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Colfax Township Meeting

May 13, 2026 @ 7pm Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order: at 19:00 by Supervisor Seguin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Seguin, Treasurer Draeger, Trustee Besey, Trustee Greene, Clerk Mosher

Absent: none

Agenda: Mosher motions to approve as presented, Greene seconds, no opposition, motion carries.

Public Comment heard, no action.

Guests:

Rob (Benzie Bus): provides summary of services offered over past year and recent changes and upgrades.

Reviewed ridership numbers, status of buses, Healthride update and satisfaction comments. Public Q&A.

Katie Zeits, County Administrator: presentation of Headlee rollback info, upcoming election, potential effects.

Engaged in Q&A with public.

Greg Kraft (JPC) and Patty Neubecker: request for a moratorium on home sale / conversion to “transitional rehab” home with multiple unrelated people living in the home and increased traffic causing increased road wear and tear. Discussion, motion by Greene, second by Mosher to support a moratorium to be placed by the JPC up to one year to provide adequate time to further investigate and consider current Master Plan and Zoning rules and possible amendments to clarify such uses. Discussion, No opposition, motion carries.

Danielle Garlinghouse (Blight): Concerns over lack of action on Carmean Road blight property. Discussion including current Ordinance provides process for applying fines and legal action, but this is toward land owner, not offender, not all landowners are able to make tenants comply, Mosher states Legal Counsel is engaged in reviewing current Ordinance and providing recommended changes to current or providing more comprehensive Ordinance which allows for punishing offender rather than just land owner. Discussion regarding current status: Scrap metal has been removed, remaining materials are garbage and will require considerable time and effort. Member of public states they would provide dumpster if person currently working on the property will continue efforts. Additional discussion regarding best process to improve blight situations throughout the township.

County Commissioner’s Report: Provides summary of economic development opportunities. Encourages community members to reach out with suggestions and ideas.

Meeting Minutes: Seguin motions, Besey seconds to approve minutes as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Clerk’s Report: Early Voting will be held in both August and November. Seeking Election workers.

Financial Report: Motion by Mosher, second by Seguin to approve May report as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer’s Report: Motions to add Janet Humphrey, deputy Treasurer, to all Honor Bank account as signer and electronic banking, Mosher seconds. Discussion, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurers are to have full signing and online banking access so they can step in and function in the absence of the primary. No opposition, motion carries.

Supervisor’s Report: None.

Campground Report: Open, some activity. Trapped 1 porcupine, they continue to damage outhouses and pavilion.

Blight: previously discussed.

Zoning Administrator Report: Written report provided and reviewed, no action.

Joint Planning Commission Update: covered in prior discussion.

Library: report available to review via email.

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Unfinished Business:

Audit: Auditor rescheduled to July 20th.

Website Committee: have information from previous inquiry, update to public re: reason township is looking at changing web provider and new legal requirements for ADA compliance.

Addition Committee: Tom met with contractor on site and discussion took place re: changing layout of addition to move flush with back of building, adjust roofline, make addition slightly smaller. Discussion re: need for new plans to allow for bids on this new option which is better suited to the township needs. No action.

Clean up Day: June 6, Mosher has confirmed with Northern Disposal 8am-noon (rather than previously stated 9-12). Draeger states she is available to volunteer starting at 8A, Greene states same, Besey states he will come up around 10A.

New Business:

Budget review: No changes needed. No action.

Pay Pending Bills: Motion to pay as presented by Mosher, second by Besey. Greene votes no, motion carries.

Road Brining: Discussion. Motion to approve brining x 1 with all roads listed by Draeger, second by Mosher. No opposition, motions carries.

Appointment to JPC as alternate: email from Chad Knoll expressing interest in serving on the JPC in alternate capacity. Seguin nominates Knoll as JPC alternate, Mosher seconds. Roll: Ayes: Besey, Seguin, Greene, Mosher, Draeger. None opposed, motion carries, Chad Knoll is appointed to JPC as alternate member.

Correspondence: Reviewed.

Motion to adjourn by Seguin, second by Besey at 21:03. No opposition, motion carries.

Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 7:00pm