

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 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. Twenty eight members of the public were also present. County Commissioner arrived at 7:54p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Malott to adopt the agenda as presented. **Supported** by Smith. 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 September 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting:

Motion by Malott. **Supported** by Hoffman to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence was reviewed:

Clerk Collins received the minutes from the Road Commission and Kalkaska Hospital. They are on file in the clerk's office.

Open Snowplow Bids – 1st snowplow bid received was from SJ & Family Lawn Care in the amount of \$3,700.00. 2nd snowplow bid received was from Mike Deater in the amount of \$4,500.00. 3rd snowplow bid received was from Todd's Welding Service in the amount of \$3,450.00. After a brief discussion a **Motion** was made by Malott to accept the bid for snowplowing from Todd's Welding Service. **Supported** by Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

(A)Planning & Maintenance – Bagnell stated that the bouys have been removed at Sands Park. The dock still needs to be removed and Bagnell was informed that the man that removed it last year will not be able to take it out this year. So Bagnell will be getting together with Chuck Vernon and see who else they can get to remove the dock this year. The work on the removal of the trees at Sands Park has started and should take about two weeks to complete. Bagnell noted that it looked like another tree has died and should be removed he will be contacting Tim McCullen about that. Bagnell said that one of the cameras is broken, but we are going to wait until spring to repair it because of all the tree work being done. The Township Hall is in need of repair Brian Andersen looked at it and said we have rotten floor joists and several floor joists that have been cut over the years and not

repaired. The work won't be able to be started until after the election because the furnace and water heater will have to be removed and possibly the toilets in the bathroom. Brian Andersen will be getting us a quote on the amount of the cost to do the repair work. He also will be coming into to shore up the furnace and the bathrooms before the elections. The work on the Township Hall pillars and railing should be complete sometime this week. The maintenance man has had to do a lot of work on the tractor and is still having trouble with it. Bagnell would like to have the board include the purchase of a new tractor in our budget for 2016-2017. Also the trash cans will be removed from Sands Park until spring.

(B)Fireboard – Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes from the October 7, 2015 Fireboard meeting. The minutes showed that there were 8 Fire runs and 13 Rescue runs for the month of September. Frederic ALS had 29 calls, 4 transported to Kalkaska, 17 to Munson, 1 to Grayling and 3 inter-facility transfers. A complete copy of the minutes are on file with the clerk.

(C)Road Commissioners Meeting – Road Representative Malott stated that he attended the Road Commission Meeting and he asked them how to convert a seasonal road to a county maintained road and he was informed that it has to have a 6 inch gravel base and have at least one permanent resident for each mile of road and has to be 22 feet wide and if it is a dead end it must have a cul da sac at the end. It also must have good drainage. Malott informed the Township that we have several areas in the Township that have problems and the Road Commission will be looking into these areas. The Hill on Tower Rd is one problem that is being looked at and it is hopeful that they could address this in the near future. But with the limited budget of the Road Commission the area gravel roads are on the low end of the priority list of the Road Commission. Malott made a suggestion that the Township look at the possibility of a Township road millage that the Township would manage. Even with a millage it would take several years before we could make a dent in the Township roads.

(D)Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Denny Corrado stated he still had five open cases and that he was still working on. The Long case he hopes to wrap it up soon. Other than that everything seems to be quite for now.

(E)Park & Recreation Committee – Brenda Lambert stated that the Park & Recreation committee has nothing going on at this time. The Park and Recreation Committee will not be meeting during the winter months and will resume May 3, 2016. The spring clean-up at Sands Park will be held on May 21, 2016. The Park and Recreation Committee minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

(F)County Commissioner – Stu McKinnon arrived at 7:54 and gave a brief update on

what was going on in the county. He said they have several vacancies within the county (COA, Rugg Pond, and Zoning Dept.) and several other areas will have openings starting in the new year. If anyone is interested on sitting on one of these boards please contact the County. The county has authorized the Sheriff to purchase an extra patrol car and signed a grant for an secondary patrol officer. The county will be updating their phone system in the near future which will be working off the internet instead of the old wires that have become brittle and out of date.

(G)Hospital Board – Ray Hoffman stated that he attended the Hospital board Meeting on 9-22-15 and everything at the hospital is going good. The Long Term Care Expansion is scheduled to open in January 2016.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending September 30, 2015. The report showed that there was \$272,352.15 in the various Bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal CU, \$10,693.91 in the Building Fund at Chemical Bank, Building fund at First National \$56,894.36, Township Improvement account at First National \$100,653.11, Township Improvement Account at FAFCU \$317,741.15, and Tax account at Chemical Bank \$1,471,007.85, 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 said we will discuss this at next months’ meeting after everything is finalized with attorney.

(B)**Fence at Little Twin Lake Access site** – After a short discussion as a board it was decided that a privacy fence at the Little Twin Lake Access site was not in the Townships best interest. It also was decided that we have Farrier Surveying reinstall survey stakes with permanent markers and also to have the maintenance man put in posts designating Township property.

New Business:

(A)**Supervisor and Clerk Sign Tax Rate Request** – Both the Supervisor and the Clerk signed the Tax rate request.

(B)**Place Ad for Cemetery Clean-up** – **Motion** by Hoffman for the clerk to place an ad in the paper for the Cemetery Clean-up. **Supported** by Bagnell. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(C)**Possible light and plug in storage barn at Sands Park** – After a brief discussion it was decided to get a bid on this and the clerk will bring the bid to

the board at next meeting.

- (D) Treasurer discussion on Tax Collection** – Treasurer Smith brought up a possible policy for the Township to adopt that would alleviate extra expenses in the collection of over and under tax collections. After a brief discussion it was the boards' decision to adopt policy #2 of 2015

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. The total of bills to be paid is \$21,963.69. **Motion** by Malott to approve paying the bills as presented. **Supported** by Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at 8:01p.m.: Several residents had a complaint about their road conditions. The road commission had just graded their road and the logger trucks went down them and tore them up again. They wanted to know if the township could do anything about the logger trucks and make them responsible for the destruction of the roads. Trustee Malott will contact the Road Commission Manager and ask him about this and hopefully the Road Commission will send out another float truck or grader to smooth out the road. Another resident asked if the township could make the person having the logging done be responsible for the damage that is being done to their roads. Supervisor Hoffman said the roads are the responsibility of the Road Commission and it would be up to the Road Commission on how to handle this.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. by Bagnell. **Supported** by Malott. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins
Coldsprings Township Clerk