



COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

This newsletter is published each year to keep our township property owners informed of what is and has been going on in the township. Names and contact information for township officials can be found in the newsletter.

The Township Board passed a Fireworks Ordinance which puts time restraints in place regulating the time when fireworks can be used.

The entire ordinance can be found on the Coldsprings-Excelsior Township web site.

Please keep in mind this newsletter is not all inclusive of things past and things to come, but it will at least give you an idea of what your elected officials are accomplishing or considering.

As usual, all feedback is most graciously welcome and desired.

We encourage our residents to attend a Board meeting when possible. Please try to attend at least one Township Board Meeting this year.

This newsletter includes the 2020 Trash Labels. They will be effective until the new labels are issued in 2021.

A reminder that our township has a wonderful park for family gatherings. The pavilion can be reserved for special event by contacting the Clerk's Office to reserve it ahead of time.

The beach area is very nice and there is plenty of playground equipment for children to enjoy.

Take advantage of it, it's your park. Trustee Schaller oversees the maintenance of the park with the wonderful assistance from our Custodian, Joe Ruiz, as well as occasional assistance of volunteers and the sheriff's office work crew.

Raymond M. (Ray) Hoffman, Supervisor

2020 Township Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month and start at 7:00pm at the Township Hall, 6515 County Road 571, Kalkaska

January 13 th	Feb. 10 th	March 9 th
April 13 th	May 11 th	June 8 th
July 13 th	August 10 th	Sept. 14 th
Oct. 12 th	Nov. 9 th	Dec. 14 th

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The schedule for regular township board meetings is printed above. Please take a little of your time and plan on attending a few of our meetings this year. You are an important part of this community, whether you are eligible to vote here or not, and we would really appreciate the chance to meet you and hear your views!

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Cemetery

As mentioned in the last year's newsletter, it is an ongoing attempt to keep our township cemetery clean and serene. Each of the headstones are weed-whacked regularly, and this is a very time-consuming task. Every item on the grave must be moved then trimmed and then replaced. This is very costly. The Sexton's manual limits items placed on individual graves (other than new burials) to a maximum of two items. The township maintains the cemetery out of respect to those buried there, and their relatives and friends who come to pay their respects. Although most have complied with the new limits that went into effect 10 years ago, we still find some who have ignored this change. We would appreciate it if the plot owners/caretakers would abide by the new limits that were set.

Also, in the Township Hall a new map of the cemetery is available with each person's name on the grave that they are buried in. A new map of the cemetery is located in the west end, so graves can be located easily. Items placed on the Cemetery must be removed by November 1 or they will be discarded. Christmas items will be removed in the Spring. The cemetery has now been remarked and green stakes have been removed making it easier to mow.

Elections

We will be having three elections this year. The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2020. The General Primary will be held on August 4, 2020. The General Election will be held on November 3, 2020. And we may possibly have an election on May 5, 2020 but no information is available yet. Watch for information in your local paper for current election information. If you are 65 or older you may be placed on an absentee Voter list, if you want to be added to the list please contact the Coldsprings Township Clerk.

Clerk's Hours

Have changed please note the new hours:

The Clerks Hours are as follows:

Tuesday 9:00am until 1:00

Thursday 1:00 to 5:00

The clerk can be reached at the office during office hours at 231-587-8633

Or if you have an emergency at her home at 231-587- 0985

TRASH PICKUP

Area Waste Services

office hours are Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm

We observe the following holidays

New Year Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

All Trash Must be bagged and tied during frost laws. usually between March 1st and April 30th

What is frost laws?

Seasonal Weight restrictions were enacted in order to help minimize the impact of heavy trucks on Michigan's roads during the spring cycle of freezing and thawing.

By LAW road agencies can enact weight restrictions on the roads that are designated as all season routes when conditions merit.

Area Waste will be using smaller trucks during this time. For More info visit <http://www.micountyroads.org>.

***AVOID GETTING MISSED.** Please have your trash curbside the night "before" your scheduled pickup.

NOTE: Pick up times do and will vary for many reasons.

*Please make sure all trash is cleared of snow, and clearly visible from the road.

Thank you

AREA WASTE SERVICES

Scott Matley, Owner Operator

Area Waste 231-258-4503

TRASH PICKUP – LARGE ITEMS

AREA WASTE has been contracted to provide for our trash removal throughout the township. We will continue to provide for 4 large-item pickups along with our regular trash removal days (Mondays). Your Township is providing four 2020 labels (numbered 1-4) to each taxpayer with this newsletter

Please remember that **PRIOR** to placing an item out for pickup, it is requested that you contact **AREA WASTE** at the number on the label to advise them of what you are placing out for pickup and where the pickup is located. In some instances, large items may not necessarily be picked up on the normal trash days. However, if called prior to our normal pickup day of Monday, large items will be removed within a day or two of our normal pickup day.

If you have more than 4 large items that you need to dispose of or are "cleaning up" and need to dispose of items in

quantity, Kalkaska County operates a trash recycling facility located at the Island Lake Road facility. You can contact the Island Lake Road facility at 258-3369 to find out what their operating hours are (it varies by season), and what items they will or will not accept.

AREA WASTE DOES NOT pick up trash on any private roads. **RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS ON PRIVATE ROADS ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THEIR TRASH FOR PICK-UP NO EARLIER THAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON** at the intersection of their private road and the county-maintained road intersecting it. Each township property owner is allowed five 30-gallon bags for pickup each week.

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

The dock at the boat launch area of Sands Park was modified (lowered) last year to accommodate smaller watercraft. A donation box is located near the dock. Collected funds are used to maintain the dock and launch area.

The new camera security system at the park continues to provide for the safety of the public. Wi-fi continues to be available. The network is COLDSPRINGS. The password is coldsp4452. The parking post replacement project has been completed. We do our best to maintain the park for your enjoyment. As always, feel free to contact us with your suggestions or concerns.

VOLUNTEER PARK CLEAN-UP

We are inviting community volunteers to help beautify Sands Park on Saturday, May 16th, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. (Church groups, service groups, school groups, individuals or families are welcome to help out.) A picnic lunch will be provided following the clean-up. Bring a rake, gardening tools and gloves if you can. Please contact Trustee Lowell Schaller at schallerlt@hotmail.com or call him at 231-587-0028 to help.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep our park beautiful for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

DONATE A TREE FOR OUR PARK

Unfortunately, we have lost many of our beautiful oak trees at Sands Park to Oak Wilt disease. The Township's plan is to begin replacing trees this summer. (2020) Currently, two donated trees have been planted near the beach area. If anyone is interested in donating a tree to beautify our park, please contact Trustee Lowell Schaller at 231-587-0028. We have a designated sight plan for tree replacement.

TOWNSHIP HALL UPDATES

A new furnace has been installed in the Township hall along with a new air-conditioning system.

Trustee Lowell Schaller
Planning and Maintenance Liaison

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Property taxes are due on September 14th, 2020 for the Summer taxes and February 15th 2021 for the Winter taxes. Please note that we **DO NOT** accept postmarks. Payments received after the due date will be charged interest. Interest fees will apply at 1% per fiscal month beginning September

15th through February 15th of the current tax year. A 3% penalty will apply starting February 16th through March 1st of the current year.

Please allow time for your payment to arrive in our office by the due date. Property taxes can be paid to Coldsprings Township Treasurer through February of the current tax year. March 2nd of the current year they are considered delinquent and **MUST** be paid to the Kalkaska County Treasurer. The Treasurer is available on Monday and Thursdays from 9:00 am to Noon for payments or questions. The phone number for the office is 231-587-8633. When sending payments by mail, please make checks payable to: Coldsprings Township and mail to P.O. Box 380 Mancelona, MI 49659 and enclose a contact number on your check or bill in case we need to contact you with questions.

When paying your taxes with cash, please have exact change. We do not keep cash in the office.

When paying by check please make sure the written amount is filled in and the check is signed. The written amount is what the bank will accept as payment. Please notify the Assessor or the Treasurer's office with any address changes.

The paid/unpaid taxes will be on our website, updated every two to three weeks.

The Township website: coldspringsexcelior.org

Thank you,
Brenda G. Smith, Treasurer

NEWS FOR VETERANS

VA extends benefits to off-shore Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began deciding Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 claims on January 1, 2020. This Act extends the presumption of herbicide exposure that includes toxins such as Agent Orange, to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Prior to this, only Vietnam War Veterans who served on the ground in Vietnam or within the inland waterways were eligible to receive VA disability compensation. This new law specifically affects Blue Water Navy (BWN) Veterans who served as far as 12 nautical miles offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between January 6, 1962 and May 7, 1975, as well as Veterans who served in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between January 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971. Veterans who served during the above times and places can apply for VA disability compensation if they have developed one of the 14 conditions that presumed to be related to exposure to herbicides such as Agent Orange.

BWN Veterans who previously filed a claim seeking service connection and their claim was denied by VA may provide or identify any new and relevant information regarding your claim and re-apply for benefits. New and relevant information includes, but is not limited to, the dates our vessel traveled within the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam or updated medical information.

This law also affects surviving spouses of Veterans. If you are the widow/widower of a Vietnam Veteran who served on a ship in the blue waters surrounding Vietnam, and if the

Veteran may have died due to one of the 14 presumptive conditions, you may be eligible for benefits. More information about the Blue Water Navy Act can be found at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/blue-water-navy.asp>. A list of Navy and Coast Guard Ships can be found at: <https://www.va.gov/shiplist-agent-orange.pdf> If you have questions or need additional information, about this or any other Veteran-related issues, please contact the Kalkaska County Department of Veterans Affairs. Our office is open Monday thru Thursday, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Appointments are preferred, however, walk-ins are always welcome! ☺

Melanie Pauch, Director 231-258-3370
Kalkaska County Department of Veterans Affairs

TOWNSHIP ROAD REPORT

Did you know that our Kalkaska County Road Commission maintains approximately 851 miles of primary and local roads? Of which, Coldsprings Township has roughly 21 miles of primary roads and 44 miles of local roads. To assist with maintaining these roads, a new millage of 1 mill went before the residents of Coldsprings and passed in August 2016. We are one of five townships in Kalkaska County that have local millages for roads within their township. With this millage, the Township was able to repair the following roads:

N. Twin Lake Rd. (wedge & cap) – Township funds
Rita Lane & Woodland Dr. (widening, ditching, 23A road gravel) – combination of Township and County Road funds
The proposed road improvement for 2020 is a 2.5-mile span of Covert RD between Cunningham and Twin Lake RD. This Township millage is up for renewal and will be on the August 2020 ballot. With the passing of this renewal the Township will continue to work with the Kalkaska County Road Commission and the residents of Coldsprings Township to determine future projects.

KALKASKA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Kalkaska County Road Commission completed the following improvements in our Township during 2019:
Replacement of the Tower RD culvert
Minor ditching on Priest RD
Scheduled for 2020 is the chip seal of Twin Lake RD between Priest RD and Co. RD 571.

Trustee Lynnette Cervone, Township Roads & County Road Commission Liaison

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

A trailer specifically for recyclable materials is in place in the parking lot of CETA Hall. It will be open 24/7. It is a double axel steel trailer with 3 easy-access bins for plastic, and metal, plus a slot for cardboard. Please do not use it for garbage. We especially like cardboard as we make a small profit.

PARK PAVILION RENTAL

The new pavilion at Sands Park is available for use. It **can be used for free on a first come first serve basis.** It can also be reserved for special events. The rental fee for reservations

is \$25.00 per day. For rental information contact the Clerk Cheryl Collins or the Treasurer Brenda Smith at 231-587-8633.



Sands Park Pavilion

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The township has an active Website which can be found at www.coldspringsexcelsior.org. We are placing the approved minutes of each board meeting on this Website. This Website can also access Excelsior Township information (under construction); the Manistee Lake Improvement Board minutes; the Coldsprings Excelsior Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (CEVFR); and the Coldsprings Excelsior Taxpayers Association (CETA). This Website is packed with lots of information, and if you are someone that has online capability, it would be worth your time to log-in and discover some of the things that have been happening in your community. Items of interest also include a calendar of events and copies of recently enacted township ordinances. If you log into the Fire Department, tremendous amounts of information can be obtained regarding equipment, procedures, run information, the Fire Explorers Post, and much, much more. As always, suggestions for improvement of this Website are welcome, and can be addressed to the Webmaster through the Website, or to the Township Supervisor at the email address noted on page 1 of this newsletter.

COLDSPRINGS-EXCELSIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE & RECUE

CEFR Our Fire and Emergency Service are provided to our Township as a result of a joint effort and millage levy between Excelsior and Coldsprings Townships. The Coldsprings/Excelsior Volunteer Fire Rescue Board of Directors meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall located at 6565 County Road 612 East. The

public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. CEFR is always looking for individuals interested in becoming an active part of Fire and/or Rescue within the joint townships. If you are interested or know of someone that may be interested in joining the Department, please let us know. Our Firefighters are such a key part of our community and no one pays them much notice until they have a personal emergency. Their training is updated regularly. The Fire Board has contracted with Frederic Township EMS/ALS making available a fully equipped Critical Care Advanced Life Support ambulance. The ambulance is kept at the fire barn. When it's called out, another unit is sent from Frederic to stand by until the first Ambulance has cleared. The arrangement has been very beneficial to Coldsprings/Excelsior Townships. There is no charge to township residents for this service. The cost is recovered from insurance companies and other means. The Frederic ALS ambulance responded to a total of 308 calls within the Twps. that it serves (Coldsprings, Excelsior, Bear Lake, and Blue Lake). There have been quite a few changes around the Dept in the past year. The dept has contracted with CSI Emergency Apparatus of Grayling, Mi. to build our new off-road brush and wildland fire truck. This truck will be replacing a 30-year old truck and has been designed to be able to fight fire safer and quicker. It is expected to be delivered and put in service before the start of the upcoming brush/grass fire season. We also purchased and installed a new message board sign on the side of the building to help keep you informed of events with the fire dept. We also encourage you to like our page on Facebook to keep up with information and happenings with-in the department and community. The department once again held Trick-or-Treating at the department on Halloween and had an increased turn out of trick or treaters over last year and is planning to do so again next year. The fire dept responded to 233 fire and EMS calls last year, an increase from the previous year. Anyone wishing to join the dept or take a tour of the dept and equipment may do so by stopping on any Monday night at 7pm or by calling 258-2107 to schedule a tour.

"Mission Statement: We, the members of the Coldsprings/Excelsior Fire & Rescue Volunteer Department, dedicate our efforts to provide for the safety & welfare of the public through preservation of life, property, and the environment."

Fire Chief Rusty Headley

BURNING PERMITS

Obtaining a burning permit is now as easy as going online to www.mi.gov/dnr. They have an interactive map to find the burn conditions in our (or any) area in Michigan.

If "YES" appears in the Burning Permits Issued Column you are authorized to burn that day. This serves as your burn permit. You don't need to print anything.

Burning authorized by this permit is for yard rakings and brush ONLY. It does not relieve the responsible person(s) of liability for all damages resulting from the escape of the fire.

Further information may be obtained about permits and what you can/can't do at the above website.

If you're unable to access "DNR Burn Permit" via the web site, you can call 866-922-2876.

MANISTEE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

The Manistee Lake Improvement Board (MLIB) concluded its 2019 schedule of activities with continued good news for Manistee Lake. MLIB's consultant, Progressive AE presented its 2019 Report on Manistee Lake water quality and invasive species surveys and activities. Water quality of Manistee Lake has remained fairly stable with good dissolved oxygen values and fair clarity. Other parameters such as conductivity and PH were normal as they have been in previous years. Phosphorus levels in the water were also low. This report is posted on the Manistee Lake Association (MLA) web site.

No treatment of invasive milfoil was conducted in 2019 as virtually none was found. This a very positive development but will need continued monitoring as milfoil can recur quickly. While we are still awaiting the 2019 report on our fishery research effort, preliminary information indicated an improved fishery with surveys finding greater numbers and more variety of native species. Once the final report is complete, it will be posted on the MLA web site.

The Joint MLA/MLIB Fish Improvement Team completed its project to plant minnows in Manistee Lake last Spring. The Department of Natural Resources approved the planting of 425,000 Golden Shiner, Emerald Shiner and Fathead minnows. The MLA approved covering the \$10,000 cost of this project. The annual sucker harvesting project will also be conducted in Spring, 2020.

In September 2019 the MLIB held public hearings on renewing the current lake improvement project and adopted a resolution to renew the project for another 5 years. The MLIB also approved a new special assessment to pay for the lake project. The assessment, at the same level as had been in place for the prior projects, was intended to begin with this winter's property tax bills. However, due to some administrative snags in the process, it was not included. The MLIB will be adopting a resolution to change the start date for the assessment from December 2019 to December 2020. There is enough money in the MLIB's reserve funds to continue the project for the 2020 season without the assessment for this year, so long as extensive treatment for milfoil is not necessary.

MLIB meetings were scheduled for 2020 as follows: Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Excelsior Township hall, Monday July 27, 2020 at the Coldsprings Township hall and Monday October 26, 2020 at the Excelsior Township hall. All meetings are at 7:00 P.M.

Seth Phillip, Manistee Lake Improvement Board

TAX ASSESSOR

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Certain transfers of ownership are exempt from the uncapping of taxable value:

A transfer of residential real property is not a transfer of ownership if the buyer is related to the seller by blood or

affinity to the first degree and the property is not used for commercial purposes following the transfer. Affinity to the first degree includes the following relationships: spouse, father or mother, father or mother of the spouse, son or daughter, including adopted children, son or daughter of the spouse and grandson or granddaughter.

Disabled veterans that have been honorably discharged and have been determined to be 100% disabled by the Department of Veteran's Affairs may apply for an exemption of property taxes on their homestead under MCL 211.7b. The application shall be filed annually. Once qualified, the benefit also exists for the un-remarried surviving spouse.

A Conditional Rescission may allow property owners in Michigan to claim two Principal Residence Exemptions (PRE) for up to three years in very specific situations. This enables a person who has established a new PRE to retain a PRE on property previously exempt as the owner's principal residence (as long as the former home is not occupied, is listed for sale, is not leased and is not used for any business or commercial purpose).

Increasing or decreasing water levels may impact property values. However, per state statute, the sales study analysis period for the generation of the 2020 assessments is: 4/1/2017 through 3/31/2019.

The Inflation Rate Multiplier for use in the 2020 capped value formula will be 1.019. This means taxable values will increase in 2020 (beginning with the summer billing cycle) by 1.9%.

Please contact our new assessor, Sally Akerley, MAAO if you have any questions.

231.499.7682 sallyannakerley@yahoo.com

KALKASKA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER

(Taxpayer Reimbursement)

Application of Taxpayer Millage Payments to Patient Accounts Purpose:

To provide for an adjustment of a Taxpayer's out-of-pocket portion of their respective KMHC bill in an amount not to exceed the portion of the Taxpayer's prior five-year property tax bill directly attributable to the "1.6 hospital millage."

Definitions:

Taxpayer: Individual who resides in Kalkaska County and who pays property tax on residential property located in Kalkaska County. Commercial property is not eligible for this adjustment.

Eligible Account: A Taxpayer's account of charges incurred for the Taxpayer or the Taxpayer's dependent as defined by IRS regulations, with an out-of-pocket responsibility of greater than \$50.

Eligibility Procedure:

1. To be eligible for the adjustment, the Taxpayer will:
 - a) Provide KMHC with a copy of the Taxpayer's prior five-year property tax statements that itemize the Hospital Millage portion. The Taxpayer may request such itemization from

his/her respective township office if it is not already provided.

- b) Provide KMHC with proof of ownership of their property for the period of time for which the adjustment is being requested.
 - c) Provide KMHC with proof of payment of their property taxes. Unpaid portions of property taxes cannot be used for the adjustment.
2. KMHC will determine whether the Taxpayer is an officer or trustee of KMHC. If yes, then the adjustment will be reviewed by a KMHC Finance/Accounting manager to assure that the adjustment has been calculated in accordance with this policy.
 3. KMHC may adjust the Taxpayer's Eligible account by an amount equal to the Taxpayer's prior five-year Hospital Millage taxes.
 4. KMHC will maintain documentation of the charge adjustment for six years. Documentation must include the Taxpayer name, date of adjustment and evidence of confirmation of the residency requirement and tax payment requirement.
 5. The adjustment may be applied to the Taxpayer's individual account or to any IRS dependent account of which the Taxpayer is the guarantor.
 6. The adjustment will be applied to any KMHC bill demonstrating an out of pocket portion of greater than \$50.
 7. The adjustment will not automatically be applied. KMHC does not have specific tax information on all township residents. The patient or Taxpayer must apply for the adjustment.
 8. Adjustments cannot be requested to prior paid bills.
 9. This modified policy will be applied retroactively for dates of service beginning January 1, 2014.
 10. The KMHC Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify or terminate this policy without notice at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

IT'S TIME TO GET "REAL"

A message from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Your Michigan driver's license or identification card may not get you through airport security later this year.

Oct. 1 is when the federal government will fully enforce the post-9/11 REAL ID Act, and standard state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards will no longer be accepted to board domestic flights within the United States, or when entering certain federal facilities, such as military bases or nuclear power plants.

Many people already have a REAL ID document, such as a valid U.S. passport, a DHS Trusted Traveler Card or an Enhanced Driver's License. A full list of acceptable REAL ID documents is available at TSA.gov. Those who don't can make their Michigan license or identification REAL ID-

compliant by visiting a Secretary of State branch office and presenting the required documents. And, if you make an appointment, you'll be in and out in 30 minutes or less.

Here's what you need to do to get a REAL ID:

To schedule an appointment at one of our branch offices visit Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments or calling 888-SOS-MICH. You can make your appointment at any branch in the state, and you don't need to have a renewal mailer to do so. Some branches fill up fast, so book your appointment a few weeks in advance of when plan to travel. Your REAL ID license or state ID card will be mailed to you.

Bring your driver's license or state identification card. Bring your certified birth certificate, with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.)

If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders.

There's no additional fee to turn a license or state ID card into a standard REAL ID if it's done during your normal renewal time; otherwise a duplicate card fee of \$9 or \$10 will be charged.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/RealID.

MILLAGE RENEWALS

There are four millage renewals that will be on the August 2020 ballot. They are as follows:

- ✓ FIRE AND RESCUE PROTECTION MILLAGE
- ✓ FIRE EQUIPMENT MILLAGE
- ✓ TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP
- ✓ TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PROPOSAL FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

These are all **renewals** and for the same \$ amount as past years. Below is the language for each of the renewals:

FIRE AND RESCUE PROTECTION RENEWAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL

"Shall the previous voted tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Coldsprings Township be renewed at one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and equipping a fire and rescue department for providing fire and rescue protection for said Township; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$86,185.00."

FIRE EQUIPMENT RENEWAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL

"Shall the previous voted tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Coldsprings Township be renewed at up to seven-tenths (0.7) mill (\$0.70 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of new major equipment, for the said township's joint fire and rescue department; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$60,329.00."

TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP RENEWAL

"Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Coldsprings Township be renewed at 1 1/4 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2020 through 2023 inclusive for garbage pick-up; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$107,731.00."

RENEWAL OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION MILLAGE

"Shall Coldsprings Township impose a renewal of up 1 Mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for providing funds for road construction, and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$86,185.00."

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