

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 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 Bondy and Trustee Corrado. Approx. 8 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked to have Board of Review added as item C under new business. M/Bondy S/Corrado 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:

(A) January 11, 2010 Minutes - M/Lambert S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2010 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Special Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010 - M/Lambert S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2010 Special Meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Mately from Area Waste Services - Scott gave an update on the trash pickup and said that they have come a long way since the first week. He said that they made 478 stops this week and that they were done by about 11:30. He said that the frost law will be going into effect and that may add a couple of hours so the pickup may be a little later than usual while the frost law is in effect. He gave the clerk a map that has an approximate time that different areas will be picked up. They do start at 6:30 a.m.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that she had sent in her work request to the Sheriff's Department for the spring cleanup of the cemetery and the township hall.

(B) Fire Board Meeting - Minutes from the February 3, 2010 Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado reported on the Road Commission meeting held this morning. Corrado said that he had asked the commissioners if they had adopted the resolution in regards to the agreement on the contract. The commissioners told Corrado that they already did that at the attorney's office on the 19th. He said that he doesn't know when they would of told us or if they would ever have told us. Corrado said that what that does is if they did vote on it on that date, that would make the 45 days expire on March 5th and would make the draft due February 21st. Neubecker said that he is really frustrated with what information is being passed onto us because we were told at the attorney's office that they would not vote on it until they had the opportunity to do so at an open meeting. Neubecker said that that is what we were told at the attorney's office by the Mediator. Neubecker said that he would contact our attorney immediately. Corrado then went over the Road Commission's cost and billing procedure. He said that everything that the road commission wants to do is back to the same old thing and looks like they want to operate the road commission on township money. Neubecker said that he and Corrado were specifically told by the mediator that the road commission had elected not to call a formal meeting because they would have to post the meeting. They had a majority of the Road Commissioner's board present but they did not call a meeting because it was mediation, so there was no roll call or call to order and when he and Corrado left, the Mediator specifically told them that the Road Commission opted not to accept the resolution, regarding this, until they had the opportunity to do that at a regular open meeting. Neubecker said that if in fact the Road Commission did vote on it at the attorney's office they would have had to call the meeting to order, take minutes and post the meeting 18 hours before the meeting, which means they violated the Open Meetings Act. More discussion followed.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy said that there was not a lot to report, that everything is pretty much on hold until the weather breaks and some of the snow is gone. She did say that she received back a letter of intent from the property owner on 571 and a copy of the letter is in her report and also included in her report is a copy of a complaint form that she is sending on to the Zoning department regarding a zoning violation. Copy of the report is on file.

(E) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received on Kiootee's for the month of December. The crime report was also received. It showed that there were 20 incidents for the month of December. Copy of the report is on file.

(F) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Not present.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for

the month of January. The report showed that there was \$418,012.80 in the various bank accounts, \$19,092.36 in the Township Improvement MM account, \$149,414.60 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business:

(A) Set date and time for the Budget Hearing for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to hold the budget hearing March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Approve Election workers for the February 23rd Kalkaska school election. M/Hodges S/Corrado to approve Pat Callan, Darlene Berkshire, Tess Fell and Mary Hodges to work the February 23rd election. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) Board of Review - Neubecker said that Charles Anderson has resigned from the board of review due to illness. Neubecker asked the members of the public if anyone would be interested in serving on the board of review or if they knew of anyone that might be interested to please contact him.

Approval of Bills - M/Corrado S/Lambert to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Lambert yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11478 through #11507 in the amount of \$64,311.56 were issued for payment.

Public Comments began at 8:15 p.m. Lambert said that she went down to a MTA meeting in Grand Rapids to attend a session on grant writing. She said that it was very informative and that there is a lot more to it than she realized. She said that there are not only State grants but also Federal and even private ones. She said that the information she got was invaluable if you want to even attempt writing grants. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that we could try for a grant from the DNR for the park. More discussion. Public comment ended at 8:25p.m.

Commissioner Nemeth arrived at 8:25 p.m. Neubecker asked Nemeth if he was familiar with the Northern Michigan Broadband Co-operative and asked if Kalkaska County is working with them. Nemeth said no. Neubecker said that he had just received an invitation to a meeting that they are having on February 12th and in the invitation it says that they are dealing with a number of counties in northern lower Michigan, including Kalkaska. Nemeth said that they are probably going to make an application to that affect. He said that they are associated with the EDC to the north of us. Neubecker said that according to the invitation it says that the meeting is an update on the Broadband of the

northern lower third as a result of an AARA award. Neubecker said that if they have already received the award and it includes all of the counties that are listed that means that they have already incorporated Kankaska County. Nemeth said it depends whether it means that it includes the first mile or the last mile and that right now there is no fiber coming across. Nemeth said that Kankaska County is going to start interviewing providers on Wednesday. More discussion.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:46p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

