

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

APRIL 12, 2004

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. Approx 5 guests were also present.

Adoption of the agenda - M/Bondy S/Casto 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 the minutes from the March 8, 2004 Budget Hearing - M/Casto S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2004 Budget Hearing, as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2004 regular board meeting - M/Neubecker S/Casto to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2004 regular board meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Supervisor Neubecker asked to have made a matter of record, a letter that he had received from the offices of Young, Graham & Elsenheimer, regarding Gohr vs. the township and the county. He said that Judge Davis granted Gohr's request to vacate Lakeview Avenue, which effectively landlocked a 10 acre parcel owned by Grzesiak's off of E Shore Drive. He said that Grzesiak's are taking it back to court and are also asking for the township's assistance. Neubecker said that the only assistance that we can give them is to make a letter to the attorney, who is acting on behalf of the Grzesiak's, that the township would view that piece of property, if they could get a platted easement as a driveway rather than a private road.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that we have to get some fertilizer for around the township hall. She also reported that there were about 8 posts broken in the parking lot at the park. She also said that she has not heard anything from the Sheriffs' Dept. regarding the work crew. Nothing new on the sign. Fire Board - Minutes of the April

7th, 2004 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy attached. Liquor Enforcement - Good reports were received on both liquor establishments in the township. Crime report for the month of February was also received. Copies on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of March 2004. Copy attached. Casto also reported that the tax records have been turned over to the county treasurer and that she had 3 personals that were outstanding and as of today they have been paid. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business (A) Assessors contract - Assessor Dave Grimm presented a proposal for a new contract. Included in the contract is that he will be available at the township hall the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. as a convenience to the taxpayers. Discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to renew a contract with David Grimm for a period of four years at his suggested rate of \$14,000.00 per year. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Water at the Township Hall - Hodges said she did not get a report back as yet. Issue tabled until next meeting. (B2) Neubecker asked to amend the agenda at this time in order to allow acting Sheriff Billy Spencer to speak. Spencer was present to inform the township that the Sheriff's dept. will be going out for a five year renewal of the 911 surcharge which is presently \$2.74 per phone line each month and possibly raising it to a little over \$3.00 a month. He said that he'd have more information on it next month. Short discussion followed. (C) P&J Special Assessment - Hodges said that P&J have zero dollars in their account at the present time. There is \$126.00 in delinquent taxes that will be coming in however, the bills to be paid is a balance of \$9.25 owing to McCullens, \$144.00 to the attorney for the resolution and \$272.00 to the township. She said that we have two ways to go. One would be to hold a public hearing and increase their assessment or wait for next winter and hope for a mild winter and then use some of next year's tax money to pay the bills that are due this year. MTA said that P&J should have a locked in contract with the McCullens to the point that if they run out of money McCullens will have to bill the property owners directly or stop plowing so that it doesn't fall back on the township. The township cannot use public funds for a private road. Paladino suggested that we send a letter to the property owners and let them know of the problem and see what they have to say. Neubecker will send a letter to the property owners. Discussion followed.

New Business - (A) Auditors Proposal - Tobin & Co presented a proposal to audit the township for the fiscal year 2003-2004. Cost is \$3,070.00, which includes an additional \$350.00 for the implementation of new procedures required by the State. Hodges and Casto said how displeased they both were with the audit conducted by Campbell & Kusterer last year. Short discussion followed. M/Bondy S/Hodges to accept the proposal from Tobin &

Co., in the amount of \$3,070.00. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Ballot Wording - The board looked over the wording for the three proposals, which are to be placed on the August ballot. Two for the Fire Department and one for Trash pick up for the township. The only change would be in the proposal for trash pick up. Instead of the millage being for a two-year period, have it for a four-year period. 2004 through 2007 inclusive. The amounts of the millages will remain the same. M/Neubecker S/Casto accept the wording for Proposal A & Proposal B for Fire & Rescue and Fire Equipment as a renewal as presented from the fireboard to the township. All in favor. Motion carried. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the wording for trash pick up with the amendment that it is for a period of four years, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 inclusive. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Oliver Township fire agreement - M/Neubecker S/Casto to approve the Oliver Township fire agreement in the amount of \$3,300.00. All in favor. Motion carried. (D&E) Approve the Clerk attending an MTA workshop in Cadillac - cost \$75.00. Approve the Treasurer attending an MTA workshop at Boyne Mountain - cost \$70.00. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to approve the Clerk & Treasurer attending the MTA workshops. All in favor. Motion carried. (F) Approve the election workers for the May 4th special election - M/Hodges S/Paladino to appoint Darlene Berkshire, Patricia Callan, Helen Maule and Theresa Fell to work the May 4th special election. All in favor. Motion carried. (G) Amend the budget for the 4th quarter of 2003-2004 fiscal year - the clerk presented amendments to the budget. Copy on file. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to make the amendments to the budget as presented by the clerk. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sharon and James Bird were present to request the townships approval to move their mailbox from the present location to a different location. They said that the post office now requires the approval of the township. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to allow Sharon and James Bird to relocate their mailbox on their private driveway in accordance with post office regulations and that the township has absolutely no issue to that at all. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - One addition of \$344.00 to Young, Graham & Elsenheimer for P&J special assessment resolution and telephone retainer for April & May. Effective June 1st, 2004 we will no longer have the telephone retainer service. M/Paladino S/Neubecker to pay the bills as presented and issue checks #9316 thru #9342 in the amount of \$45,382.43. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Neubecker yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

M/Paladino S/Casto to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk