

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

**DECEMBER 11, 2006
P.M.**

7:00

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. 7 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Cemetery was added under old business. M/Casto S/Bondy to adopt the agenda with the one addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Minutes - M/Paladino S/Casto to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2006 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that she did not have anything to report this month. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the December 6, 2006 Fire Board were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Paladino had nothing to report this month. He will be attending the meeting on December 13th. Hodges said that she would be attending the Public Hearing on December 13th. (D) Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of November. The report showed that there was \$370,677.07 in the various bank accounts, \$100.00 in the petty cash fund, \$153,472.11 in CD's in the Township Improvement Fund and a CD in the amount of \$20,699.59 for the Building Fund. Casto also reported that she has collected 371 taxes within the last two weeks. Neubecker said that next month the board should discuss the amount of taxes that we collect. Short discussion regarding the Headley Amendment. The item will be on next months' agenda. Also ask the assessor to be present. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Cell Tower - Neubecker reported that he did speak with a Bill Maxwell who actually is a broker for cell towers. Maxwell solicits through all of the agencies to see who is projecting to provide what services in what areas and in what time frame as to when and where they are actually looking at to put a tower up. Neubecker said that he gave Maxwell a description of the township property. Neubecker also said that he has not heard anything back from Maxwell as yet and probably won't for at least 60 to 90 days because he is working with all of the companies. Short discussion. (B) Cemetery - Neubecker said that we have discussed the cemetery a couple of times over the past year and one of the things that we discussed was about limiting the number of floral arrangements or any items that would be allowed on each grave. He said that it is becoming very difficult to keep the cemetery in a nicely organized serene setting because of the number of items that are on some of the graves. Neubecker said that he would like to make a formal motion that we modify the sexton's manual to reflect that there are no more than two floral or artificial arrangements on the graves in our cemetery. Casto asked about trees. Neubecker said that we would deal with that separately. Hodges seconded Neubecker's motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion on trees and shrubs. Neubecker said that it might be something that we may want to address in the sexton's manual. No action was taken on that issue, we will put it on the January agenda. We will check around at other cemetery's to see how they handle planting of trees and shrubs.

New Business - (A) Kalkaska Public Schools resolution for summer tax collection - Hodges said that they want to pay \$3.74 per parcel the same as they have in the past. However, postage went up two cents in January 2006 from .37 to .39 and they never reimbursed us for the increase in 2006. Hodges said that we could cross out the \$3.74 put in \$3.76 and the clerk would initial it, the township board could approve the agreement and then send it to Kalkaska Public Schools along with a copy of the minutes. Short discussion followed. Casto said that she would speak with Mary at Kalkaska Public Schools regarding the extra .02 due to the increase in postage for the year 2006. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to approve the agreement for summer tax collection for Kalkaska Public Schools for the year 2007 at the rate of \$3.76 per parcel. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Traverse Area Association of Realtors - Neubecker said that TAAR had a proposal stating that they would like us to interlink with them through the BS&A software program in assessing in helping to bring the members, assessors and treasurers and the participating townships in northern Michigan together. He said that in order to do that we would have to enter into an agreement between the association of realtors and the participating jurisdictions of Kalkaska County. Neubecker said that there is no cost to us. He said that what this does is enables Dave Grimm our assessor is to tie into the realtor market with other assessors, in doing their like assessments for properties to get their assessed values. It will enable the assessor to utilize the sales over the period of 2,3,4 or 5 years to base their assessing values on. Discussion followed. Lou Nemeth said that the county commissioners had some concerns regarding the TARR agreement. Neubecker asked to table the agreement until

January. All in favor.

Approval of Bills - One bill to Intuit for QuickBooks Payroll update in the amount of \$199.00 was added. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented with the one addition. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10335 through #10363 in the amount of \$14,879.13 was issued for payment. No check number was used for the \$199.00 to Intuit, as it will be an Electronic Transfer.

Citizens Comments - Lengthy discussion regarding junk.

M/Casto S/Paladino to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk