

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**APRIL 10, 2006**

**7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Casto, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Three guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Approval of the minutes from the Budget Hearing was added to the agenda. M/Casto S/Bondy to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes - M/Paladino S/Casto to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2006 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. M/Casto S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2006 Budget Hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed - Among the correspondence Neubecker received a letter from the Kalkaska County Road Commission stating that they have formed a Township Advisory Committee. The letter said that the purpose of the committee is to better communicate with Township Boards on their road concerns. They asked that the township boards designate two people from their township boards to serve as representatives of their boards. After a short discussion Neubecker appointed Paladino and Casto to be the representatives. M/Hodges S/Paladino to accept the appointments of Paladino and Casto to the Kalkaska County Road Commission Township Advisory Committee. All in favor. Motion carried. Hodges will contact John Rogers/Manager with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the representatives. Hodges asked that Paladino and Casto push for Starvation Lake Road to get fixed. She said that it's only been in the works for the last thirteen years. Neubecker also received a letter from MSU Extension regarding summer youth programs requesting financial support of \$15.00 per youth for the Day Camps that 4-H are offering. It is understood that Coldsprings Township will provide financial support based on the rate of \$15.00 per participant residing in Coldsprings Township. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to offer the use of our township the ability to attend these camps with the support of \$15.00 per youth with the contract with 4-H and the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners. All

in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the contract is on file.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that there are some posts broke at the park. She said that where they are located they really do not serve a purpose. Short discussion. The posts will not be replaced. She also said that she called to have the trash containers placed at the park for the summer. Bondy also had pictures of various types of signs for in front of the township hall. Discussion followed as to which type and size the board would like to have. The board did decide to have a double-sided sign. There was a question as to the size that would be allowed under the county zoning. Neubecker said that he will check the ordinance and to place the signs on the agenda for May. Bondy also had estimates from Home Depot, Lowes and Robert Grimm, for new garage doors. She said that the doors that Grimm gave an estimate on are actually made in Gaylord. Discussion followed. M/Paladino S/Casto to accept the bid from Robert Grimm for four new garage doors at a cost of \$2,161.76. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Casto yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker said that he is working on three junk complaints. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the April 5, 2006 Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commission Meeting - Paladino said that the road commission put out a list of maintenance needs however Starvation Lake Rd was not on the list but that may be considered general maintenance. Paladino said that Starvation Lake Rd. does need gravel. He said that other than that things have been pretty quiet since the frost laws have been in effect.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of March 2006. The report showed that there was \$368,108.01 in the various bank accounts, \$20,097.22 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the report is on file.

Old Business - (A) Ceiling in the hall - Hodges said that Brian Anderson has been in contact with the manufacturer that they purchased the metal roof from. They will be sending out a representative to meet with Brian and see if they can figure out why the roof leaks and what can be done to correct it because the roof was installed properly. (B) Carpet in the hall - Hodges said that the carpet has been pulled up, the tiles have been removed, new padding put down and re-applied the carpeting. The only question was what to do about the molding. Short discussion. Hodges will ask Brian Anderson to give us a written estimate on putting some wood molding around instead of putting plastic molding.

New Business - (A) Approve the clerk attending the MTA Spring District meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$70.00. M/Neubecker S/Casto to authorize the clerk to attend the MTA Spring District meeting at a cost of \$70.00 All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Fire Alarm system for the Township Hall - Neubecker said the Fire Department is looking into installing a

fire alarm system within the hall that will detect unhealthy levels of not just gases or heat. It will not only set off the alarms within the building but it will also ring into a central panel in the Sheriff's dispatch. This really is more of an FYI at this point. Neubecker said to place it on the May agenda and we can discuss it further at that time. (C) Approve the Election Workers for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> School Election. M/Hodges S/Neubecker to appoint Darlene Berkshire, Patricia Callan, Margaret Grockau, Doris Gwisdale, Helen Maule and Judy Newkirk to work the May 2<sup>nd</sup> School Election. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Hodges said that check #10092 was held out to use for the CD that the treasurer is checking for rates. It will be on next months list of bills. M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented and issue checks #10072 through #10095 in the amount of \$15,108.23 with the exception of check #10092 which will be used for the CD. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Neubecker wanted to make a notation that there will be a MLIB meeting Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at the township hall at which time they will be looking at bids for an engineering study for Manistee Lake. Gancer asked what the maximum amount of money was that the township board can grant without going out for bids. Neubecker said that it is \$20,000.00. Neubecker said that the board could grant through our action here without going out for bids up to \$20,000.00. However, we don't do that. Paladino asked why the MLIB uses the township hall for their meetings and if they are considered an entity of Coldsprings Township. Neubecker said no they are not an entity of Coldsprings Township. Paladino was concerned that it may look like we are showing favoritism. Casto asked why they don't alternate their meetings between here and Excelsior Township Hall or hold them at CETA Hall. Neubecker said that it was just a matter of convenience but he would look into it.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

