

Colfax Township Meeting

January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 1900 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Seguin, Trustee Besey, Treasurer Hoseit, Clerk Mosher, Trustee Greene
Absent: None

Agenda: Motion to approve as presented by Mosher, Seguin seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment: none

Guests: Greg Kraft; addresses board to state previous Zoning Admin who sits on township board has not returned any files or materials to the JPC and would like to know why. Greene states she will not respond. Kraft expresses concerns over Greene's refusal to turn over JPC documents and materials and the pursuit of retrieval is now costing the taxpayers of the township and village as the JPC has had to seek legal counsel in an effort to retrieve these items.

Mike MacGirr provides brief update on Fire Department, working with billing company to start collecting from insurance companies for fires.

County Commissioner's Report: verbal report provided along with written annual summary.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve as presented by Seguin, second by Besey. No discussion, Greene opposes, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Hoseit announces her resignation which was presented to the Board with an end date of December 31, 2024. Discussion re: willingness to stay on through the end of January to either serve as deputy to the a newly appointed Treasurer or to serve the month of January out as Treasurer with a newly appointed Treasurer to serve as her deputy to allow for training. Hoseit states she is agreeable to either. Mosher makes a motion to accept Hoseit's resignation with an amended end date of January 31, 2025, to allow a smooth transition to a new Treasurer, Besey seconds. Hoseit confirms she is agreeable to this arrangement. No further discussion. Motion carries. Motion by Mosher, second by Seguin to approve January Treasurer's report as presented. No discussion, motion carries.

Campground Report: Closed. Bridge work completed. Last water sample provided had to be redelivered due to lab error (accidental spill of prior sample). Greene asks about overhanging limbs that needed to be trimmed. Besey states he is not aware of any that are causing problems. Discussion: if limbs need to be trimmed up to boat launch it will be reported to BCRC, as this is a county road. If limbs need to be trimmed on the exit portion of the campground drive, this will be performed by the manager. No action will be taken until spring.

Clerk's Report: None.

Supervisor's Report: Getting a lot of calls from realtors.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: no action due to snow. Will pursue in spring

Joint Planning Commission Update: brief verbal report.

Zoning Administrator Report: written report provided.

Library: no minutes received.

Unfinished Business:

A). Cemetery and hall signage: ongoing.

B). Gutter bids: Seguin provides update that one individual that provided bid is in the hospital, but company is still able to conduct the work.

C). Retirement Fund: tabled.

D). CD Renewal: Transactions completed with new exp date of two smaller CD's in the spring as longer option was no longer available.

E). Non-statutory duties and pay: two items pending, Mosher recommends tabling as cemetery will not have any action throughout the winter and FOIA has no activity at the moment, and we do not have a resolution in place for charging yet. Seguin seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

New Business:

Budget Review: No changes necessary.

Pay Pending Bills: Motion by Seguin, second by Hoseit to pay bills with as presented. Discussion. Greene motions to amend original motion to include addition of land division fees for Greene and Bigbee which were not paid out last month. Seguin amends motion to approve with payment of land division fees for Bigbee and Greene. Hoseit seconds. No discussion, no opposition, motion carries.

Appointments: Treasurer: discussion regarding two applicants. Both sent emails expressing interest. Both were in contact with members of the board and both spoke with Hoseit regarding the position and duties. J. West spent time with Hoseit at the hall to get an overview of tasks and responsibilities. Hoseit nominates J. West for position of Treasurer, Mosher motions to appoint J. West as Treasurer upon completion of Hoseit's term on January 31, 2025. No discussion. No opposition, motion carries. J. West will fill the remainder of the current Treasurer's term, ending November 2028. On or after February 1, 2025 and after he is sworn in as the Treasurer, Jeremy West will be added as a signatory for the township through the bank, as well as any deputy he may appoint. JPC Colfax representative: Larz Lindstrom is nominated by Mosher to serve as a regular member of the JPC, partial term. Seguin seconds, no discussion, motion carries. Mosher requests to amend term of Thompsonville Library Representative from Colfax from 2 years to 4 years. M. Lonoconus called to ask for this adjustment in term appointment stating she thought it was a 2-year term, but was informed by the Library it is actually a four year appointment. Mosher motions to amend appointment of M. Lonoconus as the Colfax Rep to the Library for a four year term to end in 2029. Besey seconds. No opposition, motion carries.

Assessor: New assessor has started, information is posted on the website.

MTA Trainings: Mosher approves West to complete online Treasurer's course with bill to be forwarded to Mosher. Seguin seconds. No opposition, motion carries. Mosher states Hoseit can assist West in signing up for this class or find other course he may want to take in the future with approval of the board.

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment: Member of the public asks where Zoning permit applications and information is—where are they currently physically residing? Member of the public suggests going directly to the Attorney General.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 20:00.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
February 12, 2025 - 7:00pm**