

**APPROVED MINUTES  
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019, 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 Cervone. Fourteen members of the public were present.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** A Motion by Cervone 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 August 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes:** Motion by Cervone to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Supported by Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence was reviewed:**

Clerk Collins stated that she had received a complaint from a resident about a problem with the road sweeper throwing gravel all over her lawn, so I referred this complaint to the Road Commission. The monthly crimes report for July reported that we had 20 incidents in the month of July and a total for the year of 149. The Kankaskia Sheriff's crime report is on file in the clerks' office.

**Assessor's report:**

Sally Akerley was in attendance and gave us a brief update on things she is taking care of for the Township. She addressed the Township Board about the Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal that is ongoing for our Township with DTE. This appeal will take some time and may be a loss of income for the Township. She will keep us informed of the outcome. Below is her official report:

September report:

Audit of database continues. I would expect some inconsistent valuation adjustments to take place over the next several assessing cycles. Currently preparing sales studies, conducting PRE audits, examining the database for problems, site inspection of permits, etc. Some field work has already begun. I have not found a current tax map and will begin the work of preparing a master map—with adequate dimensions and annotations.

Sally Akerley, Assessor

**Committee Reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance-Trustee Schaller reported that the new posts have all been installed in Sands Park. If anyone wants the old posts please take them, they are by the

little shed at Sands Park. The posts at the boat launch were placed leaving more room for boats and trailers. A handicapped sign will be going up at the parking area by the boat launch. Also please note that the parking area by the dock is for boat and trailer parking only. If you don't have a trailer please park at the top of the hill. We have limited spaces on the lower parking area. A new sign will be installed to say boat trailer parking only in the next coming weeks. Trustee Schaller requested to have our parking lot remarked in the spring. Supervisor Hoffman stated that we will have to have it added to our 2020-2021 budget. The swim buoys will be removed in the next couple weeks and the dock will be removed at the end of October. Trustee Schaller stated that as a Township if we want to apply for State grants we will have to reestablish the Sands Park Plan. Further research will be needed down the road.

(B) Fireboard – Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes for the September 4, 2019 Fire Board Meeting and it showed that there were 8 Fire runs and 11 Rescue runs for the month of August. Frederic ALS had 29 calls, 6 transported to Kalkaska, 9 to Munson, 0 to Grayling, 0 inter-facility transfers, 2 Cancelled, 5 Refusal. A complete copy of the minutes are on file in the clerks' office.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting – Trustee Cervone stated that she attended the Road Commission meeting. Trustee Cervone's report follows:

#### **Road Commission Update**

On behalf of Coldsprings Township I thanked the Road Commission for their work on Rita Drive and Woodland Drive. The Road Commission reiterated that the trees will be picked up in that area, but there will not be any rails placed on the ditches. The area will be seeded though. I did receive a phone call from a homeowner on Woodland Dr. stating that when it rains on that road the clay gets slick and clumps on the cars excessively. Ray will be sending me some pictures to present to the Road Commission.

The permit for the Tower Road culvert has been received (and is DEQ approved) by the Road Commission as stated in our last Township Board meeting. This was an action item given to me by the Board to ensure the permit is DEQ approved.

A concern brought to the Townships' attention regarding water that flows down Cherry Street NE and onto Shore Dr. when it rains. According to the Road Commission this expense would be significant to redirect the water.

The Road Commission stated they could not paint the handicap emblem on the parking space at the boat launch. It was suggested that the Township call Great Lakes Signage for an estimate. I am currently working on clarification from the Road Commission on the actual post sign.

A concern was brought up regarding the poor condition of Shore Dr. NE, which is 1/3 mile long and approximately 40 homes. The home owner is also concerned with flood control at the end of that dead end. I spoke to J. Rogers regarding this concern. He stated there are a few issues with this local road. The road and the homeowner's yards are the same as the lake level which causes an issue with the water. For this road to be repaved and shored properly 80% of the cost would need to come from the Township. To determine what the cost would be an engineer would need to be hired to assess the road.

Trustee Cervone will be checking with Road Commission into the costs to hire an engineer to figure out what it would take to fix Shore Dr. NE.

(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 7 Civil complaints, 2 Township Ordinance,

10 Property checks, 3 Misdemeanors, and 0 Felony for the month of August. A copy of Officer Peacocks report is on file in the Clerks' office.

(E)County Commissioner– Leigh Ngirarsaolnot in attendance.

(F)Hospital Board – Supervisor Hoffman stated everything is going good at the hospital and the construction is on time. The move in date for the medical pavilion is 9/16/19. The Hospital is having a Community Sharps Disposal day on September 17, 2019 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The talking points are on file in the clerks' office.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month ending August 31, 2019. The report showed that there was \$476,095.92 in the various Bank accounts, \$0 in the Forest Area Federal CU account was closed, \$10,734.97in the Building Fund at Chemical Bank, and \$196,936.43 in the Tax account at Chemical Bank and \$200.00 in the Cash on hand Fund. A **Motion** bySchallerto accept the Treasurer's report as presented**Supported** by Cervone.Roll call vote Smith, yes, Schaller, yes, Cervone, yes, Hoffman, yes, Collins, yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS ITEM (as listed on the agenda):7:41** None heard.

### **Old Business:**

(A)**Look over bids for computer server for the Township-** After a brief presentation from Common Angle a **Motion** by Collins to accept the bid from Common Angle to install a server for the Township at a cost of \$7,519.24. **Supported** by Smith. Roll call vote Hoffman, yes, Smith, yes, Collins, yes, Schaller, yes, Cervone, yes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **New Business:**

(A)**Open bids for tree removal at Sands Park-**Supervisor Hoffman opened the bid for the removal of the dead trees at Sands Park. The bid came from Hesel's Tree Service Inc. After a brief discussion a **Motion** by Collins to accept the bid from Hesel's Tree Service to remove 25 trees at Sands Park. Also included was the removal of the wood, brush, grind stumps, clean-up, place topsoil where needed and seed at a cost of \$9,000.00. **Supported** by Cervone. Roll call vote Collins, yes, Smith, yes, Hoffman, yes, Schaller, yes, Cervone, yes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Bills:**

Bills were reviewed. The total of the bills to be paid is \$38,416.09 including the bill from Mike Edwards Attorney at Law and Common Angle for the new server for the Township.A**Motion** by Smith to approve paying the bills as presented. **Supported**by Cervone. Roll Call vote Hoffman, yes, Smith, yes, Collins, yes, Schaller, yes, Cervone, yes.Motion Carried.

**Public Comment: Started at –8:01-** A resident had a complaint about a neighbor dumping raw sewage from his septic tank onto his lawn. He stated he called the Sheriff and the Sheriff said that was a Health Department problem. So, he filed a complaint with them in July and have not heard back from them as of yet. Supervisor Hoffman stated he would call them and try to get this resolved. Another resident voiced her concern over the possible repeal of the Point of Sale Ordinance. Another Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on September 18, 2019 at 7p.m. This resident asked if we could again voice our concerns on this issue. The Clerk stated she will send the letters again to Jeff Dontz, Chair, Manistee County Board of Commission.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. by Smith. **Supported** by Collins. All in Favor.

Cheryl Collins  
Coldsprings Township Clerk