

Colfax Township Meeting

April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 1900 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public Comment: none

Guests:

a. Tim Knoper, Benzie-Manistee Dirt Birds: ORV Club based in Kaleva, a sub-group of the SnowBirds. Provides info re: the club, rules, and movement to map approved ORV trails. Group promotes respect to property, other trail users, vehicle traffic etc., educate and require members to follow all ORV laws, would like to see signage and policing in place as well as establish a trail maintenance program. Bringing information to the Colfax Board as they would like us to be aware of the club and its goals to connect trails between counties. Letter provided to Board by Tim Knoper describing intent. No action.

b. Bob Wilkinson, Cemetery Irrigation: Has been working on identifying the layout of the irrigation system within the cemetery, provides info on next steps including installing a control panel, replacing any pipes and sprinkler heads, discussion or annual maintenance. Discussion. Mosher motions to move ahead with irrigation system repairs and upgrades to make functional as bid is well within the money currently allotted for cemetery upgrades. Seguin seconds. No additional discussion, motion carries. Mosher to pay Mr. Wilkerson for costs already incurred and projected additional costs as provided in estimate given to board.

County Commissioner's Report: Absent.

Meeting Minutes: Greene requests typo correction in March 4, 2024 Budget Hearing minutes. Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to approve March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented and March 4, 2024 Budget Hearing minutes with typo corrected.

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

Campground Report: License posted, several downed trees cleaned up, have had a few campers. Garbage dumpster emptied after multiple calls. Mosher confirms this pickup was billed and paid to the Township last December. In talking with the billing company for Republic, they stated they identify all pick ups by address. The Campground does not have an address, making it frustrating to communicate with the billing company. Mosher called Equalization and had an address established for the campground to make communications easier in the future.

Clerk's Report: No items to review or discuss.

Supervisor's Report: No items to review or discuss.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: 1 follow up to Carmean property, no one living at location.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Written report

Zoning Administrator Report: Written report

Library: Minutes received via mail

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: communication along with down payment provided. Motion by Besey, second

by Seguin to move forward with ordering signage as previously discussed and pay downpayment. Discussion. No opposition, motion carries.

B). Hall Gutters: update: need new fascia. Besey to move forward with getting repairs arranged.

New Business:

Budget Review: No changes needed.

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

Phone Etiquette: Anyone retrieving messages from the machine needs to send a text or call to let intended recipient know if there is a time sensitive call and *not* to engage directly with caller. All zoning calls need to go to Shelley Greene, all tax questions must go to Barb Hoseit, all election, cemetery and bill pay items must go to DeAnn Mosher, Board of Review concerns to Ron Seguin, Blight concerns to Ron Seguin or Tom Besey, Campground calls to Tom Besey. Discussion. All in agreement—any calls which need follow up will have intended recipient notified by the person who originally retrieved the call. Intended recipient will be responsible for deleting call after it is dealt with.

Pest Control: Mosher asks if we should schedule a spring treatment given our problem with the ash beetles last year. Discussion. Motion by Hoseit, second by Mosher to schedule treatment of building. Discussion. No opposition, motion carries.

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment:

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 2018.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
May 8, 2024 - 7:00pm**