

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert and Trustee Hoffman. Trustee Bagnell was absent. Road Commissioner Denny Corrado and approx. 12 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Neubecker asked that item A (planning & maintenance) under committee reports be removed since Trustee Bagnell was not present to give a report. Also remove item F (county commissioner). Commissioner called and said that he would not be able to be at the meeting. Remove item B (poverty exemption) under old business and put it on the agenda for May. Hodges asked to add Approval of Election Workers as item E under new business. **Motion** by Neubecker **Supported** by Hoffman 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:

(A) 2012-2013 Budget Hearing - **Motion** by Lambert **Supported** by Hoffman to approve the minutes from the 2012-2013 Budget Hearing as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) March 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **Motion** by Lambert **Supported** by Hoffman to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2012 regular board meeting minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) March 21, 2012 Special Meeting - **Motion** by Neubecker **Supported** by Lambert to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2012 Special Meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Removed from agenda for this month.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the April 4, 2012 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes show that there were 14 fire runs and 21 rescue runs for the month of March. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

(C) Road Commissioner - Road Commissioner Corrado said that there were two road projects scheduled for this year however due to lack of communication between last year and this year they have a shortfall of \$144,000 on one road project and \$150,000 shortage on the other road project. He said that the new board is trying to correct these problems and make sure that this does not happen again. He said that the seven projects that were laid out for the years 2011-2017 would now be discarded for now. He also updated the board on other issues going on within the road commission.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy said that there was a lot of tree damage throughout the township. She said that she stopped at the rabbit ranch on 571 and dropped off a copy of the zoning ordinance regarding signs. She also updated the board about the property on Central Ave, Pike Street and Oak Street that she has been working on.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda presented the minutes from the April 3, 2012 Park & Recreation committee meeting. The minutes showed that the committee is still waiting final approval from the state on the MNRTF grant. In regards to the Encroachment update, that is still pending and no further action has been taken as of the April 3rd meeting. The minutes also showed that the 2012 MDNR Passport Grant was finalized and sent in prior to the deadline. Other items in the minutes were Pam Stuckman (Grant Consultant) spoke about two grant opportunities, one from Home Depot and one from Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, however each will require volunteers. Brenda said that this would be discussed at their next P & R meeting. Bill Crain, the engineer that the township board hired, shared the plans for the location of the well pump, restroom by the boat launch and beach, and some of the playground equipment. Brenda also said that the dock has been put in at the boat ramp. Complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of March 2012. The report showed that there was \$487,911.78 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Credit Union, \$10,611.61 in the Building Fund MM account, \$18,469.90 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$1,513.73 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. Lambert also presented the quarterly report for the CD's that the township has. The report showed that there is \$315,333.75 in CD's for the Township Improvement Fund and \$54,464.95 in the Building Fund CD. **Motion** by Neubecker **Supported** by Hodges to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A) Cunningham Road Property - Neubecker asked that we go out for bid requests to remove the building, level the property and dispose of the waste. Short discussion. Hodges will advertise for sealed bids.

(B) Item B Poverty Exemption was removed from the agenda for this month.

(C) Sands Park Nuisance Ordinance was tabled until the May meeting.

(D) Approve the ballot wording for the Fire Department Millage for the August Primary ballot. Neubecker said that there are two Proposals and both are renewals. Proposal A, One (1) Mill for Fire Protection and 0.7 Mill for Proposal B, for Fire Equipment. Neubecker read both proposals. Short discussion. **Motion** by Hoffman **Supported** by Lambert to approve the ballot language for both Proposal A & B for the Fire Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

(A) TBA Agreement for collection of 2012 Summer Taxes. **Motion** by Neubecker **Supported** by Lambert to approve the agreement as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Exchange Cemetery Lot #177, graves 1,2,3 & 4 (owned by Vida Ascione) for Lot #149, graves 1,2,3, & 4 (owned by Steve & Darci Southwell). Hodges said that she wanted to have the minutes reflect that Vida Ascione has sent a letter of request and authorization (copy of the letter is on file) to transfer ownership of her Lot #177, graves 1,2,3 & 4 to Steve & Darci Southwell in exchange for Southwell's Lot #149, graves 1,2,3 & 4. Original Deed #85 for Lot #149, graves 1,2,3 & 4 with assignment of transfer is on file.

(C) Approve the ballot wording for the renewal of the 1.25 mills for Refuse Millage for the August Primary ballot - Neubecker read the Proposal, which will be the township proposal C. Short discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker **Supported** by Hoffman to approve putting Proposal C for Refuse on the August Primary ballot. All in favor. Motion carried.

(D) Oliver Township Fire Contract - An updated contract to provide fire service only beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013 was presented. Discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker, **Supported** by Hodges to approve the updated contract to provide fire service only to Oliver Township for the year beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

(E) Approve Election Workers for the May 8, 2012 election. **Motion** by Hodges **Supported** by Neubecker to approve Judy Newkirk, Chairperson, Darlene Berkshire, Joan Nikischer, Rose Rodgers, Wendy Corona and Pam Burns to work the May 8, 2012 election. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. **Motion** by Lambert **Supported** by Hoffman to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Hoffman yes and Neubecker yes. Bagnell absent. Bills in the amount of \$119,965.41 were issued for payment.

Public Comments: Began at 8:29 p.m.

JoAnn DeGraff was present to update the township on the Register of Deeds Office.

County Clerk Debbie Hill was present and said that they are working really hard to stay within their budget, and also that 6 of the 12 townships in the county will be holding an election on May 8th and of course Coldsprings is one of them. She also said that she really appreciates the Board of Commissioners proceeding very cautiously with the county budget.

Valarie Thornburg introduced herself as a candidate running for County Treasurer after confirming with the present treasurer that she is not going to seek re-election.

Charles Malott thanked Dennis Corrado for serving as Township Trustee and said that he did an outstanding job. He said that now that he is on the road commission hopefully he can help them get out of the hole that they've been digging themselves into for the past several years and he also said that Corrado is also running for County Sheriff in the August Primary.

Gerry Gancer wanted to thank the dedicated and unappreciated people that work for this county.

Public Comments ended at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Lambert **Supported** by Neubecker to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk