

Colfax Township  
5594 N 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Walkerville, MI 49459  
231-742-8216

**February 4, 2025**

Meeting was called to order by David Leonard, Supervisor, at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Alligence recited.

| Roll Call | <u>Board Members</u>       | <u>Present</u> |                      |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|           | David Leonard, Supervisor  | X              |                      |
|           | Shelby Branch, Treasurer   | X              |                      |
|           | Corinne Norton, Clerk      | A              |                      |
|           | Brad Norton, Trustee       | A              |                      |
|           | Stuart Overway, Trustee    | X              | Public attendance: 5 |
|           | *Joni Gerard, Deputy Clerk | X              |                      |

**Board/Public Meeting**

- ~David made an update to the printed agenda to add Walkerville Fire Chief, Al Purdy to agenda.
- ~Motion by Shelby to accept agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart. Voice vote carried.
- ~David amended January to minutes to indicate that Sheriff Service Agreement did pass unanimously
- ~Motion by Shelby to accept January minutes in amended form; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart. Voice vote carried.
- ~Motion by David to accept Treasurer’s Report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart. Voice vote carried
- ~Motion by Shelby to accept invoices; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Roll Call vote: Yes: DL, SB, SO No: None Motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Budget 2025-26 David has been working on a proposed 2025-26 budget and will be sending it to the board via email. Looking at 1 brining of gravel roads as opposed to 2 due to exorbinant costs (\$30,000 est). Legal fees category was also added to the proposed budget.

Budget meeting notice Publication of meeting must be placed in the Oceana Herald or the Echo newspaper. Clerk will check on pricing, and place add with the most cost efficient newspaper.

Renewable Energy Ordinance David has looked into creating a Renewable Energy Ordinance for Colfax; however, he has found that legally there must be a Zoning Ordinance in place before a Renewable Energy Ordinance can be incorporated.

MTA Local Chapter Changes Richard Raphelle, local MTA president, decided not to run for reelection. David Leonard, Colfax Supervisor, has been selected as the new President. Larry Doran, Weare Supervisor is the new trustee.

Sheriff Department Camera Use Sheriff dept would like to place a license plate reader/camera within each township. These would not be to issue citations for traffic violations as it is illegal to do so in Michigan. Approx. cost \$3,600 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year installation costs, \$3,000 p year after. David suggested to Sheriff Dept that cameras be placed on cruisers instead.

Repurposing of Fire Garage Would like to establish a committee to look into the cost of repurposing the fire garage. Ideas presented were boat storage, pickleball court, ½ of a basketball court, softball/baseball pitching/hitting. Boiler and storage area would have to be gated for security.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trash Day dumpsters have been reserved from Uganski’s for May 17, 8-12. Same day set up/pick up. David has discussed with Soil Conservation District re. Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> tire drop on this side of county. They are open to the idea, depending on funding.

Cemetery Survey/Arbre Farms update David has met with the corporate head re land swap. Still awaiting any news.

**Public Comments** Has Bulldog dumpsters been contacted re pricing? No. Possibly next year.

Input on the issue of the Police license readers. Rob B. volunteered to sit on committee for building use.

~Motion by Stuart to adjourn meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelby. Voice vote carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

~Joni Gerard, Colfax Township Deputy Clerk

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