

Colfax Township Meeting  
Sept 10, 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:** Add Benzie Bus item 4.5. Evitts motions to approve with addition, Besey seconds.

**Public Comment:** None.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Written report provided, minimal discussion.

**Benzie Bus:** Bill Kennis reviewed facts, discussed usage, funding, Thompsonville Route and new signage, much discussion. No action.

**Recycling:** Marlene Wood provides usage handout, discussion on potential move of Thompsonville site to more visible location to encourage more use. Shares input from Manistee County that some Thompsonville residents may be using Manistee recycle site at Betsie Valley which has prompted a revisit to finding a new location. Wood asks for thoughtful input for locations, discusses programs willingness to improve site to fit needs, financial arrangements a possibility, within reason. Further discussion to occur at JPC meeting, per Greene, as this is an item that would be covered under the JPC.

**Library Report:** Written report by mail.

**Minutes:** July regular meeting minutes: motion to approve as presented by Greene, second by Besey. August regular meeting minutes: motion to approve as presented by Evitts, second by Greene. Special meeting with JPC: motion to approve as presented by Greene, second by Draeger. Election Commission minutes: motion to approve by Greene, second by Evitts. No opposition to above motions, motions carry.

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

**Campground Report:** Hornets nests sprayed x4, seem to be under control. Outhouses painted where porcupines chewed. One air vent kicked out, to be repaired. Garbage to be called for pickup. Steady low to moderate occupancy on weekends.

**Clerk's Report:** Update on Thompsonville Ambulance: Poor response rate, missing up to 30% of their calls, responding with inadequate crew. County is aware, sends full rig whenever available, which is poor use of resources. NWM Regional Medical Control is following closely, State has been notified. Service will either staff adequately or be shut down, latter being more likely.

**Supervisor's Report:** FEMA training—Evitts and Greene to attend. No second Brine is planned for our dirt roads. Evitts asked Road Commission to use reclaim instead of second mow of the season to help with condition of these non-paved roads. Road Commission would not commit, still under consideration.

**Planning and Zoning:** Crystal Mountain provided updates to their master plan, still under review. Progress still being made with regular meetings.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Blight Follow Up:** Letter to Hewitt reviewed, discussion. All agreed to request Hewitt to contact Blight Officers to schedule an on site review of progress of complaint in an effort to continue documentation of progress or lack thereof, and in hopes of closing the complaint in the near future. Stipulation recommended that this review occurs before snow is likely to be on the ground.

**Website:** Greene: what events to post; Mosher recommends all relevant public/community events and announcements in the surrounding area within Benzie County. Discussion, consensus.

**New Business:**

**Lots in Nessen City:** letter from persons interested in purchasing Township owned lot adjoining property recently purchased through tax sale. Discussion, no action, item tabled.

**Benzie Summit:** Evitts and Greene to attend.

**Budget Review:** None.

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

**Correspondence:** Reviewed with brief discussion. No action.

**Extended Public Input:** None.

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion by Besey, second by Greene to adjourn meeting at 2051. No opposition, motion carries.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday October 8 - 7:00pm