

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

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 Lambert, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Corrado. Approx. 14 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker said to move item B (Dangerous Building Ordinance) under Old Business, off of this month's agenda and put it on next month's agenda. He said that we are waiting for more information from our attorney. M/Lambert S/Bondy 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 - M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2010 regular board meeting. 4 yes. Bondy abstained since she was not at the July meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Bondy said that the benches that are on the porch at the township hall have been refinished, and that there are some fence posts at Sands Park that have been broken and need to be replaced. She also said that the benches that Chuck Vernon made and put in at the park are awesome and has really changed the makeup of the beach area and that everyone is using them. Bondy said that she has received many thanks for the dock at the park. She also said that Otto has been cutting the small trees around the fence at the park and hauling them away.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the August 4, 2010 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 13 rescue runs and 1 fire run in July. Neubecker said that there is a need for volunteers for the fire department and if anyone knows of anyone that might be interested to please contact someone at the fire department. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Corrado reported that Blue Lake township had an issue with the road commission over projects that they have had on the books for over a

year and now were told that they won't be completed until next year. He also said that the road commissioners have started to initiate do's and don't's for participation of representatives from the townships to speak at their meetings and he and others feel that they are really trying to eliminate any participation of the townships altogether. Neubecker said that he has been working with township supervisors or their representatives throughout the county and that 8 of them met again last Thursday to draft a response to the road commissions memo on setting up a new cost sharing agreement with the county road commission. He said that they also met with the road commission this morning at 11:00 a.m. and that our attorney and their attorney were also present. He gave a presentation of what went on at the meeting and said that they spoke about many things. He said that they told them that the township supervisors want to be involved in all contract processing. He said that they want the road commission to give them a project estimate and also to bid out in a closed bid process for those jobs. Neubecker said that he and the attorney kept pointing out that these roads are county roads and not township roads and that it is their responsibility to maintain the roads, such as resurfacing, restriping, etc. and that we (the townships) are willing to cost share some of that cost to have it accomplished for the safety of the people. He said that the supervisors also want a specific start and end date written into each contract. Neubecker said that after all it is the townships money that we are spending and not the counties. He said that when we had Starvation Lake Road done, which is a county road, we paid 100% of the cost and that the road commission still charged us for the use of their equipment. Neubecker continued with the presentation. He said that they would probably have several more meetings before anything is finalized.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on the various cases that she is working on. She said that she has 17 closed files plus 3 newly closed files and 29 open cases. She said that she does have a pending court hearing on the property at 571 & State. She also said that she spoke with Gay at the Commission on Aging and said that she is working at setting up a meeting with a teacher that is in charge of a group of students that do community service work. Copy of her report is on file.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda said that they held their meeting on July 21st and that they meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. She also said that they held a special meeting (which was posted) on August 4th. Minutes from both meetings were presented. She said that they are working on a project to improve Sands Park. Brenda said that they sent out 400 surveys, at random, to taxpayers in Coldsprings Township and that they have received about 100 back, which she said is a very good response because that is 25% and they say that most feedback is about 10 to 12%. There was a mixed range of comments. Most of the comments were positive especially about the boat ramp. The top three were to expand the boat ramp area so that there are more parking spaces, put up a pavilion and have running water. Neubecker said that the township board already did vote that after the pavilion goes up, we are going to sink another well. Brenda said that the P & R committee also discussed signage for the park. She said that they were surprised how many people didn't know where the park was or that it even existed. Brenda also said that the committee spoke with two Land Planners and Grant Writers. Pam Stuckman, who is local and lives in Kalkaska County and has

been working as a Land Planner for 27 years and Nathan Elkins who works for Gosling Czubak Engineering, and also has been working for a number of years as a Land Planner. Brenda said that both are equally qualified and both are Landscape Architects. They both have had 100% success rate on the Grant proposals that they have presented this year. She also said that both stated that they would have everything together this fall so that we will qualify for the April Grant Proposal. Brenda said that after much discussion, the committee decided to recommend Pam Stuckman as the Land Planner. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to accept the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Committee and contract with Pam Stuckman to do the Grant Applications, Master Plan (aka as Site Plan) and the Recreation Plan. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. More discussion followed. Copy of the minutes from July 21 and August 4th are on file.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - Report on Kiootee's Bar & Grill was received for the month of July. The report was good. We also received the crime report for the month of July and year to date. The reports showed that there were 18 incidents for July, which brings the year to date total to 143. Copy of the report is on file.

(G) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Nemeth said that the Michigan Association of Counties have just come up with their platform for their recommendations for the summer council and one of the things that they are proposing is that the Board of Commissioners can remove a Road Commission Chair and he assumes that will also include appointed road commissioners and second is that they support changing the term for the Road Commissioners from 6 years to 4 years.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of July. The report showed that there was \$418,204.57 in the various bank accounts, \$10.04 in The Forest Area Federal Credit, \$248,969.76 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

(A) Violations Bureau - Corrado said that our attorney would be sending him an outline and how to set up and utilize the Violations Bureau. He said that we could adopt the proposal with language that we want to put into it that will make it work for our township. Neubecker said that what the Violations Bureau at the township level will enable us to do is that with these ordinance violations that we are dealing with if there are fines involved, these fines will be paid here at the township and the fines will stay in the township. Short discussion followed.

New Business

(A) New Computer for the Treasurer - Lambert said that there have been situations that have come up recently where she needs to do something on the computer and she can't because the computer is not capable of doing it. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to let the treasurer get estimates for a new computer and a color printer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Bills were reviewed. One bill was added, payable to Municipal Underwriters of Michigan in the amount of \$3,851.00 for Insurance coverage for the township for the year 2010-2011. M/Lambert S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented with the one addition. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks # #11660 through #11710 in the amount of \$22,957.87 were approved for payment.

Neubecker read, with much regret, a letter of resignation from Trustee Bondy effective September 1, 2010. Neubecker said that we really appreciate the work that she has done for the township and we will regret greatly losing her but we can also be grateful for the time that we've had to work with her.

Neubecker asked the township clerk to advertise to fill the vacancy.

Public Comments began at 8:21 p.m. ended at 8:24 p.m.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

