

Colfax Township Meeting
November 14, 2012
Colfax Township Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 1900 by Supervisor Evitts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Present: Supervisor Evitts, Trustee Skurski, Trustee Richter, Clerk Mosher, Treasurer Draeger. Absent: None.

Agenda: New Business add as item d). Gear It Up contract.

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner's Report: Written report provided, Commissioner Kelley provides verbal highlights.

Library Report: Written report provided via mail.

Minutes: October 2012 regular meeting minutes: Motion by Skurski second by Evitts to approve as presented. No opposition, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Dates of interest should be 2012. Mosher motions to approve with this correction, Richter seconds. No opposition, motions carries.

Campground Report: Richter reports repair and replace sign on Reynolds Road indicating location of Campground, Plexiglass at Boat Launch sign replaced, trash pick up to be performed one more time, then done for the season. Richter will be removing his lock and chain from the dumpster upon completion of Trustee term.

Clerk's Report: Election completed successfully, waiting to hear if any recounts to occur. Review and discussion of bid for computer services/replacement. Bid for Hall Cleaning received and reviewed. No action taken. Discussion regarding bids for all Township services. Discussion tabled without action.

Planning and Zoning: Last meeting there was discussion regarding liability insurance for P/Z Administrator, discussion regarding applying for a grant for zoning, prior estimate was \$10K for zoning preparation. Discussion regarding office terms staggered 1, 2 and 3 years, then each will be renewed as 3 year terms so positions remain staggered. Will have 3 bids on writing Zoning Ordinance at Special meeting which will occur before next Regular Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Road Brining: Evitts talked to Brad at Road Commission, unsure about Dam Site Road issue, will check on refund for unbrined road.

Blight Ordinance: Evitts met with Kuhn, copy of Blight Ordinance with recommended changes provided. Publish 30days prior, then enact. Kuhn states he could write a letter to the party who is not in compliance with the ordinance. Motion by Mosher, second by Skurski to approve amended Ordinance #19 as presented by attorney Kuhn. Discussion. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosher, Draeger, Skurski, Evitts, Richter-with reservations. Nays: None.

Discussion: Richter expresses concerns about decisions being asked of the Board without information being provided in advance, feels this does not provide time to thoroughly review or consider the information, much less have time to investigate or research. Mosher agrees. Items which may need time to review (such as this lengthy document) or which may inspire research should be provided as far in advance of the meeting as possible, or no action should be expected at the meeting. This item has been on the agenda for several months, and all agree we need to get something in place, but for future reference, this would be inappropriate call for a motion.

Entrance Doors: Suggestion by one contractor contacted to wait until spring due to concrete construction and unpredictable weather. No further discussion.

New Business:

Oath of Office by elected officials: to occur on or before November 20th. Mosher states this will not be conducted during meeting.

Budget Review: No items require adjustments, all reviewed.

Pay Bills: Draeger notes that a check is needed for \$100.00 for flags. Invoice not located by Mosher, copy to be provided by Draeger. Motion by Richter, 2nd by Evitts to pay with this update. No opposition, motion carries.

Gear it Up Contract: Two contracts received. No contract currently in place. Question regarding what is to be included in routine updates. Richter to contact Lew to request his attendance at future meeting to discuss contracts before committing. All agree.

Correspondence: MTA meeting for new officials next month, Early Bird payment to be received prior to next month's meeting, therefore checks to be cut prior to meeting. Evitts, Greene and Mosher to attend, Draeger uncertain if she can attend due to work schedule. Mosher to write check for 3 attendees after meeting, and at a later date for Draeger if she notifies she is able to attend. One set of books to be purchased as well.

Extended Public Input: None.

Meeting adjourned at 2020.

Next meeting: Wednesday December 12, 2012 - 7:00pm

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