

Colfax Township Meeting

September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 1900 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda: Addition of 11. E) BS&A online payments, correct month under minutes to August, to September minutes and treasurers report. Motion to approve with addition by Seguin, Hoseit seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: none

Guests: **Chuck Kraus TARP:** Project update provided, 2/3 funded with award of grant funding, much work and much progress, but still much more to do. Request for the Township to support the project by sponsoring an item from the list provided. Kraus reports that Weldon is providing a drinking fountain for the park.

County Commissioner's Report: Verbal report provided to include clarification that Nov Jail millage failed, the one we will see on the November ballot is a renewal, totally separate from prior millage. EMS millage to be on the ballot in November as well. Budget for County finalized, recycling coordinator position is currently contracted, not a county employee. Cardboard trailers at schools—still working on getting these back in place. No action.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to approve the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve September Treasurer's Report by Seguin, 2nd by Besey, no opposition, motion carries. Treasurer will have mandatory hours 9a-5p on 9/14 to receive tax payments. Question form public regarding date taxes are due—date on tax bill falls after date Treasurer will be at hall. Hoseit to clarify tax due date.

Campground Report: Moderate camping activity, no other significant updates.

Clerk's Report: MTA Clerks meeting in Sept/Oct—will attend if work schedule allows. Multiple Clerk meetings regarding elections scheduled at County level.

Supervisor's Report: Personal correspondence re: variance request for parcel near personal residence. Question as to why meeting is being held at Weldon, not Colfax. Seguin to call directly to address.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: Verbal report: Carmean Rd. continues to have minor progress. Seguin talked to son-in-law at property, Besey talked to daughter. Owner now living in Thompsonville/address unknown.

Joint Planning Commission Update: no report.

Zoning Administrator Report: no report.

Library: Minutes received via mail.

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: update requested from Signplicity.

B). Gutters: Seguin talked to Adamczak Construction – not planning on repairing, does not believe it is his responsibility. Will charge \$1500 to repair. Discussion. Motion by Seguin, second by Hoseit to send copy of contract to attorney to review and advise/send letter to Adamczak Construction. No opposition, motion carries.

C). Website updates/re-assign Web Page management: tabled, web page manager absent.

D). Fire Millage: L-4029 needs to be amended to allow for collection of additional tax money. Discussion, Seguin motions, Besey seconds to file an amended tax collection form to allow for the millage passed in the August election to increase millage from 1.00 to 1.5 mils for 5 years. Discussion: Fire Chief present, questions regarding how Weldon will pay for their portion, when the position starts, etc. Per MacGirr he anticipates starting in November 2024. Village/Fire Department has about \$470K in replacement fund they can “borrow” money from. This will cover Weldon’s portion of the funding until they pay, which has been “promised” to be included in next fiscal year from general fund. Roll Call: Ayes: Seguin, Besey, Hoseit, Mosher. Nays, None. Absent: Greene. Motion carries, Mosher to file amended L-4029. New contract to be put in place. No payments until 25/26 fiscal year. Weldon and Colfax are to have the exact same contract with identical wording to ensure consistency. Seguin asks what wage was decided upon. MacGirr states he will be getting \$65K per year. Mosher asks what other fire department chiefs in the area receive. Per MacGirr: Ben zonia is at \$75K, Almira at \$85K. Mosher asks to confirm that Benzonia Chief also manages a medical first responder unit and Almira Chief manages a basic life support ambulance service in addition to fire services and both these stations have more call than Thompsonville. MacGirr confirms.

E). BS&A: Discussion re: receiving payments electronically. Per Hoseit, the contract indicated there was a fee per payment that was incurred by the township. Mosher indicates that in conversation with the rep, he indicated there was no fee to the township since we are already BS&A clients. These fees are for new entities who are contracting with BS&A for the electronic payment portion only/not using their software products. Hoseit to reach out to BS&A to further clarify. Hoseit is also aware of other townships that are using this piece of BS&A, may also reach out to them.

New Business:

Budget Review: No changes required.

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

Retirement Fund: Mosher gathering information for those eligible. This was always in place until last board eliminated it even though one of their board members was eligible. Further discussion in future.

~~**Renewal of ParPlan:** Reviewed, no changes, motion to approve continued coverage through renewal by Greene, second by Seguin. Roll Call: Ayes: Seguin, Besey, Mosher, Greene, Absent: Hoseit.~~

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment: Mosher mentions the Election Commission will meet after next month’s regular monthly meeting to appoint election inspectors.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 2030.

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