

**APPROVED MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Hoffman, Clerk Gentelia, Treasurer Smith, Trustee Schaller, and Trustee Cervone. Also in attendance, Sally Akerley (Township Assessor) and one member of the public.

Adoption of the Agenda: A **Motion** by Cervone, **supported** by Smith, to adopt the agenda as presented. 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 March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: **Motion** by Cervone, **supported** by Schaller, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

None

Assessors Report:

Memorandum

March 31, 2020

To: Coldsprings Township Board
From: Sally Akerley, MAAO
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Subject: Assessor Report

Happy Spring!

I understand the April meeting has been cancelled due to the COVID-19.

The past several notifications I shared with you had to do with the March Board of Review dates and times. The board met on Mar 4th and March 5th. Here's what happened:

The board processed 24 petitions (6 of which were late filed personal property statements).
Total Assessed Value reduction granted: \$ 311,200
Total Taxable Value reduction granted: \$ 171,143

The 2020 Ad Valorem + Special Act total valuations, as determined by the MBOR are as follows:

Assessed Value 118,591,400

Capped Value 88,920,437
Taxable Value 89,544,480

We had a good mix of valuation appeals, hardship exemptions and disabled veteran exemptions to process. The BOR members did an outstanding job and I was really impressed with their methodologies. It was good to meet some of the resident taxpayers and place names with faces.

It's unfortunate that our cancelled April meeting happens to coincide with our clerk's retirement. I want to send a public "shout out" of appreciation to Cheryl Collins. The clerk is often instrumental in facilitating employment changes and Cheryl sure helped to make my transition into the new assessor position seamless. Thank you, Cheryl, for your many years of service.

Due to Covid-19 outbreak, I'm largely staying put, as directed by governor Whitmer's order. It is a great frustration to be missing out on the early spring weather field work. However, I will continue taking phone calls and processing correspondence in typical fashion.

I hope everyone's staying happy and healthy in the midst of these unusual times!

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

Sally

Committee Reports:

- (A) **Planning & Maintenance:** Trustee Schaller lowered flag at Township Hall to half-staff per Governor's Executive Order as a memorial to honor the hundreds of residents who died from coronavirus. At Sands Park, Trustee Schaller posted a sign that boat ramp is closed to all motorized water crafts per Governor's EO. Space was provided for non-motorized boats to launch. May 16 Clean-up will be cancelled and rescheduled after Social Distancing EO is lifted by the Governor. Sheriff's Office will be contacted for work crew once clean-up is rescheduled.
- (B) **Fireboard:** Supervisor Hoffman presented the minutes for the March 25, 2020 Budget Meeting and the April 1, 2020 Fire Board Meeting. There were 3 Fire runs and 17 Rescue runs for the month of March. Frederic ALS had 35 calls, 9 transported to Kalkaska, 9 to Munson, 4 to Grayling, 0 inter-facility transfers, 3 Cancelled, 10 Refusal. The Fire Hall is currently closed to the public. Meetings are taking place in the parking lot. A complete copy of the minutes is on file in the clerks' office.
- (C) **Road Commission:** Update 04/13/2020
- a. A few situations were brought to L. Cervone's attention this past month in which she has been in contact with John Rogers via email and phone. The first issue was: a discrepancy in a bill received and paid to the Road Commission regarding the Engineering study on Shore Dr. NE. J. Rogers stated he is working on reimbursing the Township for the ½ the Township was not responsible for, but due to the current circumstances this may take some time to get resolved.
 - b. A resident living at the corner of Co. RD 571 and Co. RD 612 (by State RD) sent the Township his concerns about drivers missing the stop sign while traveling west on Co. RD 612. He asked if rumble strips could be placed on Co. RD 612 to ensure drivers would stop at that intersection. The email was forwarded to the Road Commission and the situation was discussed with J. Rogers. Mr. Rogers said "no"

to the rumble strips, but stated there may be other options. J. Rogers shared that a safety study was completed on that intersection with data from 2013 – 2017 and that possibly another study could be completed to determine what safety issues had occurred over the past two years. An additional stop sign at that corner was also suggested.

- c. There is no Road Commission meeting scheduled for the month of April, so, L. Cervone will follow up with the Road Commission in the months ahead.
- (D) **Sheriff Department:** Sheriff's liaison was not present. Please contact the Township with any ordinance violations and officer Hawkins will be notified. Or call 231-258-3319 Ext.2413 to leave a message for Officer Ben Hawkins. Trustee Hoffman reported Sheriff's Office handled 2 Civil complaints, 0 Township Ordinance, 8 Property Checks, 4 Misdemeanor, and 0 Felony for the month of February. A copy of Officer Hawkins report is on file in the Clerks' office.
- (E) **County Commissioner:** Leigh Ngirarsaol was not in attendance.
- (F) **Hospital Board:** Supervisor Hoffman stated everything is going good at the hospital and they are doing a remarkable job following all directives regarding COVID-19

Treasurers Report:

- Various Accounts Balance - \$531,761.79
- General Fund Balance - \$10,741.12
- Tax Account Balance - \$210.97
- Cash on Hand - \$200.00

Motion by Clerk Gentelia, **supported** by Trustee Schaller, to accept the Treasurers' report as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS ITEM (as listed on the agenda): 7:40

Resident does not agree with the Township's position regarding Resolution 2020-11. Governor is taking what action is available to her to resolve road issues.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- (A) **Consider Approval of Resolution 2020-11: Resolution to Oppose Governor Whitmer's \$3.5 Billion Road Bond Debt:** **Motion** by Cervone, **support** by Gentelia, to approve Resolution 2020-11 to Oppose the Governors Discussion: Supervisor somewhat agrees with resident. Trustee Schaller stated the Governor is doing the best she can to fix the roads. Trustee Cervone stated that we are not getting any of the funds up north. If she's representing our township, she would like to see some of the money come up here. Resident stated the Governor is limited by law. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Smith, Cervone, Gentelia; Nays – Hoffman, Schaller; Absent - None. Motion Carried.
- (B) **Review and Approve the Allocation Board Request and Authorize Supervisor and Clerk to Sign Form:** **Motion** by Cervone, **supported** by Smith, that the Kalkaska County Allocation be approved and signed by Supervisor and Clerk. A voice vote was taken, All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- (C) **Approve Clerk and Treasurer to Set Date for Audit:** **Motion** by Hoffman, **supported** by Schaller, to have Clerk and Treasurer set a date for the audit. A voice vote was taken, All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. The total of bills to be paid is \$17,162.91 including the Charter bill that has not yet been received. A **Motion** by Smith, **supported** by Cervone, to approve paying the bills as presented. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Started at –7:50 –

- Supervisor Hoffman thanked the resident who joined the meeting remotely.
- Bob Baldwin is running for the Republican Seat for the Kankaska County Board of Commissioners District #2 Coldsprings Township/Rapid River Township
- Manistee Lake Improvement Board is scheduled to meet on May 18, but it is up in the air because of the Social-Distancing orders. It will probably be cancelled. He will let us know at the next meeting
- Manistee Lake Association is scheduled to meet on Saturday, May 23, but have no location to meet. This, too, may be cancelled.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. by Smith. **Supported** by Cervone. All in Favor.

Gaynell Gentelia
Clerk, Coldsprings Township