

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY MAY 11, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Hoffman, Clerk Collins, Treasurer Smith, Trustee Malott, Trustee Bagnell. Road Commissioner Denny Corrado and seventeen members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Supervisor Hoffman would like to add Sheriff Abe Devol, and Kevin Rogels and Micheal Tinkle from KMH to the agenda.

Motion by Malott to adopt the agenda as amended. **Supported** by Bagnell. All in favor
Motion carried

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

None were presented.

Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2015 Budget Hearing Meeting:

Motion by Collins. **Supported** by Hoffman to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 Budget Hearing Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting:

Motion by Hoffman. **Supported** by Smith to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Abe Devol addressed the Township Board he gave a brief discussion on his new appointment with the sheriffs' department until 2016, after which he will run for the office of sheriff. The sheriff informed us that the new Under Sheriff for Kalkaska County is Pat Whiteford and a liaison Ben Hawkins has been assigned to Coldsprings Township to assist our Ordinance Officer when needed.

Correspondence was reviewed:

Clerk Collins received the Road Commission minutes from March and April and have been e-mail to all board members and are on file in the clerks' office. The Kalkaska Sheriff's incident report was also received we had 23 incidents and a total of 100 for the year, also the inspection form for the Outlaws Bar & Grill both of these are on file in the clerks' office. We also received the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center minutes and financial report and they are also on file in the clerks' office.

Committee Reports:

- (A) Planning and Maintenance – Trustee Bagnell talked to our maintenance man and the road endings are all cleaned up. The tractor is ready to go for the season. The Sands Park clean-up day will be held on May 16, 2015.
- (B) Fireboard – Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes from the May 6, 2015 Fireboard meeting. The minutes showed that there were 15 Fire runs and 13 Rescue runs for the month of April. Frederic ALS had 28 calls, 4 transported to Kalkaska, 10 to Munson, 3 to Grayling and 4 inter-facility transfers. A complete copy of the minutes are on file with the clerk.
- (C) Road Commissioners Meeting – Road Commissioner Denny Corrado stated the Road Commission has signed the agreement to purchase the brine for the gravel roads which will be starting soon. The Road Commission will only brine each gravel road once this year and any other brining will be done at the Townships expense. The engineering has been contracted for Starvation Lake Road and the project is on track to start in the spring of 2016. The cost of the Starvation Lake project is coming in less than expected and the saving will be possibly passed on to the paving project of 612 with the possibility of costing the Township nothing to have 612 repaved. Talks have started to possibly pave State Road but nothing is at all final on this project. Trustee Dick Malott is our representative for the Township to attend the Road Commission meeting, he stated that the Road Commission has purchased 2 gently used plow trucks to add to the Road Commissions' fleet of trucks this should help with snow removal and road maintenance. Also they have hired a second road grader operator so the County has two graders in operation to cover more area faster. The Road Commission has 4 crews patching pot holes in the County. The cost of brine has gone up it is now \$10.00 a gallon and it takes 2500 gallons to cover a mile so brining cost \$250.00 per mile. Brining can only be done 3 times a year. Trustee Malott is also a committee member for the recycling center he informed the Board that the recycling center is open for business and is located temporarily in the parking lot at the Road Commission building. The construction of the new recycling center should be starting very soon with hopes of it up and running before winter.
- (D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Denny Corrado stated he has 12 open cases and one criminal case, one civil case and one closed case.
- (E) Park & Recreation Committee – Chairperson Brenda Lambert stated that the Park & Recreation Committee had their meeting on May 4, 2015 and it was decided to cancel the Craft and Music Festival at this time due to lack of public response. The new dispensers and bags for dog waste will be installed soon. The park clean-up will be on May 16, 2015. The Dedication Ceremony for the new playground will be held on June 13, 2015 with a fun day at the park with four bikes with bike helmets being given away. Two bikes were donated by Area Waste and two were donated by our Supervisor Ray Hoffman and the bike helmets were donated by Brenda Lambert and Tommy's Toys. The Park & Recreation minutes are on file in the clerks' office.

(F)County Commissioner – Stu McKinnon not in attendance.

(G)Hospital Board – Ray Hoffman stated that he attended the Hospital Board Meeting, but he would like to turn over the hospital report to the Hospital Administrator Kevin Rogels and Outreach director Michael Tinkle. Mr. Rogels presented to the Township Board a report on My Hospital and My Community all residents should have received this booklet on all the workings of the Hospital, and where the funds are being spent. The Hospital has purchased a 13 passenger van to help with transportation needs for patients in our county. The Green House/Long Term Care Expansion is going well with an opening date of January 2016.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending April 30, 2015. The report showed that there was \$320,540.58 in the various Bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal CU, \$10,691.36 in the Building Fund at Members Credit Union, \$146.11 in the Tax account, and \$100.00 in the Cash on hand Fund. **Motion** by Collins. **Supported** by Bagnell to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A)**Encroachment at Sands Park** – Supervisor Hoffman hopes to have the North end of the encroachment wrapped up soon. The South end is still in negotiation but he hopes to have something more to report next month

(B)**Little Twin Lake Road Ending** – Supervisor Hoffman requested going out for bids on the Little Twin Lake Road Ending project and applying for a Passport grant for the project. But Brenda Lambert informed the board that you can't go out for bids before you go out for a grant. The next grant process will be in the fall of 2015. So going out for bids on this project was tabled until after we go through the grant process. **Motion** by Hoffman to table going out for bids until we find out about a possible Passport grant. **Supported** by Bagnell. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C)**MI VEHICLE CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Supervisor Hoffman presented each board member with the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages last month with a resolution to adopt this ordinance for the board members to look over. Supervisor Hoffman stated this would help with enforcing our township current ordinances, and makes putting up necessary signs much easier for the township. This is Public Act 300 giving townships more authority to enforce their ordinances. This also makes it possible for our

OEO to handle the LLC Inspections. Clerk Collins stated she had questions how this will really benefit our township. The OEO stated it will help him better enforce our township ordinances and make his job easier. Clerk Collins asked again for an example of how this will help. Again she was told it would help the OEO with his job. Some of residents in the audience also wanted to know why we needed this at this time. What kind of problems were we having that we need to adopt another ordinance. Treasurer Smith wanted to know if this was going to affect the OEO hours. Supervisor Hoffman said this will not affect the OEOs' hours. After a very lengthy discussion a **Motion** was made by Hoffman to table this issue, but more discussion was held. Trustee Bagnell said that this ordinance doesn't cost us anything to adopt and it gives us the authority to enforce only the parts we want the OEO to enforce and it is not mandatory to enforce the whole ordinance only the parts we as a Township want to enforce. It makes it easier for our OEO to enforce ordinances that the Township wants enforced without having to call the Sheriffs' department and waiting for them to come out and enforce the ordinance. Another resident was against the ordinance being adopted he did not want the OEO to have any more power than he already had. This ordinance is only for civil infractions, and the OEO can't make any arrests. Another resident said he was in favor of adopting this ordinance and he also wanted to know if the OEO could put up speed signs with this ordinance and Supervisor Hoffman said no. Clerk Collins asked is this the only way we can put up a no parking signs in our township and what other problems has the OEO had that this is the only way to fix them. OEO Corrado said yes it is the only way to put up a no parking sign and enforce it, and he didn't know at this time what problems he may have at this time that this ordinance may help with. Trustee Malott said he liked the ordinance and if down the road a bit if we find out this ordinance didn't help our township could we rescind the ordinance. Supervisor Hoffman said yes as a Township Board we could rescind this ordinance and return to the system we have now. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Malott to adopt this ordinance. **Supported** by Bagnell. Roll call Vote Collins, No, Smith, No, Hoffman, yes, Malott, yes, Bagnell, yes. Motion carried with quorum vote. Resolution #4 of 2015 is declared adopted. A **Motion** by Hoffman to wave reading the full resolution. **Supported** by Malott. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

New Business:

(A)Look over new FOIA Procedures and Guidelines - Clerk Collins presented the board with all forms associated with the FOIA to look over for next months meeting. Clerk Collins also made a request of the Township Board to approve her attending a class in Traverse City on the FOIA put on by MSU. A **Motion** by Malott for Clerk Collins to attend the class in Traverse City on May 19, 2015 held MSU. **Supported** by Hoffman. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(B)Look over possible repaving of Twin Lake Road – Supervisor Hoffman

asked the board if we should approve repaving North Twin Lake Road from Twin Lake Road to the Blue Lake Township line. Last fall a bid was put together by John Rogers to possibly proceed with repaving this road. Supervisor Hoffman would like John Rogers to rebid this project so we can have a current bid to put before the Township Board for a vote. Clerk Collins said that she went out to check on this possible project and she thought we should wait until the construction that is going on is done then repave the road. A suggestion was made by a resident that we should check to see when this construction is going to be complete and possibly having the person that seems to have caused the most damage to that road possibly pay a portion of the repaving. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this item until next month when we have more information available to make this decision.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. The total of bills to be paid is \$20,347.37 **Motion** by Malott to approve paying the bills as presented **Supported** by Bagnell. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at 8:37p.m.:

Supervisor Hoffman opened the meeting to public comments. A local resident asked a question of our Road Commission Manager about the damage done from the tornado last year. His concern was about stumps in road right-a-ways and downed trees on trailers. John Rogers stated he was unaware of any stumps in the right-a-ways but he would check into it. As far as the trees on trailers that will be handled by the OEO. Brenda Lambert made a suggestion that since the board was not in agreement with the traffic code ordinance that maybe we should have tabled it instead of voting on it at this time. Supervisor Hoffman said he tried to table it but we decided to vote on it. Brenda also stated that the public should have been made aware of this ordinance so they could have given their opinion on this ordinance. Supervisor Hoffman said this has been voted on, time to move on. Road Manager John Rogers stated if anyone has any problems in our county on the roads please give him a call at the road commission. Another resident Bridget Long was told that she was going to be fined for the junk on her property. She said that someone told her to come to this meeting that we were going to discuss her property and the fines that were going to be issued. The OEO officer told her that he would like her to come back the next day that this property is going to be discussed at that time.

Public comments closed at 8:46.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:47p.m. by Bagnell. **Supported** by Malott. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins
Coldsprings Township Clerk