

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. Approx. 12 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker said that item A under New Business should read Amend the Budget not Amend the Agenda. Neubecker also asked to add as item C under Old Business OEO Support. 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 - Treasurer Lambert had one correction to the minutes. Under Park & Recreation the name Baez should be Bayus. M/Lambert S/Bagnell to approve the minutes with the one correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell said that we only have one buoy in the water at Sands park. He said that someone somehow pulled the other buoy out. Bagnell also said that a comment was made to him about the donation box at the boat ramp. He said that we should increase the size of the sign. Lambert said that they are going to stencil on the front of the box so that it would be more visible.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the August 3, 2011 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 6 fire and 22 rescue runs for the month of July. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission - Trustee Corrado reported on the Road Commissioners meeting that was held this morning. Corrado said that on August 2nd he had sent the Road Commission's Manager a letter stating that Tower Rd. and Starvation Lake Rd. were both unsafe for travel. (copy of the letter is on file) He told the road commission that he would take some course of action to have the roads shut down completely if he has to. He said that at the meeting this morning he was told that Starvation Lake Road from 571

to the top of the hill is almost completely repaired and that Tower Road will be brought up to county specs by the end of the week. Corrado said that he also asked them about the grass cutting at the intersections. They told him that because of budget cuts and manpower and some equipment being broke down, they were not able to get to that. Corrado told them that they should learn how to get more done with fewer people. They told him that they just haven't gotten around to cutting the grass as much as they would like.

(E) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy reported on the various complaints she is working on within the township. Copy of the report is on file.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda said the committee met on August 2nd and that there was nothing new on the grant update, they're still waiting to hear from the state. She said hopefully they'd hear something from them in August or September. She said that they sent out letters for possible new grants for playground equipment and surfacing. She said they sent the letters out to places like Home Depot, etc. Brenda reported that the donation box at the boat ramp is back in the ground. She also reported that she had spoke with our attorney Michael Edwards regarding the Sands Park Title search and he said that he has sent out letters to the former share holders of the Farmers Association and is waiting to see if he gets any response back from the letters. Brenda spoke about the trees that need to be removed at the park. Discussion followed. Brenda will put the bid notice in the paper this week.

(F) County Commissioner Stu McKinnon was not present.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of July. The report showed that there was \$381,213.02 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal savings account, \$10,582.33 in the MCU Building Fund account, \$18,418.94 in the MCU Township Improvement account, \$208,278.77 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 Business:

(A) Modify the Park Ordinance - Neubecker said that he really didn't see anything wrong with the way the Park Ordinance was written up other than the fact that there were comments made that no pets allowed would limit some to the park. The ordinance reads that pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and that no pets are allowed on the bathing beaches or in buildings. However, the sign at the entrance of the park says, "No Pets allowed". Neubecker suggested that "No Livestock allowed" be added to the ordinance, mainly so that horses would not be allowed in the park. He also suggested that something should be added that owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that he would like to get some public input on the ordinance. Neubecker asked that we table the Park

Ordinance until next month. Neubecker said that at last month's meeting he mentioned that he would like to form a committee to review all of our ordinances for contents, correctness and appropriateness. He asked if anyone present would want to volunteer to be on a committee of three to review the ordinances. Ruth Langkawel and Chuck Vernon volunteered. Neubecker asked Trustee Bagnell to head the committee. Neubecker asked that the committee look over the ordinances and give a report next month.

(B) Cunningham Road Property - After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Lambert seconded by Corrado to get a value of the property from the assessor and then list it with a real estate prior to next month's board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

(C) Ordinance Enforcement Officer support - Neubecker said that last month Corrado asked if he could work with the Ordinance Enforcement Officer to assist her in ordinance enforcement. Neubecker said that what he would like to offer up, is that if Corrado is interested in assisting the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, that he be allowed to do so, through his (Neubecker's) appointment, at no reimbursable compensation. And if he does not desire to it without reimbursement, then the motion or appointment would be invalid. Corrado said that he would accept. Neubecker then appointed Corrado as the Assistant Ordinance Enforcement Officer to work directly under the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and assist her in her job at no reimbursement of expenses whatsoever, and on that appointment he would like to have a motion to accept that appointment. M/Hodges S/Lambert to accept the appointment. 4 yea 0 nay Corrado abstained.

New Business:

(A) Amend the Budget - Hodges presented the amendments to the budget. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bagnell yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the budget amendments is on file.

(B) Insurance Coverage for the Township - Municipal Underwriters of Michigan presented the renewal policy for the township. The cost is \$3,820.00, which is \$31.00 less than last year. Short discussion. M/Lambert S/Bagnell to renew the insurance policy from the Municipal Underwriters of Michigan at a cost of \$3,820.00. All in favor. Motion carried. MUM also wanted to know if we wanted to add to the policy the coverage for Terrorism Insurance. Short discussion. The consensus was no. Hodges said that the MTA is working on a better alternative for members to obtain Worker's Compensation Insurance and would like some input from the townships. Neubecker said that he thought it would be great if MTA could get all of the townships under one company and that it should reduce the premiums by a considerable amount. Hodges said that we pay extra for workers compensation insurance through MUM, that it is not included with our insurance coverage that we have with them. Short discussion.

Approval of Bills:

All bills were reviewed. Two bills were added. (1) \$154.35 to Morning Star Publishing and (2) \$56.73 to Great Lakes Energy. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills with the two additions in the amount of \$19,461.80. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes, Neubecker yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Neubecker said that he needed to add to the agenda the appointments of those that will review the ordinances.

Neubecker said that as Township Supervisor he would like to appoint Skip Bagnell, Charles Vernon and Ruth Langkawel as a committee for township ordinance review.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to approve the appointments made by the chair. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Began at 8:40 p.m. ended at 8:44 p.m.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk