

Colfax Township Meeting

March 12, 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 West, Clerk Mosher, Trustee Greene
Absent: None

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

Public Comment: none

Guests: Chad-Benzie **Bus:** absent.

Paul Beechcraft-Road Commission: presents information on desired new facility, provides handout, discusses millage attempt past November (lost by roughly 200 votes). Millage back on ballot at special election this November for 0.61mils. Discussion. Introduction of staff present in audience.

Statement that Local Roads Committee Member from Colfax is still needed. This group meets once a year, in the fall to discuss road projects.

Deb Franke- JPC Legal fees: Deb states there was a legal fee paid that was not approved by the JPC.

County Commissioner's Report: absent.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve February 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes and February 17, 2025 Budget Hearing minutes as presented by Seguin, second by Besey. No discussion, Greene opposes, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Mosher, second by Greene to approve March Treasurer's report as presented. No discussion, motion carries.

Campground Report: Remains closed due to snow. Water sample submitted.

Clerk's Report: Designated Assessor Opt-Out: Board members did not review materials prior to the meeting, item tabled by Seguin.

Supervisor's Report: Board of Review well attended, Katelyn (assessor) attended, great experience. Northern Disposal was contacted about service for campground. \$200/month, Mosher to review costs for garbage removal over past year or two.

Additional Written Reports:

Blight Report: no action.

Joint Planning Commission Update: No updates.

Zoning Administrator Report: written report provided.

Library: minutes received via mail and available for viewing.

Unfinished Business:

A). **Cemetery and hall signage:** Board not prepared to vote, tabled by Seguin.

B). **Gutter bids:** for review: Board not prepared to vote, tabled by Seguin.

C). **Retirement Fund:** Mosher requests this be tabled. Tabled by Seguin.

D). **Fire Contract:** Contract available for Board Member review, board not prepared to vote, Seguin tables.

E). **JPC Appointment Correction:** apologies to Greene for improperly removing her from JPC, board acknowledges Greene is to be fully reinstated with JPC ~~Chair~~ Chair notified.

F). **Auditor Information:** Greene will contact Weldon and additional entities to see who may be recommended

G). **Attorney Review:** Greene will forward information on firm she spoke with about potential JPC representation, review at next meeting with any other options available.

New Business:

Budget Review: Budget adjustments as per budget template. Motion by Seguin to approve as presented, Greene seconds. No discussion, no opposition, motion carries.

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

Wage Resolutions: Treasurer, Supervisor, Clerk and Trustee wages were brought up by resolution as follows:

Supervisor: Motion made to establish salary of \$7779.72 (no change from prior year) by Mosher, second by Greene. Roll call: Ayes: Besey, West, Greene, Mosher, Nays: none, Abstain: Seguin.

Clerk: Motion made to establish salary of \$11098.38 (no change from prior year) by Seguin, second by Besey. Roll call: Ayes: Seguin, Besey, Greene, West, Nays: none, Abstain: Mosher.

Treasurer: Motion made to establish salary of \$9973.25 (no change from prior year) by Mosher, second by Seguin. Roll call: Ayes: Greene, Besey, Mosher, Seguin, Nays: none, Abstain: West.

Trustee: Motion made to establish per diem rate of \$130.00 per meeting (no change from prior year) by Mosher, second by Seguin. Roll call: Ayes: Mosher, Seguin, West, Nays: none, Abstain: Besey, Greene.

Supervisor Seguin declares each resolution adopted after roll call vote.

Non-Statutory Duties and Pay FY 2025-2026: Mosher motions to have paper of record as Record Patriot, set township mileage rate at federal rate of \$0.70/mile with board to review as year progresses to readjust if rates change. Seguin seconds. No discussion, no opposition, motion carries.

Attorney appointment: Discussion. Will review options for township at future meeting. No action.

Meeting dates: dates presented—monthly township board meetings will remain the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Colfax Township Hall. Mosher motions to accept dates presented, Seguin seconds. No discussion, no opposition, motion carries.

Election Storage: Current storage meets state requirement for election materials however access is restricted to only Clerk and Deputy Clerk. Access to other items in storage area require Clerk/deputy presence. Besey suggests revisit addition to the building—motions to get a professional drawing done so we can go out for bids. Mosher seconds. Discussion. No opposition, motion carries. Besey to have a professional drawing created. Once drawing is available, Mosher to place a call for bids on web page and in Record Patriot.

JPC appointment issue: Mosher makes a motion to hold a public hearing, at a date to be determined, to investigate potential termination of the appointment of Shelley Greene to the JPC as a representative of Colfax Township. Seguin seconds. Seguin asks if any members of the board have a conflict of interest on this topic and need to be recused from vote. No members come forward. Discussion, Mosher states this is not personal, this is a recurring issue brought to the board by the public and by members of the JPC Board. Greene denies having any knowledge of dissatisfaction or complaints. Seguin calls for Roll call vote: Ayes: Mosher, Seguin, Besey, West, Nays: Greene attempts to vote. Greene is informed she should have abstained from voting as it is concerning her appointment, and this “nay” vote will not be recorded. Motion carries. Meeting date/time to be announced in near future.

Correspondence: none.

Additional Public Comment: Irene Dunham Thayer asks where addition to building would go—Mosher, Seguin and Besey comment to the south side toward parking due to septic system, road and property line prevent addition in any other direction.

Adjournment: Motion by Seguin, 2nd by Besey to adjourn at 20:24.

**Next meeting: Wednesday
April 9, 2025 - 7:00pm**