

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Corrado. County Commissioner Nemeth and approximately 9 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Hodges asked that adoption of the 2010-2011 General Fund Cost Center budget by resolution be added to the agenda as item E under new business. M/Bondy S/Lambert to adopt the agenda with the one addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Minutes:

(A) March 8, 2010 Budget Hearing minutes - M/Bondy S/Lambert to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 Budget Hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) March 8, 2010 regular board meeting - M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the work crew from the Sheriff's Department will start the spring cleanup of the cemetery and park sometime after the Trout Festival. She said that she ordered the buoys for the swim area at Manistee Lake and that the cost was \$484.00. She said that they were \$94.00 each. Neubecker said that he is working on getting a dock put in over at the park prior to Memorial Day weekend. Neubecker also said that we should advertise for bids for the pumping, destruction, removal and fill of the changing rooms and restrooms at the park, prior to next month's meeting. Bondy asked if we could advertise for someone to take care of the grounds around the township hall and also over at the park. Short discussion. Hodges will place an ad in the paper. Hodges said that we need to do something with the

north entrance of the cemetery. Either put in a culvert or something. Cars going in and out almost bottom out. Short discussion followed. Neubecker said to contact McCullen Excavating and have them come over and take a look at it and see what they can come up with.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the April 7, 2010 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission Meeting - Corrado reported on this morning's Road Commission meeting. He said the Road Commissioners decided that they would not honor our request to have this special meeting adjourned in order to make it available to all of the Township Supervisors. Corrado said that the road commission brought in their legal staff and that they presented the proposed contract that we had submitted, but that no one else had a chance to review. Corrado said that their lawyer presented the proposed contract in his language to the supervisors that were present. He said that there were 5 townships represented and they were Blue Lake, Orange, Springfield, Excelsior and Coldsprings. Corrado said that the attorney for the road commission was very negative in regards to the standardized road improvement agreement that we submitted. He said that there were no positive remarks from him at all, everything was negative in regards as to why should they change the way that they do business and why should they accept the improvement agreement that we submitted. Corrado said that their attorney indicated that they did not change anything or address anything due to the fact that our legal staff did not meet their criteria as far as time lines were concerned, so they went ahead and presented their meeting to whoever was present without giving any consideration to our request as to holding the meeting when all of the supervisors and our legal counsel could be present. He said that their attorney found fault with several things in the road improvement agreement that we submitted, however no one there at the meeting had a chance to go along with them or be privileged to see the new language that the supervisors board had put together to submit because it was not available to anyone there. Corrado said that the legal staff for the road commission supported the 8-½% that the road commission wants to tack onto bills and they said the reason being is because when they write a contract they have to use paper, they have to make phone calls and they have to use the office staff. Corrado said that these are all of the things that we argued about in our litigation as to why they want to add that 8-½% on to the contracts. Discussion followed.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy reported that she has 13 closed cases and 28 open cases and that of the 28 open cases 9 are new for 2010. Copy of her report is on file.

(E) Liquor Enforcement - Liquor and crime reports were received for February and March and year to date. The reports for Kiootee's Bar & Grill was good and the year to date crime report showed that there had been 57 incidents through March 31, 2010.

(F) Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Nemeth spoke about Michigan's economy and also said that the 2010 Grand Action Campaign will kick off their campaign for The Grand Vision May 10, 2010. He also gave an update on the Broadband. He said that they would be putting on a Broadband Forum as soon as they can put everything together to where it makes sense. He said that they would have notices in the paper prior to the meeting. Nemeth also said that the county would be asking for a renewal of the millage for the animal and recycling center.

#### Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of March. The report showed that there was \$453,098.39 in the various bank accounts, \$19,106.16 in the Township Improvement Fund, \$1,573.58 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Busness: Nothing to discuss under old business.

#### New Business:

(A) Oliver Township Fire Agreement - M/Neubecker S/Lambert to accept the contract as proposed from Oliver Township. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) TBA Summer Tax Collection - M/Neubecker S/Hodges to approve the agreement from TBA for summer tax collection. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) Approval of election workers for the May 4<sup>th</sup> election - M/Hodges S/Lambert to appoint as Chairperson, Judy Newkirk and as inspectors, Joan Nikischer, Pam Burns, Pat Callan and Darlene Berkshire and Mary Hodges as an alternate, to work the May 4<sup>th</sup> election. All in favor. Motion carried.

(D) GIS - Lambert said that she attended the meeting for GIS. She said that the townships that contribute would receive two sets of updated maps of their township plus they would also be placed on the county's Website. It would also give tax information, for example if someone were looking at purchasing a home, they would be able to go online and get the information. She said that the cost would be a one-time charge of .62 to .65 cents per parcel and for us that would amount to about \$1,500.00. We also would have to purchase software in order to access the system. Short discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

(E) Cost Center Resolution - Hodges said that we need to adopt the 2010-2011 General Fund cost center budget by Resolution. She said that we did adopt the 2010-2011 General Fund budget but only by a motion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adopt the 2010-

2011 fiscal year cost center general fund budget by resolution. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

Approval of Bills - Bills were reviewed. M/Corrado S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11534 through #11561 in the amount of \$62,531.81 were approved for payment.

Public Comments - Interest rates on our investments were discussed and also speed limits on gravel roads in the township.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

