

Colfax Township
5594 N 192nd Avenue Walkerville, MI 49459
231-742-8216
September 2, 2025 Minutes

Truth in Taxation – 2 members of the public

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, David Leonard at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present: David Leonard, Supervisor; Shelby Branch, Treasurer; Stuart Overway, Trustee. Absent: Brad Norton, Trustee; Corinne Norton, Clerk.

David explained that if the proposed additional millage was not approved by the board, the township would loose ~6.27% of the preceding years operation revenue.

Moved by Shelby; 2nd by Stuart to accept the proposed additional millage. Roll Call Vote: David, Yes; Shelby, Yes; Stuart, Yes. Motion carried

Motion by Dave, 2nd by Stuart to adjourn Truth in Taxation meeting. Voice Vote motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Election Commission Meeting – 3 members of public

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, David Leonard at 6:36 pm. Present, David Leonard, Supervisor; Shelby Branch, Treasurer; Absent Corinne Norton, Clerk.

Motion by Dave, 2nd by Shelby to allow Joni Gerard, Deputy Clerk, to sit in place of Corinne; however, without a vote. Voice Vote, motion carried

Motion by Dave, 2nd by Shelby to accept Resolution E-2025-1, the consolidation of polling places for the November millage (West Shore CC) to be held in Weare township. Voice vote, motion carried.

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September 2, 2025 Minutes – 13 public attendees

General meeting called to order by Supervisor, David Leonard at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Board members Present

David Leonard, Supervisor	X
Shelby Branch, Treasurer	X
Corinne Norton, Clerk	A (arrived 7:15pm)
Brad Norton, Trustee	A
Stuart Overway, Trustee	X

Motion made by Shelby to accept agenda, 2nd by Stuart. Voice vote carried, motion passed

Motion by Shelby to accept previous months minutes 2nd by David. Voice vote carried, motion passed

Motion made by Dave to accept Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Stuart. Voice vote carried, motion passed

Motion made by Dave to accept invoices, 2nd by Shelby. Voice vote carried, motion passed.

New Business

-Joni provided a summary of the Flea Market event. \$512.50 was raised to purchase stones for 3 Civil War veterans who rest in the Colfax Township Cemetery. Looking to possibly expand for next year.

-Truth in Taxation meeting resulted in the passing of an increase of 0.0946 mills to be levied in 2025.

-Dave spoke of the effect the elimination of state revenue sharing proposed by the Michigan House of Representatives will have on rural townships. The elimination would result in Colfax no longer able to run "in the black" as state revenue accounts for ~2/3 of a township's monies. Please write or call your representatives, Senator Bumstead and Representative Fox to voice your concern.

-Colfax will be hosting the MTA Oceana Chapter meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. An MTA speaker will be talking about state revenue sharing.

-Resolution 2025-8, Credit Card Policy introduced. Motion by David to accept resolution, 2nd by Shelby. Roll call Vote: Corinne – Yes; Shelby – Yes; David – Yes; Stuart – Yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Noise Ordinance: After discussion with Sheriff Mast, David is able to go forward with the drafting of a new noise ordinance. This will potentially be available for review at the October meeting.

Public Comment

-Resident asked about the fire department, trucks, etc. He had heard the pumps didn't work. Dave explained that the fire department was dissolved ~2 years ago, not enough volunteers, older community, would not provide an EMT service, cost prohibitive, etc.

-An emergency call went to the wrong area. Reasoning: Lakeview and Lake Shore appear to be connected on the map; however they are not one and the same. What can be done? Several suggestions offered.

-Steve T asked about folder he submitted in August meeting re Assessor. Dave responded that he is working on it internally.

Shelby motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Corinne. Voice vote-Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Submitted by: Joni Gerard, Dep Clerk