

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009, 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 and Trustee Corrado. Trustee Bondy was absent. Approx. 8 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked that under committee reports we remove (A) Planning & Maintenance and (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth. Neither Bondy nor Nemeth would be present to give a report. 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 - M/Lambert S/Neubecker to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2009 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - removed from agenda. (B) Fireboard Meeting - Minutes from the February 4, 2009 fireboard meeting were presented. Copies of the minutes are on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Corrado advised the board that we have received a response from the road commission in regards to the \$46,000.00 charged for rental equipment, for the Starvation Lake Road project, that he claims they are charging the township residents, and that it is not appropriate. He said that they have not had an attorney give an opinion instead they gave Corrado a packet to read and that it would show that it justifies them receiving the \$46,000.00. He said that he went through the entire packet page by page and he said that it says that it is Act 51 tax money collected on motor vehicles, motor vehicle fuel, etc., which we all pay for. He said that they couldn't get an attorney at this time to give them a legal opinion. He asked the road commission what their plans were in regards to Starvation Lake Road. He said that they broke their contract with us since they have not finished the project. Jamie told him that they plan to finish it when the weather breaks. Corrado also said that the road commission is going to start charging for brine. He said that it would be on a first come first serve basis and Stuart Rodgers said that the first two times would be free and after that they would charge the townships .14 per gallon for the

brine. Corrado also said that the road commission is trying to figure out a percentage for what they are going to charge the townships for giving a bid for a project. Corrado also said that the final vote for the ORV package comes up for a vote tomorrow and that Commissioner Nemeth felt that the county would pass it. Corrado said that the county will control it for the first year and that 50% of the money that is collected from licensing fees will go to the Sheriff's Department and 50% will go to the Road Commission. Short discussion followed. Neubecker said that he would like to write a letter to Jamie Woodham regarding their response to us regarding the \$46,000.00 for rental equipment. He would also like to write a FOIA request to the road commission asking them to provide us with a copy of the agreement that was made with TransCanada for the road repairs and upgrades in Coldsprings and the amount of monies that was received from TransCanada during the period of the contract. It is not a problem with any of the board members with him writing the letters. (D) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received on Kiootee's Bar and Grill. We also received the crime report for the month of December and from 1/1/08 thru 12/31/08. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - removed from the agenda.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of January 2008. The report showed that there was \$392,976.59 in the various bank accounts \$19,697.74 in a Township Improvement MM account, \$7,406.08 in the S000 Tax Account and \$126,643.43 in S001 Tax Account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Corrado said that he feels that we have made all of the research that we can up to this point to make a decision and now it would be up to the board which way we want to go with it. Short discussion. Neubecker said that he just has to come up with a specific position description, which he said he would do, and we will put it on the agenda for March.

New Business - (A) Amend the Budget - Clerk Hodges pointed out some amendments that needed to be made to the 2008-2009 budget. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to make the amendments to the 2008-2009 budget as recommended by the clerk. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. Bondy absent. Motion carried. Copy of the amended budget is on file. (B) Set date and time for the 2009-2010 Budget Hearing - M/Neubecker S/Lambert to hold the 2009-2010 Budget on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Approve an auditor for the 2008-2009 fiscal year audits - Hodges said that we received a three-year proposal from Tobin & Co. The cost would be \$3,200 for 2009, and \$3,300 for each March 2010 and 2011. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to contract with Tobin & Co. for the next three audit years. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Change phone service to Charter - Hodges said that Charter presented a quote of \$120.20 for both our phone service and Internet service. The contract would be for two years. Discussion followed. M/Neubecker

S/Lambert to authorize the clerk to contract with Charter for the phone and Internet bundle. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) Approve summer tax collection for Mancelona School District at \$3.87 per parcel - M/Neubecker S/Hodges to approve the agreement to collect 2009 summer taxes for Mancelona School District at \$3.87 per parcel. All in favor. Motion carried. (F) Approve Election workers for the February 24th Kalkaska School election - M/Hodges S/Neubecker to approve Pat Callan, Darlene Berkshire, Margaret Grockau and Pam Burns to work as election inspectors for the February 24th election. All in favor. Motion carried. (G) Pay BOR members and Elections workers prior to the March meeting - M/Neubecker S/Lambert to pay the BOR members for attending the MTA workshop and pay Election inspectors for the February 24th election prior to the March meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. (H) Approve service agreement for the copy machine - M/Neubecker S/Lambert to enter into a service agreement for another year for the copy machine at a cost of \$375.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Clerk Hodges said that we need to add \$104.52 to the bills for Staples. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills with the one addition. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Lambert yes. Bondy absent. Motion carried. Checks #11138 through #11160 in the amount of \$66,223.70 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments were received.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk