

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

AUGUST 14, 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. Approx. 5 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Casto S/Paladino to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Minutes - M/Casto S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2006 regular Board Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that she got hold of Joe, from Have Saw Will Travel regarding the trees in the park. He said that he would not touch the oak trees, not even to prune them until after July, because of some oak wood disease that can be very contagious to other oak trees if you wound them or cut them down between April and July. She had some literature pertaining to the disease from Tim Schroeder and it said that the disease starts in the root but it also can spread if you cut the trees too thin. Bondy said that she also contacted Leonardo's but she said that they are not even available because of the damage from the last storms. She also contacted Rick Osborne and he went over and looked at the park and said that he would send a quote to the board. Hodges said that she had not received anything as yet. Hodges asked Bondy if they said that they would not trim the trees until after July and Bondy said yes, and that they would not cut any oak tree down until after the first frost and she said that they all said the same thing. Neubecker said that we did receive a quote from Northwoods Tree Service for \$2,300.00. He said that Northwoods was not contracting or bidding to take any trees out other than one dead birch tree and the rest was removing all the dead limbs off of the trees especially around the power lines. Neubecker said that it is a liability and that he would like to move on it before something does happen. Short

discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Casto to accept the quote from Northwoods Tree Service for \$2,300.00. All in favor. Motion carried. Bondy said that the sign is up in front of the township hall. She said that her and Hodges were not very happy with the posts because they have some splits in them but that they are treated wood and she heard that that is what treated wood does and that is what the sign company said that they were going to use in their proposal. (B) Fireboard - Minutes from the August 2, 2006 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Paladino said that he attended the meeting in July however after about 15 minutes they canceled it because they did not have a quorum and they said that they would have to have a special meeting to pay their bills. He said that unofficially, Woodham and Dorman were there and he said that he did ask them if they were going to do any more stripping of any of the roads. They said that there would not be anymore stripping, without going to the board, of any more roads, secondary or main roads in Kalkaska County in 2006. As for the propane tanks being on road easements he said that Woodham was going to take it upon himself to go and check it out. Bob Stein was present and said that the problem with the culvert on E Shore Drive & Ford Road still exists. Paladino said that the road commission did clean it out one time. Stein said that it is filled in again. Stein asked if the Fire Dept. could possibly flush it out sometime when they're down there filling their trucks with water at the dry hydrant. Neubecker said that that was a good idea. Paladino said that they could do that as a training exercise. Bondy said that part of the road is going to break off if a heavy truck goes over it if it doesn't get fixed. Paladino said that he would bring it up again at the next road commission meeting. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports were received on both Manistee Lake Stop & Shop and Kiootee's for the month of June and both were good. The crime report for the month of June was also received and it showed that there were 24 incidents in the township for the month. Reports are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of July. The report showed that there was \$349,515.48 in the various bank accounts, \$141,310.95 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Hodges S/Neubecker to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - Punch & Judy - Hodges said that we have to set a date and time to hold a public hearing for the Punch & Judy Special Assessment for snowplowing. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Casto to hold the first public hearing for the special assessment district for snowplowing for Punch & Judy on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business - (A) Trash Contract - Neubecker said that he had talked to the trash removal people and that this is going into the third year of their option for renewal and they have informed us that they are willing to opt into the third year with no change in prices whatsoever for our trash contract. Neubecker said that we do not have to go through bids because this is something that we have designed in the contract that we

could do, an automatic renewal. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to renew our contract with North Country Sanitation for the next year for the same price. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Casto yes, Paladino yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) SOS Resolution - Neubecker explained that the SOS Resolution is a "Stop Over Spending" resolution that would amend the Michigan Constitution. Neubecker proceeded to read the proposed resolution at the local level. He said that MTA is trying to get all townships throughout the state to adopt this resolution to amend the Michigan Constitution. Copy of the proposed resolution is on file. Short discussion followed. Neubecker said that he would like to review this at the next township board meeting and give the board time to think about what impact this resolution would have if this resolution went into effect. Resolution was tabled until the September meeting. Hodges said that she just received it late Friday and did not have time to mail a copy to everyone before the meeting. (C) Directional sign for Twin Lake & Barnhardt Roads - Paladino said that it is something that Blue Lake Township brought up at a road commission meeting. Blue Lake Township said that it is not in their jurisdiction but wanted to bring it up because they felt that it was a safety concern or awareness for our township and since it's in our township, we have to discuss it. There is a sign there but Blue Lake feels that it is too small. Discussion followed. No one on the board has ever had a complaint or concern. No action was taken. (D) Purchase a hand truck - Hodges said that the township could use a hand truck. She said that she could have used one on election night because now that we have to store the unused ballots in a container it makes the container extremely heavy. Short discussion. Hodges will get prices for the next meeting. (E) New file cabinets - Casto and Hodges both need another file cabinet. Discussion followed. Hodges will get prices for the next meeting. (F) Paul Olson - no show.

Approval of bills - M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10187 through 10226 in the amount of \$15,560.50 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Lou Nemeth was present and passed out pamphlets on how to get rid of Hazardous Household Waste in Kalkaska County on September 9th. There was also discussion about the bathhouses and restrooms at Sands Park. Dick Mallot also commented on the SOS resolution. Charlie Fawcett questioned the reconciliation report as to why the Members Credit Union was not paying interest on the tax account. Casto said that they pay it quarterly and it was on last month's reconciliation report. He also asked if we wanted Starvation Lake Rd brined. Paladino said yes.

Paul Olson called and was not going to be able to make it to our meeting and gave the new insurance quotes for the township to the clerk. The new premium for 2006-2007 was going to be \$3,724.00 and that includes an additional \$70,000.00 of coverage on the

buildings, and for 2005-2006 the premium was \$3,661.00. It amounts to an increase of \$63.00 for 2006-2007. M/Neubecker S/Casto to accept the proposal from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan for \$3,724.00 for the next operating year. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

M/Paladino S/Casto to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk