

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY, October 14th, 2024 5:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Hoffman, Clerk Gentelia, Trustee Delaney and Trustee Eavey and Treasurer Moses. Seven members of the public were present, including Deputy Farrier from the Kankaska County Sheriff's Office.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Gentelia, **seconded** by Moses. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. September 23, 2024 Special Board Meeting and October 7, 2024 Special Board Meeting: Motion by Gentelia, **seconded** by Delaney, to approve the minutes from all three Board Meetings as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Presentations: None

Correspondence:

- (A) Gentelia presented the Board with 2023 audit reports from Tobin and Company as well as a letter that was provided in connection with the audit of financial statements.
- (B) Gentelia presented the Board with Tri-Gas Distributing Co. 24-25 Heating Season Propane Price Options.
 - a. A Motion was made to Pre-Buy 1,400 Gallons at \$1.889 by Delaney, seconded by Hoffman. A roll call vote was taken: Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.

Assessors Report- No Report

Coldsprings Branch Library – No Report

Committee Reports:

(A) **Planning and Maintenance**

- Township Hall
I received an estimate Tim's concrete to fix one of the stairs coming into the hall. The estimate is \$530.

- B. Cemetery
The zero-turn mower used for the Cemetery and township Hall had to be repaired by Ginop. The cost ended up being approximately \$2035.
- C. Sands Park
Tree injections took place at the park from Tim Taylor for all 33 trees in the grassy area. We have additional dead trees that we will need to have removed in late November when temperatures average below 45 degrees for at least 5 days straight. I have not gotten an estimate for that yet.

I met with Renee from Kalkaska conservation department at Sands Park to discuss ideas as to how to handle the vegetation on the hillside and lake front nature trail. She had excellent input. She is going to organize a boy scout trip to the park and have them plant some Archangel project trees that were donated. That might still happen this year, but probably in the spring.

Todd's Welding will start drainage remediation, landscaping and beach renovation. They obtained the proper permit and will begin work as soon as they can. Todd's Welding will be removing all 3 stairways. Their first bid (\$3200) which we already approved, was only for the center stairway (which is the longest of the 3) The second bid (\$1800) not yet approved is for the other 2 stairways, which includes hauling away of all the debris.

Jose wants to handle the fall cleanup of the park, cemetery and hall. That is to begin after most leaves have fallen.

Security Sanitation will be picking up the port a-johns on Monday Oct. 28.
Todd's Welding will be removing the dock and buoys the first week of November.
All trash totes will be stored in the old out-houses for the winter. That will happen Saturday, November 2nd .

The new zero turn tractor purchase is still in progress, we received \$1000 for the trade of the old Kubota tractor. After they receive a letter of intent from us, they will get the tractor delivered.

I am receiving bids for installing a pickle-ball court at sands park.
The asphalt portion would cost \$25,143.00
The finishing of the pickle-ball court with paint, nets, fencing etc. will follow.

(B) Fireboard:

COLDSPRINGS- EXCELSIOR FIRE & RESCUE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2024

Call to order @ 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Gayenell Gentelia, Norm Groner, Annie Wallace. Absent; Dawn Moses, and Dick Paternoster.

Also present, Chief Rusty Headley.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the August 7, 2024. Motion Gentelia, 2nd by Groner to approve. All ayes, motion carried.

Old business: None

Run Report for August:

Fire -3 , Medical - 22.

Frederic Runs: Grayling-0, Kalkaska Memorial-5, Munson 8, Cancelled-1, Refusal 9, DOA-1, Other-0

Chief's Report: *Generator still coming.

Bills and Wages: Motion by Gentelia, 2nd by Groner to pay bills and wages for July in the amount of \$5,774.73. Roll: Gentelia-yes, Groner-yes, Wallace-yes. Motion carried. Check # 10835-10838 & # 10854-10863 were used for payments.

New Business: *September 16th insurance meeting. Fire class starts in October for 5 members.

Public comment: None

Upon proper motion, meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Annie Wallace, Clerk

(C) Road Commission:

Road Committee Report
Coldsprings Township Board Meeting
October 14, 2024

I recently attended meetings of the Kalkaska County Road Commission board that were held on September 11, 2024 and October 9, 2024. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

1. Sunset Trail - 2.12 miles of Chip & Seal (in 2025), wedging and shoulder work using Afton stone. The wedging and shoulder work was recently completed and looks great.
2. CR-571 – total reconstruction of one mile from Hagni Road to CR-612 was completed and looks great. Next year's project will be reconstructing one mile from CR-612 north to Camp Tanuga Road.
3. Twin Lake Road - I asked again about the shoulders east of CR-571 getting more gravel. Being a local primary road, the county should be taking care of this.
4. New Private Road - I asked John about the road off of CR-571 across from the Yak farm, and John said is it not accepted as a public road. However, the KCRC did approve the ingress/egress of the road. Told John I will look into this further.

5. Options for 2025 - I plan on meeting with John to discuss the township's best options for our 2025 road money. Will use the PASER ratings as our base.

6. Meet Your Crew – The KCRC is having an open house on Tuesday 10/29/2024 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get to know your road crew. Mexican food and refreshments will be provided.

Old business - nothing new to report

1. Radar Speed limit signs - Requested by residents of East Shore Drive. I previously researched this a couple years ago and discussed it with our board. I spoke with John Rogers on May 22, 2024, and he referred me to Clearwater Township who had just recently installed 4 radar speed limit signs. I spoke with the trustee who did the research, and he sent me all of their purchasing information. Clearwater Township paid about \$3,300 per sign, whereas our previous cost estimates were closer to \$4,500 per sign. Clearwater used their Metro Funds to pay for the signs. As of September 2024, Clearwater seems pleased that the signs are making a noticeable difference. Clearwater saves the data collected by the signs to see what percentage of drivers exceed the posted speed limit. Yes, many people exceed the speed limit, but it is unknown how many people immediately slow down after the “violation” is recorded. Law enforcement authorities commented that the data would be very useful to concentrate targeted patrol times. They anticipate more signs like this will be used in the county.

2. Shore Road – Repair of concrete driveways that cracked and pealed after repaving last year. John said this is still on KCRC's project list for 2024. I communicated this to a concerned resident.

3. East Shore Drive reconstruction – Our Assessor is determining the boundaries of the potential Special Assessment District.

Rick Delaney
Coldsprings Township Trustee

Kalkaska Chapter of MTA Meeting Recap

Coldsprings Township Board Meeting
November 11, 2024

The Kalkaska Chapter of the MTA met on October 21, 2024, at the Kalkaska County Commission on Aging. The following is a recap of some of the discussions:

1. Kalkaska County Manager Dave Schaeffer and guest speaker Andy Moore discussed the “Future of Zoning Services in Kalkaska County”. See handout. Seven townships rely on the county for zoning services. The Village and five townships perform their own zoning services.

a. Proposal is that the townships and county would band together to preserve the character of our rural townships. From the comments of several attendees, real estate developers are very active in the county and there is the potential for a huge wave of

new development in our county. Additionally, Michigan Senate Bill 480 would increase the maximum allowable divided parcels for the first ten acres from four to twenty parcels (from 2.5-acre parcels to .5-acre parcels).

b. Cost to the county to provide zoning services currently is \$135,000. Potential future cost to these townships is \$19,000 per township. The county is not proposing to make this change immediately; not until 2026 at the earliest.

c. A tentative meeting was set for County and Townships in mid-January.

2. Sheriff Pat Whiteford discussed a potential new software called Urban SDK that would give the Sherriff's Office speed and traffic data for every road in the county, rather than a few roads that have radar speed signs. The software allows for better target patrol areas and times, maximizing patrol resources compared to enforcing in real time with no other data. Annual cost is \$24,000 and the Sherriff is looking for potential cost-sharing with the townships and the Village. Further discussions will be held.

3. Next meeting is January 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Rick Delaney

Coldsprings Township Trustee

(C) Sheriff Department:

- a. Review of Sheriff's Report
- b. Sheriff's Report is available in the Clerk's office

(D) County Commissioner

- a. Reminder of upcoming election
- b. Had Fall Festival at Kaliseum
- c. County Recreation manager is trying to increase usage at Kaliseum
- d. County decided to remove Rugg Pond Dam
- e. County looking at making changes to Township usage for Planning and Zoning.

(E) Hospital

- Moments of Excellence – KMHC Infusions Center Teamwork
- Approved four building projects
 - Moving TC Eye to previous ER space (south-side of awning)
 - Move Walk-in Clinic to previous ER space (north side of awning)
 - Move Medical Records
 - Add additional Lead Protection in X-Ray room
- CEO Succession Planning is going well
- Board rejected Settlement Negotiations with lawsuit
- KMHC Executive Staff has hosted over 52 Open Forums

Gayenell Gentelia

(F) Drain Commissioner/Manistee Lake Improvement

- a. Water Quality Report came back and the data was great.

Treasurers Report: -

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS ITEM (as listed on the agenda): 6:00 PM

- (A) K. Burkart- Recommended someone from the Board reach out to Kalkaska Pickleball Association. Fencing around the court would also be required as well. There are around 100 members of the Kalkaska Pickleball Association.
- (B) C. Philips- Pickleball is very popular. Was also wondering who owns the property for CETA Hall. Wanted to know about a master plan for the park.
- (C) K. Gancer- Kewadin just redid eight pickleball courts. The Board may be able to call them about who did the work and at what cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) ARPA Funds Update

- a. Must be allocated by December 31st.
- b. Would like to have earmarked for at least three projects in case any are rejected.

(B) Blight

- a. 4886 County Road 571 NE
 - i. Past thirty day deadline Deputy Farrier is providing USB to document that it has not been cleaned up.
 - ii. Will be able to put out bids for cleanup
- b. 4794 County Rd. 571 NE
 - i. Judge ruled in favor of the Township.
 - ii. Once they have received the judge's order the thirty days will begin

(C) BS&A Update

- a. Township is live with training last week and this week
 - i. We will still need to reconcile the last few months of Quick Books.

(D) Website Update

- a. Down to a few to do's
- b. Next meeting Trustee Delaney will present the new website

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider Approval of Absent Voter Counting Board
 - a. A motion was made to approve the use of an Absent Voter Counting board by Gentelia seconded by Delaney with all Aye's the motion carried.
- B. Consider Approval of Election Inspectors for the November 2024 General Election
 - a. A motion was made to approve election inspectors for November Election by Gentelia seconded by Delaney with all Aye's the motion carried.
- C. Consider Approval of Pickleball Courts at Sands Park
 - a. A motion was made by Hoffman to table until a later meeting, seconded by Gentelia. With all Aye's the motion carries.
- D. Consider Approval to Purchase Laptop for Trustee

- a. A motion was made to purchase a laptop for up to \$2,500 by Delaney seconded by Eavey. A roll call vote was taken: Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses Aye; Nays – None; Absent Motion Carried.
- E. Consider Approval to Pre-Buy Propane for 2024-2025
 - a. See Correspondence
- F. Consider Removal of Two remaining Stair Cases at Sands Park
 - a. A motion was made to spend up to \$1,800 to remove the two remaining stair cases at Sands Park by Hoffman, seconded by Eavey. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.
- G. Consider Repairing Top Cement Stair at Township Hall.
 - a. A motion was made to approve \$530 for repairs by Eavey seconded by Moses. A roll call vote was taken: Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills:

- A Motion by Delaney, second by Moses, to approve \$52,101.68 to pay October 2024 bills. A roll call vote was taken: Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at – 6:33 PM

T. Francisco- Was wondering if Township would start accepting ACH payments without the fee.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. by Gentelia, **seconded** by Delaney. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Next meeting Monday, November 11th, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Danielle Stein-Seabolt, Coldsprings Township