

**APPROVED MINUTES  
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571  
MONDAY July 11, 2016 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 Schaller, and Trustee Malott. Fourteen members of the public were also present including County Commissioner Stu McKinnon. Also six applicants for the Assessor Position.

**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 June 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Assessment District Meeting:**

**Motion** by Smith. **Supported** by Malott to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting and the Special Assessment District Meeting July 7, 2016. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Assessor Interviews:**

Supervisor Hoffman asked Clerk Collins to start the interviews. Each Assessor was given a list of questions. Each Candidate was given time to introduce themselves and answer all the questions on the list. Other questions were asked that were not on the list and answered. After all the interviews were done Supervisor Hoffman thanked all the candidates for their interest in the Assessors position. And he ended the interview process and told all the candidates that a letter will be sent to each one on our decision, and if they wished to leave they could.

**Correspondence was reviewed:**

Clerk Collins stated that she received a bid from Syscom for a protection system for the township computers at a cost of \$2,556.00 to try to protect our data. Supervisor Hoffman stated that we will look at this and what the county has before we decide how to proceed. The Clerk also received a Township Franchise renewal for Charter and is on file in the clerk's office. Clerk Collins asked Officer Brian Peacock about a form she received from the state of MI on Licensing for Liquor Control. Officer Peacock stated that is taken care of by the county and not at the township level. This is on file in the clerks' office. Supervisor Hoffman got a very nice thank-you from a resident thanking him for contacting Area Waste and for the great job they did for her.

**Committee Reports:**

- (A) Planning & Maintenance – Trustee Schaller stated that the cameras are working at Sands Park. Also that more trees are dying and will need to be removed next year. Everything else seems to be in good shape at the Township and Sands park. The only thing that needs to be addressed is the water level at Little Twin Lake is still high and it is really hard to launch boats there and he had an estimate from Matt's to add an extra cement pad and remove the pea stone and replace with something more suitable at a cost of \$1,785. Supervisor Hoffman stated that we may want to add 2 extra pads instead of one. A **Motion** by Malott to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to fix the problem at Little Twin Lake. **Supported** by Schaller. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (B) Fireboard – Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes from the July 6, 2016 Fireboard meeting. The minutes showed that there were 10 Fire runs and 12 Rescue runs for the month of June. Frederic ALS had 36 calls, 1 transported to Kalkaska, 16 to Munson, 4 to Grayling and 5 inter-facility transfers. A complete copy of the minutes are on file in the clerks' office.
- (C) Road Commissioners Meeting – Trustee Malott stated that the road commission meeting will be on July 13, 2016. So the only thing he has to report on is that Starvation Lake Rd will be starting soon and 612 should be started in August.
- (D) Sheriff Department – Officer Brian Peacock is our Township liaison please contact the Township with any ordinance violations and officer Peacock will be notified. Or call 231-258-3350 to leave a message for Officer Brian Peacock. Officer Peacock was in attendance and gave a brief report on the complaints being handled by him. The month of May Officer Peacock handled 9 Civil complaints, 1 Township Ordinance, and 18 Property checks. A copy of Officer Peacocks report is on file in the Clerks' office. Sheriff Pat Whiteford was in attendance gave a brief update on the Torch Lake issue on the July 4, 2016 Holiday. But all in all the issue was much better than the previous year. A resident wanted to thank Sheriff Whiteford for having a marine officer on the smaller lakes.
- (E) County Commissioner – Stu McKinnon stated that the county has not had their meeting and he had nothing much to report about to the township board. He reported that they had a small gas leak at the COA building it is now fixed. Supervisor Hoffman asked Stu about the computer IT's that the county uses and Stu suggested Ray talk to Pat Whiteford about this and it may be the case that the township could be included on the county's contract with their IT people. Supervisor Hoffman stated that he will be looking into this and bring it back up to the board at the next meeting.

(G)Hospital Board – Ray Hoffman attended the Hospital Board Meeting on 6/28/16, and the points of interest are on file in the clerks’ office.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending June 30, 2016. The report showed that there was \$345,403.17 in the various Bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal CU, \$10,697.88 in the Building Fund at Chemical Bank, Township Improvement CD \$420,624.44, Building Fund CD \$57,151.00, \$135.62 in the Tax account at Chemical Bank and \$100.00 in the Cash on hand Fund. **Motion** by Collins. **Supported** by Malott to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

(A)**Encroachment at Sands Park** – Supervisor Hoffman said they had a non-jury court date had been set for August 16, 2016. Supervisor Hoffman he will keep us updated on how this case is going.

Attorney Mike Edwards is the Attorney handling the encroachment issue and he gave us a brief update. Supervisor Hoffman stated that Attorney Edwards was running for 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge and would he like to address the Board and residents at this time. Attorney Edwards gave us a brief synopsis of his life and background. Ray Hoffman thanked him and said we also have another person Colin G Hunter also running for the 46<sup>th</sup> circuit Court. Attorney Hunter also gave the board and the residents a brief synopsis on his life and background. Supervisor Hoffman also thanked him for coming to our board meeting.

**New Business:**

(A)**Approve and sign Coldsprings/Excelsior Fire Protection Agreement:**

**Motion** by Collins to wave the reading of the agreement. **Supported** by Smith All in Favor. Motion Carried. **Motion** by Malott for the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Coldsprings Township Fire Protection Agreement. **Supported** by Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(B)**Sign renewal of medical agreement with Fredric:** **Motion** by Malott to sign the Fredric Medical Agreement. **Supported** by Schaller. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(C)**Do we still need a water softer:** After a brief discussion it was decided leave the water softer in place.

(D)**Approve New Township Assessor:** It was decided to table this decision until

our Special Assessment District Meeting Next week on 7-21-2016. **Motion** by Malott. **Supported** by Schaller. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Bills:**

Bills were reviewed. The total of bills to be paid is \$17,864.44 for the Township.

**Motion** by Collins to approve paying the bills as presented. **Supported** by Malott. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment: Started at 8:41 p.m.** – Sheriff Pat Whiteford addressed the Township Board and residents that he was running for the Sheriffs’ position and he would like the residents support. Another resident requested that we have an extra trash receptacle added to Sands Park by the Pavilion. Trustee Schaller said he would contact Area Waste. Another resident asked if the township had ever considered a fireworks ordinance. She presented the Township board with an ordinance from another Township. Supervisor Hoffman said he would look into it. Another resident had a complaint about people putting trash out to early and the animals getting into it. The resident said it has happened three times and she sent them a letter. Supervisor Hoffman stated if she still had problems with this he would send a letter to them. Supervisor Hoffman asked the public which assessor applicate they liked, and as a board we took that information and added it to our thought processes. Supervisor Hoffman closed public comments at 9:18p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. by Smith. **Supported** by Collins. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins  
Coldsprings Township Clerk