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Colfax Township Meeting

March 11, 2026 @ 7pm Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 19:05 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Present: Treasurer West, Supervisor Seguin Trustee Besey, Clerk Mosher

Absent: Trustee Greene

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

Public Comment: Letter of interest to be reappointed to BOR presented to Board by E. Pettit. Member of public makes comment on zoning concerns in Nessen City.

Guests: Mike MacGirr and Jim Franke, T-Ville Fire and EMS: review of services, volume, combined EMS and fire, Mutual Aid contract with surrounding counties, free smoke detector installation for all residents of the township, remodeling of Village hall to accommodate overnight staff for EMS.

County Commissioner's Report: Multiple updates regarding County purchasing former Benzonia township hall for additional EMS station, recycling fee now waived for all 100% disabled veterans. No action.

Meeting Minutes: Seguin motions to approve as presented, West seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Clerk's Report: Early Voting will be held in both August and November. Seeking Election workers.

Financial Report: Motion by Mosher, second by Seguin to approve March report as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Supervisor's Report: Clean-up day tentatively scheduled for June 13.

Campground Report: Pump handle in place, Q1 water sample collected. Slated to open April 2026.

Blight: Snow preventing follow up.

Zoning Administrator Report: Written report provided and reviewed, no action.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Commission member E. Pettit reports Master Plan work continues. Special Meeting held 2/19 re: maps.

Library: report available to review via email.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: West states he has communicated with auditor, scheduling in process.

Website: brief discussion.

Non-Statutory Duties and Pay fee schedule: Reviewed, Seguin motions to adopt as presented, including FY 2026/2027 meeting schedule to continue as every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm for regular township meetings, paper of record to remain Benzie Record Patriot, attorney of record: Fahey Schults Burzych Rhodes., Besey seconds. Roll Call: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Mosher, West. Nays: Non. Absent: Greene.

New Business:

Budget review: No changes needed. No action.

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

Wage Resolutions: Mosher recommends Board adopt wage resolutions. Each wage resolution read and adopted individually.

Resignation: Mosher reads letter of resignation from Treasurer, Jeremy West. Mosher motions to accept West's resignation from the Board, effective 3/11/2026. Seguin seconds. Roll Call: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Mosher, West. Nays: None. Absent: Greene. Supervisor declares resignation of Treasurer accepted. Mosher, on behalf of the Board, states appreciation of West being willing to serve for the past year and wishes him well moving forward. He is thanked for the time and effort he has invested in serving his community. Mosher

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nominates Laurie Draeger, former Colfax Township Treasurer and current deputy Treasurer as appointed Treasurer to replace West, effective immediately. Besey seconds. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosher, Besey, Seguin. Nays: None. Abstain: West, Absent: Greene. Mosher notes Draeger already has signing privileges with the bank for all accounts, new deputy treasurer will be added to all accounts when appointed.

Clean Up Day: As previously noted under Supervisor report. Question from the public re: potential for voucher system as discussed last year. Mosher states this was discussed with Northern Disposal, concerns re: a single date versus potential multiple dates or spanning a time period, also concerns re: how to bill. Currently Township is billed by the yard, which would not be able to be accurately tracked with individuals participating across multiple days or months. Mosher to reach out again to see if possible to revisit. Agrees this would work better for many local and non-local land owners.

Joint Planning Commission: Seguin nominates Eric Pettit to serve an additional 3 year term (April 2026-March 2029) on the Colfax/Thompsonville Joint Planning Commission, Mosher supports. Roll Call: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Mosher, West. Nays: None. Absent: Greene. Seguin confirms appointment of E. Pettit to JPC for additional 3 year term.

No correspondence: Mosher briefly discusses item on fall ballot re: Headlee Amendment and importance of understanding what the millage will be asking. Commission Mathieu also provides information. Both township and County web pages have information on this item and all members of the public should read and understand this information and how it affects both county and local government. The county administrator is encouraging people to call her directly with questions and concerns. There is/will be a calculator on the county web page to help people determine the actual affect this will have on their taxes as individuals. Brief discussion regarding Road Commission building—millage failed, but they are moving forward with building, how is this possible, where is the money coming from. Commissioner Mathieu reports this will come from within the Road Commissions own budget. Question re: Animal Control building on Inland Township property rumor discussed stating no actual discussions have occurred, appear to be only rumors although there have been talks about multiple counties joining together for purposes of animal control, but no specific piece of property discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Seguin, second by Besey at 20:23. No opposition, motion carries.

Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - 7:00pm