

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.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. Approx. 7 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Trustee Corrado asked that a radio for the OEO be added to the agenda. Neubecker said to include it with the OEO report under Committee Reports. M/Lambert S/Corrado 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 - Trustee Bondy said that under Planning & Maintenance, in regards to the purchasing of buoys, second line, should read, fall and not next fall. M/Bondy S/Lambert to approve the July 13, 2009 minutes as amended. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Hodges will correct the minutes.

Paul Olson, Insurance agent for the township, from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, was present to go over our insurance policy and answer any questions that the board members may have.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting recessed so that the clerk could make a copy of the OEO job description for Paul Olson before he left.

At 7:50 p.m. the meeting convened with all board members present.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the fire department went over and hosed the bathrooms down at Sands Park. She said that they did the best that they could and then after talking with the clerk, she hired Chuck to go over and finish cleaning them out. After he got done, she called Dick Corson and asked him what procedure we have to follow to get rid of the holding tanks in the restrooms at the park so we could close the restrooms down. Corson said that we have to have them pumped out and removed completely. Short discussion. No action was taken on the tanks. She

also said that the kids are removing the buoys and using them as floats, so they put the loose buoys in the shed. She said that there is still one out there. Bondy said that she called Tony and had him put weed killer on the weeds in the cemetery. She also said that she called to get prices on buoys because we do have to replace three of them. She said that the price she got was \$306.00 a piece and then if you want "swim area" or "no wake" or whatever on them that would be another \$53.00. She called around and they were all about the same price. She then called Grand Traverse State Park and asked them where they got their buoys and they gave her a name and number to call and found out that we can get 5ft. buoys and the cost is \$96.00 each. Short discussion. Clerk Hodges asked if something could be done with the faucet in the cemetery. She said that it is very hard to use. Short discussion. Neubecker said he would call Tony. Hodges also asked why they cut the tree down in the cemetery. She said that Tony is supposed to cut some cherry trees down but she didn't think that the one they cut was a cherry tree. Short discussion. Neubecker will ask Tony to call Hodges before he cuts down any more.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the August 5, 2009 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission - Trustee Corrado was not able to attend the road commission meeting. Corrado said that he did speak with someone at the road commission and that they told him that they were going to use some of the stimulus money that they are getting to fix 612 from Darke Rd. to Rogers Rd. in addition to the portion of 612 from the county line to Blue Lake Rd. which was already on their list. Neubecker said that for the members of the public that are present and are not aware of what has happened in the past, is that the road commission paved Starvation Lake Rd. for the township and we withheld a little over \$40,000.00 from that because they were charging us to rent equipment that belonged to the road commission. He said that the road commission has filed suit against the township and that we are taking it to court. He said that the papers have been filed and we have responded. Short discussion.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - The OEO reported that for the month of July she opened up 8 new cases and at that point no tickets have been issued and she has one closed case. She read off the addresses of the locations that are in violation of the township ordinances. She said that she has divided the township into 4 sections. She said that so far for the month of August she has 4 more new cases and has issued 1 citation for violation of Ordinance #1, Section 4 - Road Ending. There was a short discussion about the purchase of a radio for the OEO. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to purchase a Kenwood 128 channel portable radio in the amount of \$267.20 for the township to be utilized by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(E) Liquor Enforcement - Inspection report was received for Kiootee's Bar & Grill for the month of July. Report was favorable. Also received from the Sheriff's department was the crime report for the month of July and year to date. It showed that there were 29 incidents for the month of July and a total of 133 incidents through July 31, 2009.

(F) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Not present

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of July. It showed that there was \$351,038.48 in the various bank accounts, \$19,034.81 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$205,722.88 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - Geri Gallagher re: trash pick-up - Mrs. Gallagher earlier had filed a complaint that she was having a problem getting her trash picked up at her property in Coldsprings Township and had requested that the township give her a letter allowing her to take her trash to American Waste herself. Neubecker investigated the complaint and observed that there was no residence located on the property. Further investigation showed that she actually lived in Kalkaska. Her request was denied since the contract the township has with American Waste is to pick up household refuse from residences within Coldsprings Township. Lengthy discussion followed. No further action was taken.

New Business:

(A) Trash Contract - Tabled until September meeting.

(B) Cemetery Rules Regarding Cremations - Clerk Hodges, who oversees burials in the cemetery, just wanted to clarify in case anyone asks, that all graves will be opened and closed by an authorized Cemetery employee and that there is a charge for it. Short discussion. Anyone with questions can contact the clerk.

Approval of Bills - Bills were reviewed. Two bills were added to the list of bills. (1) Municipal Underwriters of Michigan \$3,798.00 and (2) Grand Traverse Mobile Communications \$267.20. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills with the two additions. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11309 through #11345 in the amount of \$21,537.88 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Public Comment began at 8:55 p.m. Fred Vonalt said that he read in the paper that all of the townships in the county were going to be voting on the Solid Waste Plan that would allow 83 counties to haul their trash into Kalkaska County and he wanted to let the board know that he is very much against it. Gancer said that he should go to the Commissioners meeting tomorrow and let his voice be heard. He said he would like to see more people attend the Commissioners meetings. Comments on trash pickup were also heard. Public Comments ended at 9:02 p.m.

M/Lambert S/Corrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk