

**Colfax Township Meeting**  
**June 11, 2014**  
**Colfax Township Hall**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 1900 by Supervisor Evitts.

**Attendance:** Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Besey, Trustee Greene, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Draeger. Absent: None .

**Agenda:** Greene motions to approve with addition, Draeger seconds.

**Public Comment:** Evan Warsecke, running on the Republican ticket for County Commissioner representing Colfax and Inland Townships introduces himself and provides a bit of background information, offers to answer any questions or discuss issues with any interested parties.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Karl Sparks, County Administrator, attends with Tom Kelley. Mr. Sparks introduces himself, provides background, encourages open communication. Written report provided.

**Library Report:** none.

**Minutes:** Motion by Greene, second by Besey to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** May 2014 Report: Motion by Mosher, second by Evitts to accept as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

**Campground Report:** Early in May signage was reposted (from end of season last season), fully inspected and cleaned all facilities. Of note, locks on both bathrooms had been broken and required repairs, which have been completed. Occupancy up over past two weekends. Mosquitoes are problematic at the campground, as they are everywhere. Mowing will be completed prior to holiday weekend.

**Clerk's Report:** Election time again—Election commission to meet immediately after Township meeting. Seeking anyone interested in serving as an election inspector, encouraging referrals. Fairly recent change in requirements will allow anyone registered to vote in the state to serve as an inspector (does not have to reside in the township or even county of their service).

**Supervisor's Report:** No Sheriff patrol contract to be placed this year unless something big changes.

**Planning and Zoning:** Joint legislative body meeting to be scheduled, no June dates available, so will be held in July most likely. Update forthcoming. Requested dates of Board members that may not work, or those dates that may work best.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Pest Control:** Hogarth's Pest Control was to spray, but date it was originally scheduled had rain. Rescheduled for today, however rain again a factor. To be completed at next available date.

**Clean Up Day:** Shelley indicates no requests in Colfax Township yet for assistance in clean up.

**Blight Follow Up:** Evitts reports there has been quite a bit of progress being made, does not believe a blight complaint would be made against property now with the exception of the fence; suggests holding off on any action for time being since so much has been done. Mosher recommends following up with face to face with Mr. Hewitt by Blight Officers (Evitts and Besey) with update that significant progress has been made, provide encouragement for continued progress and no reaccumulation of blight. Also suggests having Mr. Olsen (complainant) sign off on blight complaint—thus terminating this blight issue. Mr. Olsen would be free to file another complaint which the township would address in a timely manner, should the blight issue reoccur. Alternately, if Blight Officers concur that the blight situation is resolved at the residence, a letter should be drafted to Mr. Hewitt, copied to Mr. Olsen, stating that routine inspection shall continue for a specified period of time (if allowable per ordinance) and complaint is considered resolved due to satisfactory compliance with the Blight Ordinance.

Suggestion by Greene to have a letter or statement drafted by Mosher stating above for Mr. Olsen to sign at Clean Up Day, if he participates. Mosher suggests we request the complainant to create, using his own terminology, his statement of satisfactory resolution, or leave in hands of the Blight Officers, so as not to put words into complainant's mouth, so to speak.

**New Business:**

**Road Brining:** Not yet started.

**Web Site:** Was suspended through Gear It Up due to outstanding bill (not received by Township). Greene requested bill, payment to be made immediately, and updates to be completed by ATI.

**Budget Review:** Completed without action.

**Pay Bills:** Motion by Evitts second by Greene to pay as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

**Correspondence:** Reviewed. No action taken.

**Extended Public Input:** County Administrator Karl Sparks provides brief summary on County plan to use "civicplus" as website provider, offering all townships, villages, to join in discussions for joint use of this group. This group provides high quality, user-friendly web pages and has much experience in government websites. Civicplus.com to view examples. County hosting informational meeting on June 16, all invited.

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion by Evitts, second by Besey to adjourn meeting at 2035. No opposition, motion carries.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday July 9 - 7:00pm