours have been put in by clerk and deputy clerk (election chair) in past two weeks to implement all last minute early voting practices. Updates, clarifications and responses to questions posed to Bureau of Elections still coming in daily, multiple times a day.

Supervisor’s Report: discussion.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: Some improvements made at Carmean property/documentated with violation notice sent. 4 weeks follow up scheduled.

Joint Planning Commission Update: absent

Zoning Administrator Report: absent

Library: Minutes received via mail.

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: continued communication

B). Joint Meeting held Jan 22: All present attended, no review.

D). JPC financials: transferred to Township, must change all paperwork at bank.

New Business:

A). Budget Review: Reviewed, Mosher states Cost Center (CC) 170 appears over—need to review further as this does not appear to be accurate. If transfer of funds is necessary, Mosher recommends moving from CC 334 and 752 to 170 to balance.

B). Pay Pending Bills: Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to pay bills as presented with Mosher to move funds as presented if deemed necessary. Roll call: Ayes: Mosher, Besey, Seguin, Hoseit. Nays: None. Absent: Greene.

C). Revisit Mileage: reminder for new budget

D). Budget Hearing date/time: Discussion, Motion to schedule for March 4 at 7pm by Mosher, second by Besey. No opposition, motion carries.

E). JPC Budget: written report provided to include in budget determination.

F). CIP projects for consideration: painting exterior of hall, sidewalk in front of hall, pad at back entrance extended, resurface parking area.

G), Wage Resolutions: to be established at budget workshop

Correspondence: none

Additional Public Comments: Question regarding fire and EMS services: do taxpayers get discount or fee covered since they pay taxes to support? Mosher clarifies Thompsonville EMS is not supported by taxes, it is self-funded. Benzie EMS is tax funded, as is fire service. Ambulance services bill for transport and services rendered, they can choose to allow write offs, but the tax funding allows service to be available, not for all services provided when they go on a call. Ambulances services bill insurance, which helps offset cost of funding the service (availability) whereas Thompsonville Fire does not bill insurance or homeowner, this service is fully funded by taxes.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 2005.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
March 13, 2024 - 7:00pm**