

Colfax Township Meeting

October 9, 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, Trustee Greene, Clerk Mosher
Absent: none

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

Public Comment: none

Guests: none

County Commissioner's Report: Verbal report provided to include clarification that Nov Jail millage failed, won't see again until 2026. November ballot will have operation renewal only for jail. Katie Zeits present. Discussion of County items. No action.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Seguin, second by Besey to approve the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes with correction to remove "renewal of ParPlan" under New Business (this occurred last month). No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion re: implementing BS&A online payments. Hoseit states she has not reached out to them, requires highspeed internet – Mosher states we have fiber installed, therefore internet speed should not be a problem, suggests Hoseit perform a test on her computer to ensure it would support the software. Hoseit states it takes several months to install. Discussion re: having in place for winter tax payment. Hoseit is requested to contact BS&A to clarify fee schedule. Mosher states other townships report they do not to pay the fees included on the paperwork previously provided. Will review at next meeting.

Campground Report: Numbers continue to be decent. No major updates.

Clerk's Report: Hazardous Mitigation Plan needs to be addressed. Discussion; Seguin motions to approve, Mosher seconds. Roll Call: Ayes: Seguin, Hoseit, Greene, Mosher, Besey Nays: none
Election upcoming.

Supervisor's Report: No additional report.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: Verbal report: Carmean Rd. continues to have minor progress.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Geene did not attend. No report.

Zoning Administrator Report: ~~Wrotten~~ Written report provided with verbal review.

Library: Minutes received via mail.

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: tabled.

B). Gutters: Mosher indicates this has not yet been sent on to the attorney, will hope to hear back by next meeting.

C). Website updates/re-assign Web Page management: tabled.

D). Fire Millage: amended tax form submitted to County to allow collection of increased millage.

E). Road Commission: discussion re: brining. Recap: Brining contract provided in spring, reviewed and due to substantially higher cost than budgeted, Seguin tasked with reaching out to Road Commission (RC) for explanation. No action throughout summer with RC contacting Mosher asking for payment. Informed them no contract was signed. RC did perform spring brining and is asking to be paid. Discussion re: \$4K over budget,

work was done and the township always provides spring brining. Greene suggests we pay for amount over budget to be covered with Metro funds. Motion by Greene to pay RC for spring brining using budgeted amounts, with excess to be paid from Metro fund (through fund transfer from Metro to GF) with Besey seconding. Discussion. Roll Call: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Greene, Hoseit, Mosher. Nays: none. Motion carries. **F). TARP sponsorship:** discussed request from TARP to provide support through sponsorship of one or more items on the TARP wish list. Consideration of providing bike rack, bench, sign. Tabled.

New Business:

Budget Review: No changes required.

Pay Pending Bills: Motion by Seguin, second by Hoseit to pay bills as presented plus Road Commission Brining fee and Par Plan payment. No opposition, motion carries.

Retirement Fund: Tabled pending additional information.

Election: Several new election inspectors helping out this year.

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment: Complaint voiced by one member of the public asking if township will be brining roads again as the County graded the road and now there is excessive dust. Board response was no—fall brining has already been completed and our township did not opt in given the excessive cost and given that it is already October. Dave Egeler introduces himself as candidate for Probate Judge in Benzie County and presents several attributes he feels he will bring to the position as well as items he will prioritize.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 2009.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
December 11, 2024 - 7:00pm**