

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY AUGUST 13, 2018, 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, Trustee Malott. Eight members of the public were present also Deputy Brian Peacock, Renee Penny from the Conservation District arrived at 7:45.

Before the start of the meeting Supervisor Hoffman stated that the meetings are going to run a little differently and more organized. This is a business meeting and the Township Board will conduct its' business and after the business is completed there will be a time for public comment.

Adoption of the Agenda: A Motion by Malott to adopt the agenda. **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 July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting: Motion by Smith to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. **Supported** by Malott. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence was reviewed:

The clerk had received the crimes report from the Kalkaska Sheriff's office for the month of July with 33 incidents and a total for the year of 171. Also the inspection form for the Ole Soul both reports are on file in the clerk's office. The clerk also received a notice of the Public Service commission for Natural gas customers will be holding a meeting on August 20, 2018 in Lansing at the Michigan public Service Commission. The letter is in the clerk's files. The Clerk received the Road Commission minutes and they have been forwarded to all board members and they are on file in the clerk's office. The Clerk also stated that she had the windows in the Township Hall cleaned again by Birds Be Scared Window Cleaning.

Assessor's report:

None Available

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Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance – Trustee Schaller reported that Helsel's Tree removal have completed removing the dead trees at the road ends.. The restrooms at the park have been painted inside and clothing hooks put up. C-K, Inc. pumped the vaults at Sands Park. The posts in the park will be replaced starting next week. Trustee Schaller has contacted the dock company and is checking to see if the dock could be lowered next year. The oak wilt has infected several trees in the park and at this time we will be

waiting until fall of 2019 to address cutting these trees. The new cemetery fence will be installed next week.

(B)Fireboard –Supervisor Hoffman stated that the minutes have been delayed for the Fireboard meeting. The Clerk Received the minutes the next day for the August 1, 2018

Fire Board Meeting and it showed that there were 14 Fire runs and 14 Rescue runs for the month of July. Frederic ALS had 41 calls, 11 transported to Kalkaska, 21 to Munson, 1 to Grayling, and 8 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 work on North Twin Lake Rd. will be starting next week. The resurface of 612 between Bear Lake Rd and Blue Lake Rd. should be started now. The work on Rita and Woodland has been started with the completion of the survey and the next step is to remove the trees. After that ditches then new gravel all work to be completed over a two year period.

(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 stated that he handled 6Civil complaints, 0Township Ordinance, 14 Property checks, 1 Misdemeanors, and 0Felony for the month of July.

A copy of Officer Peacocks report is on file in the Clerks' office. Officer Peacock also statedto be aware that the scam artists are calling people so be diligent not to get scammed. Officer Peacock also stated that he will be on vacation from the 26th of August until the 7th of September, another officer will take the calls in his absence.

(E)County Commissioner – Stu McKinnonnot in attendance.

(F)Hospital Board – Supervisor Hoffman stated that the paving of the new parking lot is underway, and the work is moving along smoothly. The Hospital will be having a sharps collection on September 19, 2018 from 8:30a.m. until 10:30a.m. at the Kalkaska Memorial Hospital in the main entrance.A copy of the Talking Points are on file in the clerks' office.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending July 31, 2018. The report showed that there was \$355,709.52 in the various Bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal CU, \$10,723.33 in the Building Fund at Chemical Bank, and \$205,985.18 in the Tax account at Chemical Bank and \$200.00 in the Cash on hand Fund. **Motion** by Collinsto accept the Treasurer's report as presented**Supported** by Malott.All in Favor.Motion Carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

(A)Look over and sign the Fire Protection agreement with Rapid River Twp.-

Motion by Malott to have the Supervisor and the Clerk sign the agreement.

Supported by Smith.All in Favor. Motion Carried.

(B)Look over the Par Plan Coverages for 2018-2019 from Municipal Underwriters-

After a brief discussion A **Motion** by Schaller to accept the Coverages from the Municipal Underwriters.**Supported** by Smith.All in Favor. Motion Carried.

(C)Look over complaint on Manistee Lake-After a brief discussion a **Motion** by

Collins to table this issue until next month where the Supervisor has more time to gather information about this issue. **Supported** by Smith.All in favor. Motion Carried.

(D)Look over Par Plan Grant for Sands Park Camera's-After a brief discussion a

Motion by Collins to Table this issue until next month.**Supported** by Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

(E)Look over bid from Environmental Pest Control-The clerk presented a bid from

Environmental Pest Control to have a fall application for insect control at a cost of \$165.00. A **Motion** by Smith to go ahead with the fall application at a cost of \$165.00.**Supported** by Malott.All in favor. Motion Carried.

(F)Look into getting Air Conditioning put in the Township Hall-The Clerk asked the

Township Board about getting Air Conditioning put into the Township Hall. The problem that exists is that the new election equipment is very sensitive to humidity and we had several problems during the election with ballots jamming in the tabulator.

Supervisor Hoffman asked the clerk to check into this and bring it back to the Township Board next month.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. The total of bills to be paid is \$27,619.09 including the bill from C-K Inc.**Motion** by Malott to approve paying the bills as presented. **Supported**by Schaller.Roll call vote Hoffman, yes, Collins, yes, Schaller, yes, Smith, yes, Malott, yes. All in favor.Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at 7:41—A resident asked why we are waiting to cut the trees at Sands Park until next year. He was informed that the township is under restraints of a budget. We know the Oak wilt is a problem but the cost is the factor to us waiting until next years budget. Supervisor Hoffman suggested that he discuss the oak wilt with Lowell Schaller and bring it back to the board next month. A resident would like permission to start a program to plant new trees in the park without any cost to the Township. These trees will be trees from Barkers Creek Nursery. The first tree they want to plant is for a memorial of a deceased person. Supervisor Hoffman said the **Motion** before the board is to allow a new tree planting program to be started at no cost to the Township and any tree planted would be with the supervision of our Trustee Lowell Schaller. **Supported** by Malott.All in Favor. Motion Carried. The same resident would like to have something written up and placed in our annual newsletter that if anyone would like to purchase a tree for planting in Sands Park as a memorial to a deceased person to please contact the Township and they will be directed to the program coordinator. A resident made a comment about the complaint on Manistee lake that he would like to see the property change to shoreline improvement for Manistee Lake and allow plantings of native species at the shore line. He stated he is in charge of the shoreline restoration on Manistee Lake.

Supervisor Hoffman stated that property was for public use, please put into writing what the Shoreline Restoration would like to do and he will have to check with our Township Attorney to see if any changes can be made. A resident wanted to know why they couldn't comment on things that we are discussing while we are having our Board Meeting and before we vote on each issue. He also stated it is the Boards responsibility to listen to the comments from the public before we vote on each issue. Supervisor Hoffman stated that the time for the public to speak is when we have our public comments at the end of the meeting. But next meeting the Supervisor will allow for public input before each vote as long as we stay on course. The Supervisor runs the meeting and if we have any problems we will return to public comment at the end of the meeting. A resident suggested that the Clerk check out a portable window Air conditioner to help out in the Township Hall. The Clerk responded that would be a great solution except for the noise they make. Our voting equipment is quiet when it is registering a ballot and I think that wouldn't be the best solution. The same resident made a comment that the Open meetings Act you can't exclude Public comment. Supervisor Hoffman stated that we are not excluding public comments, we are just running our Township Board as the MTA Guidelines state. A resident wanted to say Thank-you to the Township Board for helping the residents of Rita and Woodland in getting their road improved. The same resident stated that they have called the Township about junk. Supervisor Hoffman stated that they should call the Sheriffs' department and leave a message for Officer Peacock that is his job. Officer Peacock asked where this was and the gentleman gave him the information and Officer Peacock said he'd check into it. Another resident commented that they had rented the Sands Park Pavilion and it was wonderful and would like to thank the Township Board for the work done at the park. The Clerk stated that the park is being taken care of by Joe Ruiz and Lowell Schaller and would like to thank both of them for all their hard work. Another resident asked if there were any plans for the Road Commission to maintain Rita and Woodland so the trees don't destroy the work they are doing to improve the road. Trustee Malott stated that the road commission just has a standard maintenance. Supervisor Hoffman stated he would ask the Road Commission about that. Another question was made of the Ordinance Officer, how long of a response time to complaints. Officer Peacock stated that it can vary depending on his work load. He tries to get everything as soon as possible, and yes some things can take a while to get resolved. Judge Buday was in the audience and would like the support of the Coldsprings Township people in the upcoming election in November 2018. Another question was of our Trustees responsibilities. Trustee Schaller stated his duties include taking care of the Park, Cemetery and the Township Hall. Trustee Malott stated he attends the Road Commission Meetings. Well why is the Salary so different. Clerk Collins stated that Trustee Schaller not only is a Trustee of the Township he also does some of the maintenance for the Township and is also paid an hourly wage. It is higher this month because his check was for two months. Leigh Lewis was in attendance and would like our support in the fall for County Commissioner of the 2nd district.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by Smith. **Supported** by Malott. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins
Coldsprings Township Clerk