

**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014, 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Hoffman, Clerk Collins, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Bagnell, and Trustee Vernon. County Commissioner Stu McKinnon, Road Commissioner Denny Corrado and approx. 15 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Supervisor Hoffman wanted another item added to the agenda Item (e-3) swim buoy. **Motion** to adopt the agenda as amended by Lambert **Supported** by Vernon. All in favor. Agenda is approved.

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda:

None were presented.

Approval of Minutes from the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting:

Motion by Lambert. **Supported** by Bagnell to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried

Correspondence was reviewed:

We received a letter from our Township Attorney about a possible update to our FOIA Policy. We also received our Township Insurance policy form Municipal Underwriters. We received the Road Commission Minutes from August 11, 2014 and September 8, 2014 they are on file in Clerks' office. Clerk Collins also received the crimes report for the month of September from the sheriff we had 30 incidents for the month. The crimes report is on file in the clerks' office.

Committee Reports:

- (A) Planning and Maintenance – Bagnell reported that not much going on this month. In the next month the leaf clean-up will begin at the road endings and the park. Bagnell did check the propane tank we are down to 60% at this time and the new tank is installed and ready to hook up when we reach 5% in the old tank. In the next couple of weeks they will be changing furnace filters, and winterizing the lawn mowers. Clean-up of the cemetery will be in November for winter.

- (B) Fireboard – Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes from the October 1, 2014 Fireboard meeting. The minutes showed that there were 11 Fire runs and 12 Rescue runs for the month of September. Frederic ALS had 29 calls, 4 transported to Kalkaska, 13 to Munson, 2 to Grayling and 3 inter-facility transfers. Hoffman stated that after the sudden death of Asst. Chief William Wiita some changes were

made at the fire dept. Effective October 1, 2014 Eugene R Headley is now the Asst. Chief, Michael J. Stier is now the Captain, and Gerald J Arbour is now the Lieutenant. A complete copy of the minutes are on file with the clerk.

(C)Road Commissioner – Denny Corrado stated that not much going on at the Road commission right now. They are trying to get everything ready for winter. Also it looks like the paving project on Starvation Lake Road should start in the spring of 2015.

(D)Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Denny Corrado stated that we don't have any problems with the fence across Cabin Lane. The people that live on Cabin lane have no issue with the fence. The road is not for public use. Treasurer Lambert said she thought that the complaint came from a resident of Cabin Lane and the OEO stated that no it was from a person wanting to cross country ski on Cabin Lane. Treasurer Lambert went on to say that it is a legal easement and you can't block off a legal easement. Corrado said at this time the residents have no complaints filed, so he has closed this issue. Corrado would like to amend our Nuisance Ordinance. Clerk Collins will prepare the Nuisance Ordinance with the new verbiage for the Board to look over at our next meeting. So this has been tabled to our next meeting. Item d-3 no parking signs at the road endings Denny would like tabled to the next meeting. Item d-4 creating a gun free zone at the Township Hall Corrado would like to wait on this issue unless we have a problem with this issue. Corrado stated that he is having several problems with Pike Street, in the next couple weeks he will be going to prosecutor's office to file a complaint with their office.

(E)Park & Recreation Committee – Treasurer Lambert presented the minutes from the October 7, 2014 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. The donations at the boat launch were \$20.70. The new playground equipment is now installed and the final ground surfacing materials will be finished up before the end of the month. The doggie bag dispenser will be ordered and installed later this month. The horse shoe pits will be finished up in the spring. The painting of the fence will be done in the spring as part of the spring clean-up due to the weather. Lambert stated that a Dedication Ceremony upon completion of the playground which is a part of the grant process will be held in the spring and she hopes to have a kids fun day at the same time. Lambert contacted Matt's Trenching to trench around the trees at Sands Park for the Oak wilt disease. Matt's Trenching bid \$1,420.00 to do the trenching and Lambert would like to know how the board feels about this. A **Motion** by Collins to have Matt's Trenching do the work at Sands Park **Supported** by Lambert. All in favor. Motion Carried. Treasurer Lambert recommended that the rest of the dead trees at Sands Park be removed next year in the fall of 2015 after the trees go dormant. Lambert stated that we were having issues with the swim buoys' and would like to purchase new hardware to help with this issue. A **Motion** by Bagnell to purchase the new hardware for the swim buoy's at a cost of \$63.76. **Supported** by Lambert. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Trustee Vernon stated that he purchased a ladder for use at the park for the maintenance man and would like to

be reimbursed in the amount of \$34.00. This will be reimbursed on next month's check. The Park & Recreation Committee minutes are on file in the clerks' office.

(F)County Commissioner – Stu McKinnon updated the Board on the various things going on in the County. The main thing they are working on is the Budget.

(G)Hospital Board – Ray Hoffman stated that he attended the Hospital Board Meeting. Things are progressing with the extension of Birch Street so expansion can continue at Kalkaska Memorial Hospital.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending September 30, 2014. The report showed that there was \$237,741.23 in the various Bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal CU, \$10,675.47 in the Building Fund at Members Credit Union, \$1,282,160.54 in the Tax account which as of now has been paid out, and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. **Motion** by Collins. **Supported** by Vernon to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A)**Encroachment at Sands Park** – Supervisor Hoffman stated we are still waiting on the attorney's on this issue of encroachment. The other issue of the fence at the other end of the park to be looked at in the spring by the Park & Recreation Committee.

(B)**Little Twin Lake Road Ending** – Supervisor Hoffman said that the DEQ has the permit and they are reviewing it and we should hear soon. Another issue on the right side of the access Great Lakes Energy has a utility pole, Hoffman stated that he called them to have the pole moved and was informed that a mining company owned that road ending. In 1969 they gave Great Lakes the right to put that pole on that piece of property. Ray stated that from everything he has seen that the Township of Coldsprings owns that property. So as it stands now more research is needed into the ownership of this road ending. This will be a launch only, no parking and no dock.

(C)**Dock repair at Sands Park** – Trustee Vernon stated that the dock is obsolete, but he can still order the part for \$100.00 or \$29.00 for a used part. He will pick up the part and have the part put on when the dock is removed in November.

New Business:

(A)Shore Drive Drainage – Supervisor Hoffman presented his research on the drainage problem on shore Drive and determined that this is not a Township issue, but is a Road commission issue that they need to address.

(B)Amend the Budget - Clerk Collins presented 4 income amendments and 7 expense amendments to the 2014-2015 Budget. **Motion** by Lambert to accept the amendments as presented. **Supported** by Vernon. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

(C)Amend the FOIA Policy – **Motion** by Lambert to include the current hourly rate to the fee schedule for extensive research and copying of records. **Supported** by Vernon. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(D)Look over bid to repair furnace – After a brief discussion a **Motion** was made by Lambert to get a second opinion on the repair. **Supported** by Hoffman. All in Favor. Motion Carried

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. With the addition of two bills to be paid Great Lakes Energy and Matt's underground. The total of bills to be paid is \$75,051.97. **Motion** by Lambert to approve paying the bills as presented **Supported** by Bagnell. Roll call vote. Hoffman yes, Collins yes, Lambert yes, Bagnell yes, Vernon yes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Started at 8:21. A resident of Coldsprings asked again if there was anywhere in the Township that residents in trailers or homes with no basements to go when we have bad weather. Supervisor Hoffman said he checked into this with Emergency Management and there is no place in the Township to go in bad storms. It was suggested to check with your area neighbors and seek shelter with someone that has a basement. After the storm the Fire Department and Red Cross will have areas designated for people that need shelter.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:26p.m. by Bagnell. **Supported** by Lambert. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins
Coldsprings Township Clerk

