

Colfax Township Meeting

November 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 1902 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: Mike MacGirr with update on Thompsonville Fire Department and new millage. States he has been working FT since November, states he has been recruiting new firefighters. Besey asks if the fire department will start billing insurance companies to help offset additional expense of FT fire chief and other expenses, MacGirr responds he is looking into this as he doesn't want to have homeowners having to pay above and beyond what insurance pays. Mosher suggests he talk to the Thompsonville Ambulance director and other Fire Chiefs as this has always been a simple process of having an agreement with the billing agency to write off whatever fees are not covered by the insurance company and can usually be implemented with the next billing cycle. MacGirr to bring updates to future meetings.

County Commissioner's Report: None.

Meeting Minutes: Greene notes spelling error "wrotten >> written" in the Regular meeting minutes. Motion by Seguin, second by Greene to approve both with correction to Regular meeting minutes as stated. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion re: implementing BS&A online payments. Hoseit states she has reached out to them, but has not heard back re: clarification of costs and fees. Board still wanting to having in place for winter tax payment. Hoseit is requested to continue to reach out to BS&A to clarify fee schedule.

Mandatory February tax collection date to be provided to Shelley for posting online and in newsletter.

Campground Report: Another month or so until bridge will be done according to last update. Camping numbers minimal but still a few.

Clerk's Report: Election over, still work to be done. Year end reporting prep starting now.

Supervisor's Report: Clean up day needs to be scheduled—discussion: June 14, 2025 8a-noon. Seguin to follow up with reserving the date with Northern Disposal.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: Verbal report: Carmean Rd. no update.

Joint Planning Commission Update: WOritten report provided, reviewed.

Zoning Administrator Report: Written report provided and reviewed.

Library: Minutes received via mail.

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: tabled. Greene to get with Besey re: replacement of zoning signs/locations.

B). Gutters: Per attorney, need bids for repair: Mosher states she will get one from Greg Kraft Construction, Seguin to get info from Greene re: Loon Roofing who is doing work locally, encouraged to find another contractor for a bid as well.

C). TARP sponsorship: Discussed, motion by Hoseit second by Greene to sponsor a bike rack: Roll Call: Ayes: Greene, Seguin, Besey, Mosher, Hoseit. Nays: none. Motion carries.

D). CIP: Discussion: pave parking (\$40K), sidewalk improvement near hall (\$4500- could use METRO funds), Campground Road improvement (\$5K, possibly METRO funds), cemetery expansion (\$20K) which could be supplemented with grants, storage edition(\$30K) which may be able to qualify for risk reduction grant or ARPA funding).

E). Gallagher Road property: discussed access to property—road is platted but not maintained. Property owners state it is overgrown and impassable. Greene states BCRC says not their responsibility. Mosher and Greene to look into this further.

New Business:

Budget Review: No changes required.

Pay Pending Bills: Motion by Hoseit, second by Besey to pay bills as presented.

Retirement Fund: Tabled until next meeting.

Election: previously discussed.

CD renewal: discussion re expired CD placed in general fund per Mosher, value approx. \$80K. Soon to expire CD valued at \$59K. Two other CD's each just over \$10K can be pulled early for minor penalty to reinvest in current CD offering with 3% interest for 3 years. Only other CD available is for 7 months at much lower rate.

Discussion: Hoseit motions to combine 80K and 59K CD's to one, reinvest as 3yr CD, roll other two CD's for total value (approx. \$10598 each) into two equal 3 year CD's. Mosher seconds. Roll call: Ayes: Hoseit, Greene, Besey, Mosher, Seguin. Nays: None. Motion carries. Hoseit to contact bank and invest according to motion.

New vacuum: Discussion: motion by Seguin, second by Hoseit. None opposed, motion carries.

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment: Tim Ranville asks about JPC budget availability. Mosher states that entity maintains its own budget, however Mosher runs their reports. Copy is provided to Chair and is available for public viewing. If one is needed outside of the JPC meeting, a request can be made to the Colfax Clerk. Clarification provided that this budget review has not been available at the JPC meeting. Mosher states she is not aware of the responsibility of that entity to provide copies to the public, but the are available on request. Mr. Ranville also states the Zoning Ordinance amendments are still not available on the township website and questions how people are supposed to know what they need to do or what is expected without having the current ordinance. Greene states she has not had time to post, will get them on the website.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 2011.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
January 8, 2025 - 7:00pm**