

Colfax Township Meeting
December 13, 2017
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1900 by Supervisor Evitts.

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Besey, Trustee Greene. Absent: Clerk Mosher and Treasurer Draeger.

Agenda: Motion by Besey, second by Greene to approve agenda with addition of Peggy Minster. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: Eugene Allen presented on desired Village improvements. AES will get involved and write grant for conceptual work on sidewalks, possibly broadband and natural gas. Cost is \$15,000; Crystal Mountain would contribute \$3,750 if matched. Asks if Colfax would be interested in contributing, requests letter of support; reply by next meeting. Discussion.

County Commissioner's Report: Ongoing grant work to complete Point Betsie road end project. Search underway for EMS director. County is part of the opioid litigation. Now have rep on school board. Solid Waste started conversion to more efficient 10 yard containers. Interviews underway for five building authority positions. Evitts suggests the two commissioners who represent the Village rotate their attendance at council meetings.

JPC Chair: Peggy Minster addressed a letter sent to JPC zoning administrator from a Melmar Lane property owner's attorney on unresolved issues with adjacent property. Colfax Township received a copy. Minster said a notice of violation was issued August 2017 and she contacted JPC attorney Ward Kuhn. Potential litigation would not involve the township. She said the JPC needs to take action to issue a citation and will address it at the January meeting. The ZA has JPC support while it assesses situation and a possible interim replacement for the JPC's best interests. Minster addressed other violations and the need to be responsible in a due diligence manner. She will work with supervisors and Village president, meet with the ZA and welcomes suggestions on an interim ZA.

Community Center: Russ Smith presented plans to take part of the Betsie Valley elementary school property to add a couple buildings to serve a number of community needs including daycare. It is early in the process and there is no target date at this time. The group meets the fourth Tuesdays at 6PM in school library.

Meeting Minutes: Not available.

Treasurer's Report: No report available.

Campground Report: Closed for season. Pumps are off and water test was good.

Clerk's Report: No report available.

Supervisor's Report: Recapped Jordan Development Board of Review issue. They have been going after small townships on personal property taxes. Township settled rather than going to full Tribunal. Follow federal guidelines in 2018 for Board of Review. Correspondence received on Department of Commerce public hearings in Lansing.

Zoning Administrator Report: Received written report.

Joint Planning Commission Update: Discussion of violations and citations was tabled. Provide letter for the record to Colfax and the Village with Weldon's letter and resolution on withdrawal from the JPC. Discussed need for new JPC ordinance between Colfax and Village.

Unfinished Business:

Drop Box: Besey continues to work with Wheelock.

Flags: Update not available.

Blight: Postpone until spring.

New Business:

Melmar Lane: Township received copy of attorney's letter concerning violations adjacent to the client's property. Not a township issue according to Mr. Kuhn as reported by Peggy Minster.

Pay Bills: Motion by Evitts, second by Besey to pay regular bills, wages and expenses turned in. No opposition, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Besey, second by Greene to adjourn at 2018. No opposition, motion carries.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 7:00pm

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