

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571-7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 10, 2007

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, and Trustee Bondy. Treasurer Lambert had not arrived yet. Commissioner Nemeth was present and approx. 10 members of the public.

Adoption of the Agenda - Newsletter was added to the agenda. M/Bondy S/Neubecker to adopt the agenda with the one addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of the Minutes - M/Bondy S/Neubecker to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2007 regular board meeting, as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Lambert arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that she has the keys for the shed at the park and had extra ones made up to have on hand. (B) Fireboard - Minutes from the December 5, 2007 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy is on file. (C) Road Commission meeting - No report. (D) Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received from the Sheriff. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Commissioner Nemeth gave an update on the road commission and said that they are still having problems that need to be worked out. He said that John Rogers had resigned as manager and Scott Ellis said that he would rather go back to driving a truck and then he wouldn't have to put up with the politics. Nemeth also gave a status report of the Board of Commissioners Health and Safety Clean lake water committee. He said that he and Dick Courson had met to discuss strategy for study, discussion and implementation of some kind of water front septic and well inspection to determine safety and function at the time of transfer of a residential property on waterfront where this control is implemented. He said that they also discussed who they thought should have representation to make up the committee. There were a number of departments and areas on the list. He said that he would like to ask that the township board be represented and also asked for a representative from the Manistee Lake Association. Nemeth said that

Dick Courson had presented a model ordinance for consideration and that copies of the ordinance will be available from either himself or Dick Courson. He also presented the board with a copy of a well and septic ordinance that they have in Manistee County. Nemeth said that he and Dick Courson made up a list of contacts and will send invitations to a meeting in January. He said that the public is invited to participate. Nemeth also reported on the December 4th EDC meeting, the December 6th TCTALUS meeting and the December 8th Council of Government meeting. He said that he had spoke with Russ LaRue and that LaRue said that the DNR had some concerns about the campground at Pickerel Lake and that the DNR might close it and that there is another campground along the Manistee River that has been closed, and that he would like to see the Kalkaska Parks & Recreation make an effort to take over those two sites. Nemeth said that he welcomes calls, letters or emails from anyone that has any issues or concerns.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation for the month of November. The reported showed that there was \$369,056.20 in the various bank accounts, \$19,328.38 in a Township Improvement Fund account, \$25,042.20 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. She said that she renewed three CD's in November and the rates were from 5.12 to 5.25. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Appoint a Trustee to fill the vacancy on the board until the November 2008 election - Neubecker said that the township had placed notices in the papers asking that anyone interested in filling the vacancy to please send in their resumes. Gerald Gancer, Margo Casto and Dennis Corrado submitted resumes. All three individuals were interviewed. Discussion followed. M/Bondy S/Lambert to appoint Andrew Dennis Corrado to the vacant Trustee position to expire at the November elections in 2008. Short discussion. Hodges said that she thought Gerry or Margo would be good to fill the vacancy. Reason being, Gerry is always here as well as Margo, which is great and they both have a lot of experience within the township, where Dennis is new to the area, which she said is also good to have someone new, but he hasn't lived in the community that long where Gerry and Margo have. She did say that she had a little concern about the conflict between Gerry and the township and so she thought that Margo would be good to fill in for the rest of the term. However, the motion has been made and supported so we'll move on from there. Neubecker asked for a roll call vote. Lambert yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Hodges no. Motion carried. Corrado's appointment is effective at the close of this meeting.

New Business - (A) BOR Training - M/Neubecker S/Bondy to approve the BOR members to attend a training session in February. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Pay BOR members for the December 11th BOR meeting prior to January's board meeting. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to pay the BOR members for the December 11th BOR meeting prior to the January township board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Adopt a Poverty Exemption Resolution - Neubecker said that at one time the State of Michigan

had a suggestion for townships to adopt a Poverty Exemption Resolution for property owners, that would provide exemption from partial to one hundred percent exemption of property taxes for the current tax cycle and that it could be granted by the Board of Review, provided those individuals meet the parameters of the Resolution. He said that this township has never had a resolution. Neubecker said that now the State has specifically stipulated that every township throughout the state will adopt a Poverty Exemption Resolution and that it must be done by January 1st. He said that we have a copy of the Poverty Exemption Resolution from the Michigan Township Association. He said that we would supervise our Poverty Exemption Resolution based on the Federal poverty exemption guidelines. Neubecker then read what the Federal guidelines were and then proceeded to read the resolution. Neubecker offered the Resolution supported by Hodges. Short discussion followed. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Bondy yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. 4 yeas. Supervisor Neubecker declared the resolution adopted. Copy of the Resolution is on file. (D) Newsletter - Neubecker said that the newsletter would be going out sometime in January along with the new stickers for large item pickup. He asked for input of items for the newsletter.

Approval of Bills - Three bills were added to the list of bills. \$98.79 for Staples, \$290.32 for Charter Internet (that is for installation and service since August) and \$731.24 to Great Lakes Energy for the security lights in the township. M/Lambert S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented with the three additions. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks in the amount of \$15,804.55 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Fawcett made a comment about what the township is paying for trash pickup for next year.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

