

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**

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 Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. Approx. 11 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Move item B (Wolverine Power Cooperative) under new business, to come up after approval of the minutes. 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 -

(A) January 10, 2011 regular board meeting. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2011 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) January 19, 2011 Special Meeting for the Five Year Park Plan. M/Neubecker S/Bagnell to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2011 Special Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wolverine Power Cooperative - Adam Helminiak, representing Wolverine Power, gave a presentation on Wolverine Power and also requested the township board to renew their electric service franchise. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to adopt the Ordinance presented to us by Wolverine Power Cooperative in its entirety. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Corrado yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. The Ordinance will be #1 of 2011.

Correspondence was reviewed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell said that right now we have a maintenance person for the cemetery and another one the township hall and the park. He said that he would like to have one maintenance person for everything and possibly include the road endings. Short discussion as to the contract for the road endings.

M/Neubecker S/Bagnell to advertise for a maintenance person to take care of the township hall, cemetery, park and road endings. All in favor. Motion carried. The advertisement will run for two weeks.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the February 2, 2011 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes did show that there were 8 Fire runs and 8 Rescue runs in January. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado reported on this month's road commissioner's meeting. He said that the road commissioner's were upset with their attorney fees because they had budgeted \$11,000.00 and they spent \$22,000.00 on attorney fees. Corrado said that they have stopped all cell phone use by their employees other than management. He said that they don't know how they're going to enforce it, but they made a motion to stop all cell phone use while the employee is working. The Road Commissioners want their road supervisors to report any heavy-duty trucks or logging trucks on the roads so that they can charge them for the damage that they are doing. Corrado said he also does not know how they're going to enforce that. He also said that the RC Board was not aware of any accidents that occur and that now they are going to change that policy also.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy said that everything is really on hold now until the weather breaks. She said that she has been doing a few follow-ups on garbage complaints.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda reported that the Park & Recreation committee held their meeting on January 19, 2011 and that they did adopt the Five Year Park Plan. She said that there were some questions that were addressed and taken care of.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received from the Sheriff's Department on Kiootee's Bar & Grill for the month of December. The crime report was also received and it showed that there were 14 incidents for the month of December and a total number of incidents of 244 for the year.

(G) County Commissioner - Not present.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of January. The report showed that there was \$447,947.53 in the various bank accounts, \$10.06 in FACU savings account, \$10,557.46 in the MCU Building Fund MM account, \$18,375.64 in the MCU Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$79,025.34 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

(A) Tower - Pam Stuckman and Gary John both were present. Pam said that they have done a tremendous amount of research on all of the aspects for putting a tower here on township property, such as, who would go on the tower, what kind of tower it should be, how high it should be and where it should be located. Also, what about all of the permits. Will it need a FCC license, CCC license, which is Canadian Air Space, and FAA license, which is Federal Aviation, plus who would build it, how they would build it and what kind of foundation would it need. And she said that before she puts a report together, she had some questions for the board. She presented the board with a huge amount of information to think about. Lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken at this time and Pam will continue to do more research and put a report together.

**New Business:**

(A) Set a Date & Time for the Budget Hearing - Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to hold the 2011-2012 Budget Hearing, Monday March 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the March regular monthly board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Wolverine Power Cooperative - taken care of earlier in the meeting.

(C) Tire Pickup - Ron Burghardt, owner of Revolution Waste was present and asked if the township would be interested in setting up a program where he would come out to the township hall on a certain given day and the residents would be able to bring their old tires to the township hall and drop them off. He said that there would be a cost involved, to the township, of \$3.00 per tire or he said that we could have a curbside pickup, where the township would choose a day and he would go through the township and pick up the tires and then the charge would be \$4.00 per tire. However, he did say that the cost could also be passed onto the resident. He said that another option would be that the township could choose a day to have a tire cleanup and Burghardt would bring his truck over to the township hall and the residents would be able to bring tires to the site and he would charge the residents the \$3.00 for each tire. That way there would be no expense to the township. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that his opinion is that he does not think that the township is capable of supporting or paying for tires coming in from the woods but on the other hand if he (Ron) wanted to set up a day that he was willing to confirm, Neubecker said that he would put it in the newsletter that will be coming out and is mailed to all of the township property owners, that they could get rid of their old tires they have laying around at a cost of \$3.00 each. Short discussion followed.

(D) Upgrade Quickbooks program to 2011 for the clerk - M/Neubecker S/Lambert to allow the clerk to upgrade the Quickbooks program this time but also anytime it is necessary in the future. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:**

\$910.00 needed to be added to the bills for Pam's Pages for the research that she has done to date for the tower. Bills were reviewed. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills

as presented with the one addition. Checks #11887 through #11915 in the amount of \$28,750.02, one Electronic Transfer for \$926.46 for Federal Withholdings and the one addition of \$910.00 for a total of \$31,586.48 were approved for payment. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Corrado yes, Neubecker yes, Hodges yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

There were none.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk