

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571
MONDAY, November 11th, 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 Beaver from the Kankaska County Sheriff's Office.

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

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda: Trustee Eavey works at Kal Gas and will abstain.

Approval of Minutes from October 14th, Regular Board Meeting: Motion by Delaney, **seconded** by Gentelia, to approve the minutes from the October 14th Board Meeting as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Moments of Excellence-

- A) Trustee Gentelia would like to thank all election inspectors for working with over 1,000 voters through both absentee, early voting and election day.
- B) Supervisor Hoffman would like to congratulate all those elected. He thank think of no one better to fill his role. He would also like to thank the board for always doing the right thing for Coldsprings Township.
- C) Treasurer Moses would like to thank Rick for getting the new website up and running.

Presentation: None

Correspondence:

- (A) Consumers Energy- Coldsprings gas franchise is set to expire in 2025
- (B) FEMA- Mesh Modelling for flood risk
 - a. Treasurer Moses will check with FEMA to find out if there is a map for Coldsprings TWP.
- (C) County Material Management Committee – Clerk Gentelia she will respond that if they are unable to find another TWP to participate Coldsprings will revisit the need.
- (D) State of Michigan- Uniform Video Services Local Franchises Act

Assessors Report-

- A) **Private Road Application ACER**

- a. Documents provided for private road application.
- b. A motion was made to table application until the Township Attorney is contacted for more clarification. by Gentelia, seconded by Eavey. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

Coldsprings Branch Library – No Report

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning and Maintenance

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- 1) Township Hall
 - i) Tim's concrete finished fixing the step on the Hall entrance, there will be a color difference until the new concrete ages. I will be looking into re-painting the hand railing next spring.
- 2) Cemetery
 - i) Jose has been busy doing fall cleanup.
- 3) Sands Park
 - i) Tree injections took place at the park from Tim Taylor since the last meeting.
 - ii) We have additional dead trees that we will need to have removed after November when temperatures average below 45 degrees for at least 5 days straight. I am currently getting estimates for this.
 - iii) Jose will be finishing fall cleanup in the park.
 - iv) Todd's Welding completed the drainage remediation, sidewalk, landscaping and beach renovation at the park. They also removed all 3 stairways, filled in with topsoil, reseeded and put down a layer of material to prevent soil erosion.
 - v) Security Sanitation picked up the port a-johns on Monday Oct. 28.
 - vi) Todd's Welding will be removing the dock and buoys on Wednesday November 1
 - vii) All trash totes are stored away in the old restrooms.
 - viii) We should look into replacing the split rail fence along the top of the hill next year. It looks like it has exceeded it's life expectancy and is rotting out.
 - ix) I have had parents ask about adding a swing set at the kids area next spring. I am going to look into that. It was also suggested to see if there was one that could accommodate the handicap.
 - x) The new zero turn tractor for the park will be arriving sometime in January.
 - xi) Fourteen trees are dying at the park.
 - (1) Gentelia makes a motion to approve up to \$4,200 for Helsel's Tree service to remove trees seconded by Eavey. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

(B) Fireboard:

Items of Note:

- *Snowplowing contract approved with Lodi Lawn and Outdoors.
- *Although no new members at this time, one new member passed his one-year anniversary so qualified for the 1k bonus.
- *The Fire Department is still promoting their Cadet Firefighter program.
- *The Fire Department participated in the 1st responder night at the Blazer Football game.
- *The Fire Department also passed out candy on Halloween.
- *All annual truck servicing is complete.
- Promotion of Dee Tinker to Lieutenant as of November 1st.
- *Back-up generator installation almost complete and should be completed by the next meeting.
- *Rusty completed training to be an EMT- Specialized which is a higher designation than he currently has of EMT-Basic.
- *Approved bills in the amount of \$69,266.10

(C) Road Commission:

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There has not been a Kalkaska County Road Commission board meeting since our last Township board meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Other issues on roads:

1. New Private Road - Off of CR-571 across from the Yak farm. Sally has contacted owners about filing an application with Township for approval that meets our Private Road Ordinance.
2. 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.
3. Meet Your Crew – I attended the KCRC's open house on Tuesday 10/29/2024 to "meet your road crew". Met and spoke with several drivers and township and county officials. Excellent input on forming our own Road Committee. Have at least one person who is interested.

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.

10/21/2024 - Pat Whiteford at MTA-Kalkaska meeting discussed potential new software that would help enforce speed limits around the county. Would not replace radar signs.

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.
4. Sunset Trail – The KCRC completed 2.12 miles of wedging and shoulder work using Afton stone. The Chip & Seal will be completed in Spring 2025.
5. Twin Lake Road - Shoulders need gravel east of CR-571. Being a local primary road, the county should be taking care of this.

Rick Delaney
Coldsprings Township Trustee

(D) Sheriff Department:

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

(E) County Commissioner

- a. Issue with placement of recycling bins at CETA- Commissioner Baldwin will talk to GFL and CETA
- b. Hospital and Kaliseum millages both passed

(F) Hospital

- a. The Hospital is still on the search for a new CEO for the future transition

(G) Drain Commissioner/Manistee Lake Improvement - No Report

(H) Kalkaska MTA Monthly Meeting

Kalkaska Chapter of MTA Meeting Recap
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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 UrbanSDK 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

Treasurers Report: - Provided to the Board

A. Gentelia makes a motion to approve Treasurers Report as presented seconded by Delaney. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS ITEM (as listed on the agenda): 6:48 PM

A. **S. Murray-** December 10th will be the Board of Review meeting. Members have be alerted about the upcoming training.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ARPA Funds Update

a. Looking to use funds for BSA and Park

B. Blight

a. Continuing to facilitate clean up at both 4886 and 4794

C. Website Update

a. As of last week there were over 250 visitors to the new page

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider Attending MTA New Officials Training

i. Training will be January 15th in Gaylord

B. Consider Approval of Kalkaska Public Schools Annual Summer Tax Collection

a. Annual request to levy and collect taxes. Charge is a little over \$3 per parcel.

b. Gentelia makes a motion to approve Annual Summer Tax Collection seconded by Eavey. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

C. Consider Approval of Snow Plowing Bids

- a. Sealed bids were opened
- b. Hoffman makes a motion to approved snow removal by Todd's Welding at \$4,025 a year seconded by Moses. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- Aye, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

D. Consider Proposal from Kal-Gas.

- a. Delany makes a motion to pre buy up to 1,400 gallons or propane at 1.49 per gallon with research to continue on the tank size seconded by Gentelia. Delaney- Aye, Hoffman- Aye, Gentelia- Aye, Eavey- abstained, Moses- Aye; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried

b.

Approval of Bills:

- A Motion by Delaney, second by Eavey, to approve \$79,577.10 to pay November 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 – 7:16 PM

A) No public Comment

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. by Moses, **seconded** by Eavey. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Next meeting Monday, December 9th, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Danielle Stein-Seabolt, Coldsprings Township