

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY, AUGUST 14 2023 5:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Hoffman, Treasurer Smith, Clerk Gentelia and Trustee Delaney. Nine (9) members of the public were present, including Deputy Beaver from Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office.

Adoption of the Agenda: Amend agenda as follows: Add Under Correspondence (G) Library Update. **Motion** by Smith, **second** by Delaney, to adopt the agenda as amended. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda: None

Approval of Minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and July 13, 2023 Special Meeting: **Motion** by Gentelia, **second** by Delaney, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the July 13, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Presentation:

(A) Kalkaska County Road Commission – John Rogers – Not Present

Correspondence:

- (A) **Maintenance & Planning Duties – Lowell Schaller**
- (B) **DTE Case No. U-21313**
- (C) **DTE Case No. U-21322**
- (D) **DTE Case No. 21065**
- (E) **EGLE Permit**
- (F) **Camp Grayling MOU**

Assessors Report:

Memorandum

August 5, 2023

To: Coldsprings Township Board
From: Sally Murray, MAAO
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SallyAnnMurray8120@gmail.com
Subject: Assessor Report-August-23

The ANR Storage Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) case has made some forward progress this month. As a recap, the parcel was denied the Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property Exemption for 2023. The March 2023 board of review upheld the denial. There were many municipalities (and boards of review) in Michigan which took the same course of action (to deny and uphold) and the matter is now being appealed before the MTT. On July 24, a status conference was held (via “zoom”) in which the petitioner (ANR) and all of the impacted townships (primarily through their attorneys and/or

supervisors) were present. The judge recommended that the petitioner present their assets/argument for a determination of eligibility. Then, the collective group of respondent townships will determine if all of the cases are similar enough to be considered the 'same argument' and if so, there will be one lead case to proceed before the MTT—with the remainder of the cases being placed in abeyance. There is @ \$ 40 million dollars of taxable value represented in the collective appeals. Coldsprings Township represents @ \$12 Million. However, because Coldsprings Township does not represent the highest value in contention, it is not likely our township will be picked as a 'lead' case.

Routine assessment administration continues throughout the summer season...site inspections, review of new construction projects, answering calls related to the recently issued summer tax bills, processing late filed PRE exemptions, reviewing and processing land division applications and inquiries, processing deeds, etc, etc.

The July board of review was held on Tuesday July 18th at 3pm at the Coldsprings Township Hall. The board processed four petitions.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Sally

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance:

(B) Fireboard:

COLDSPRINGS- EXCELSIOR FIRE & RESCUE
MINUTES
August 2, 2023

Call to order @ 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ray Hoffman, Dick Paternoster, Brenda Smith, Norm Groner, Annie Wallace. Also present, Chief Rusty Headley, Kevin Julian, Stanley & Betsy Dombrowski.

Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, 2nd by Wallace to approve agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 5th meeting were presented. Motion by Paternoster, 2nd by Smith to approve. All ayes, motion carried.

Old business: * Retirement party for Tim McCullen was held July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the C.E.T.A. hall. * Kitchen tilework is finished. * Chairman Groner signed paperwork to pay a sign-on bonus for Diandra Birgy.

Run Report for March: Fire-6, Medical-25. Frederic Runs: Grayling-4, Kalkaska Memorial-3, Munson-8, Cancelled-4, Refusal-11, DOA-0, Other-1

Chief's Report: * The old 2000 Freightliner Rescue will go to auction. Motion by Paternoster, 2nd by Wallace for Chairman Groner to sign contract with Fire Tec, an online auction company. The minimum bid to be set at \$20,000, unless authorized by Chief Headley. Roll call: Paternoster-yes, Wallace-yes, Hoffman-yes, Groner-yes, Smith-yes. Motion carried. Another auction will be on September 17th locally. The same minimum bid applies. *A bid for a new Tanker Pumper from CSI was presented. More bids are needed. * A bid for repairs to the dry hydrant at Crawford Lake from K.E.O. more bids are needed.

Bills and Wages: Motion by Hoffman, 2nd by Paternoster to pay bills and wages for August in the amount of \$50,439.19. Roll call: Hoffman-yes, Paternoster-yes, Groner-yes, Wallace-yes, Smith-yes. Motion carried. Check #s 10619-10639 were used for payment.

NEW BUSINESS: Stanley and Betsy Dombrowski presented evidence that the fire on Garden Lane was started on a neighbor's property to the south. The correct resident will be billed. Motion by Paternoster, 2nd by Hoffman to rebill correct resident. Roll call: Paternoster-yes, Hoffman-yes, Wallace-yes, Groner-yes, Smith-yes. Motion carried. * Treasurer Smith introduced Dawn Moses, who will become the new Fire Board Treasurer in October.

Public Comment- Dick Paternoster gave a big thank you to Brenda for her service on the Board and to Chief Headley for the work on Tim McCullen's retirement party. All agree.

Upon proper motion, meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Annie Wallace, Clerk

(C) Road Commission:

**Road Committee Report
Coldsprings Township Board Meeting
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- 25mph signs installed on Shore Road NE by Kalkaska County Road Commission
- Copy of KCRC Managers Report has been requested
- Shore Road is complete
- CR571 from just south of 612 to Meyer Road will be re-paved

Rick Delaney
Coldsprings Township Trustee

(A) Sheriff Department:

- a. Deputy Farrier was present to provide monthly report and blight update
- b. Monthly Sheriff's Report available at the Clerk's Office

(B) County Commissioners:

- The Road Commission will have a ballot initiative in November for a replacement building
- The Hospital made a formal presentation to the BOC for their recommendation concerning the Kaliseum. It was well received, but there are a lot of details that will have to be worked out. This will not be on the ballot this fall.
- The BOC is meeting with Spense Bros to finalize the crews and cost for rehabbing the pool area of the Kaliseum on the 22nd of August

(C) Hospital

Talking Points from KMHC Board Meeting 7/25/23

- Moments of Excellence:
 - Heather Soenksen, Human Resources Service Line Director, gave a presentation highlighting KMHC employee hiring and retention statistics. KMHC currently employs over 600 employees, the largest employer in Kalkaska County. While healthcare as an industry is still experiencing significant staffing challenges, KMHC is seeing decreasing vacancy rates and decreasing employee turnover. KMHC's overall turnover rate is significantly lower than the national

average and as a standout, our bedside RN vacancy rate is 10%, while the national average sits at about 23%.

- Annual forms including the KMHC Board Member Job Description, Conflict of Interest, and Contact Information were distributed to all board members in order to be completed and filed for this fiscal year.
- CEO Report:
 - Long-term Care (LTC) Program Update:
 - From the 2017 levy, the only commitment not yet fulfilled is the renovation of LTC. From the beginning of the 10-year levy, KMHC developed a very well thought out strategy on sequencing the projects, their respective timelines, and expansion of services.
 - KMHC leadership has already worked with an architect to create a conceptual vision of what the future of LTC space could look like, focusing on short-term rehab care, creation of more private rooms and additional memory care space. This plan is still in the beginning framework, but already looks to be a very promising and exciting design for the future.
 - KMHC is experiencing a significant increase in questions from the community regarding long-term care admission process and payment options. LTC has experienced many changes over the last few years, particularly post-pandemic. Payment sources for LTC has become increasing difficult to secure, particularly for potential aging in place residents.
 - The number of individuals being admitted into LTC facilities from hospitals is less than half of what it was a few years ago. KMHC is working to develop a series of community forums to help educate on preparing for LTC as we try to help families navigate the complex system.
 - Signage and Logo Update: The Board requested leadership to investigate renovation of signage and materials to place more emphasis on KMHC and less on the partnership with Munson as it continues to create confusion in the community. A first phase proposal was shared and approved which would update approximately 40 signs. Leadership was also asked by the board to investigate opportunities of where the KMHC Mission/Vision could potentially be incorporated into signs and/or materials.
 - Mancelona Update: The KMHC Board asked leadership to re-extend an acquisition offer to Mancelona Family Practice, valid for 30 days.
 - Kaliseum Update: The Kalkaska County Commissioners held a special meeting on August 1st to review a presentation on the forecasted operating plan that the KMHC team has worked on for nearly a year. After a year of extensive research and analysis, the KMHC team concluded that the proposed operating plan is sustainable and could help improve the health of quality of life for all ages of residents in our community.
 - Act 47 versus Not-for-Profit Update: Mr. Kevin Rogols, CEO, updated the Board regarding a recent topic of discussion at the Strategic Planning Committee and Executive/Finance Committee Meetings pertaining to Act 47 versus not-for-profit. The topic was a request from the Strategic Planning Committee to identify the number of independent hospitals in the state of Michigan. There are currently 16 independent hospitals out of 139 total in the State of Michigan, including KMHC. KMHC is also continuing to investigate the possibility of legislative updates to Act 47.
- Munson Healthcare Update:

- Mr. Ed Ness, Munson Healthcare CEO, will be attending the August KMHC Board of Trustees Meeting and plans to provide an update on the updated MHC Strategic Plan.

(D) Drain Commissioner/Manistee Lake Improvement

- a. Nothing too report, great progress being made
- b. Received an Algae Growth complaint from a citizen.

(E) Kalkaska MTA

- a. Not well attended
- b. County Commissioners were there
- c. Building update from KCRC
- d. Approved Kaliseum repairs
- e. Looking for funding
- f. Camp Grayling MOU and discussion

Treasurers Report:

No Treasurers Report this month

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS ITEM (as listed on the agenda): 5:27 PM None

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) ARPA Funds Update

- a. Township Maintenance Vehicle purchase was approved

(B) Electronic Sign

- i. Rescheduling meetings for September

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Consider Adoption of Resolution 2023-012 – Resolution to Oppose the Camp Grayling Use of State Lands by Permit

- a. Motion by Delaney, second by Smith, adopt Resolution 2023-012. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Delaney, Smith, Gentelia, Hoffman; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

(B) Consider Approving METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension with AT&T

- a. Motion by Smith, second by Delaney, to approve METRO Act Right of Way Permit with AT&T. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Smith, Gentelia, Hoffman, Delaney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills:

- A Motion by Smkith, second by Delaney, to approve \$33,004.55 to pay August bills. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Gentelia, Hoffman, Delaney, Smith; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at – 5:36 PM

- J. Lamie –
 - Emailed referring to Ordinance, requesting to repeal
 - Dogs are working dogs to protect our animals
 - Sent an email requesting By-Laws
 - Noo problem until this year when Ordinance came out
- Marie Lamie
 - This isn't a city – Township ordinances are unreasonable and unnecessary
 - These ordinances are increasing my stress levels and aggravating my stress-related health issues

- Infringing upon my right to free speech and expression
- These ordinances are not neutral
- Have lived here since 1993, only ordinances up until this new brain storm were about fireworks
- We have always had dogs. Did not buy 10 acres so we could live by city rules
- You people on the board want city in the country
- Repeal this unreasonable and highly unnecessary noise ordinance booklet you had took upon yourselves to stick on us
- Private roads you admitted have no authority at last meeting
- All stuff for private road needs to be removed
- K. Lashbrook
 - 571 road repair, new section done last year, lines are gone or half gone
 - After next winter, there may be no lines 72 to 612
 - Will contact KCRC

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:45p.m. by Smith, **second** by Hoffman. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Next meeting Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Gayenell Gentelia
Clerk, Coldsprings Township