

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. County Commissioner Nemeth and five members of the public were also present.

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

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

Approval of Minutes - M/Bondy S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2009 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy asked if the board wants to see about selling some of the trees over at the park because they will be in the way when the construction trucks come in to take down the old restrooms and put up the new ones. Neubecker said that he didn't know if they were straight enough to sell. Short discussion. Hodges said to see if she could find someone to buy them.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the December 2, 2009 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado said that he was not able to attend the road commission meeting this morning due to his work schedule. He said that he did hear that most of their day was spent in closed meetings.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on the junk ordinance violations. She said that at present she has 11 open cases and that no tickets were issued in November. She listed each open case and gave the status on each one. Copy of the report is on file. Commissioner Nemeth had a comment in regards to how many horses, etc. you can have on your property. He said that the county used to be able to control animals but recently because of the new Rights to Farm Act, we can no longer handle this within the county for those townships that are under county zoning. He said that what this means is that instead of directing your complaint to the ordinance you would now direct your complaint to the Department of Agriculture. More discussion followed.

(E) Liquor Enforcement - Hodges said that we received the liquor enforcement report for the month of October for Kiootee's Bar & Grill and it showed that there were no violations. We also received the crime report for the month of October and it showed that there were 26 incidents for the month. Copy of the report is on file.

(F) County Commissioner Nemeth - Commissioner Nemeth updated the board on a number of issues, such as the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 and how it has created two new categories of bonds to provide reduced rate financing and stimulate economic growth in Recovery Zones. He said that the Federal Government through the USDA is going to start issuing the bonds. The bonds are going to be allocated to counties and can be used for municipal issues so that they can start some more jobs. He also had information regarding Michigan Economy including charts. Nemeth presented a document, which outlined a Consulting Project proposing services that will be offered to Kalkaska County and the Kalkaska EDC (Kalkaska) for broadband by Wireless 20/20, LLC. Also discussed were the Septage Facility and the Grand Vision. A copy of all the issues covered is on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of November 2009. The report showed that there was \$338,101.27 in the various bank accounts, \$19,072.95 in the Township Improvement MM Fund, \$160.61 in the S000 Tax Account and \$21,426.22 in the S001 Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. She said that we still have 333 unpaid summer taxes that are now delinquent. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business:

(A) Board of Review members - M/Hodges S/Lambert to pay the Board of Review members prior to the January meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Approve the agreement to collect Summer Taxes for Kalkaska Public Schools -

M/Corrado S/Neubecker to approve the agreement to collect the summer taxes for Kalkaska Public Schools. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills as presented and to add BOR wages upon completion of their duties. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Neubecker yes, Hodges yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11421 through #11447 in the amount of \$19,534.78 were issued for payment.

Public Comment began at 7:55 p.m. Comments regarding the litigation between the township and the road commission, trash pickup, septage and road endings were discussed. Hodges reminded the public that beginning January 4th, we would have a new trash hauler, Area Waste. Pickup will still be on Mondays, however, the time that it is picked up may be different from the time that it has been picked up, so please make sure that the trash is out by 6:30 a.m. It was also mentioned that there would be a meeting at Mancelona Township, December 17th, regarding the Biomass facility that is going to be built in Mancelona. Public comment ended at 8:07 p.m.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

