

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

**February 9, 2004
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. 6 guests were also present.

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

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda - Treasurer Casto stated that she may have a conflict of interest with item B (land split) under old business and will refrain from discussion or vote regarding the land split in Maple Valley Subdivision. No other conflicts of interest were noted.

Approval of the minutes - M/Bondy S/Casto to approve the minutes as presented from the January 12, 2004 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Southworth presented the monthly activity for the month of January 2004. Copy on file. In the report it showed that Deputy Southworth had served papers a total of 11 times after 22 attempts. Neubecker questioned Southworth and Southworth said that he served the papers on behalf of the court. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that he is going to speak with the Undersheriff regarding Southworth serving papers. There also was a lengthy discussion regarding a number of break-ins at Manistee Lake.

Correspondence was reviewed. The agreement from the Kalkaska Public Schools for collecting summer taxes was received. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the agreement for summer tax collections in the amount of \$3.74 per parcel from Kalkaska Public Schools. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that she had contacted Christie at the Sheriff's office regarding the work crew and that she had mailed in the

request for the spring clean up at the park and the cemetery. Bondy is still looking for someone to re-do or make a new sign for the park. Neubecker said that the sign we now have at the park does not conform to the County Ordinance, therefore we cannot refurbish the present sign unless we apply for a variance, which now costs \$400.00. The other option is to have a new sign made up that does conform to the county ordinance. Discussion followed. Neubecker will get back with Bondy as to the size of sign that we need to have that will conform to the county ordinance. Fire Board - Minutes from the February 4th Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy attached. Liquor Enforcement - Reports for Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop & Shop were both good. The crime report for the month of January was also received. Copy on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of January. The report showed that there was \$292,786.29 in the various bank accounts, an \$89,288.93 beginning balance in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. Copy of the report is on file. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Newsletter - Neubecker said that we sent out 1687 newsletters, which included the 2004 stickers for large trash items, and he said that there has been a lot of positive feedback. In fact some thought that it would be nice to possibly have a couple of newsletters a year. Hodges said that would have to depend on what is going on within the township and whether or not it would be worth it, especially with what it costs for the newsletter. Bondy suggested that in the next newsletter we mention just what it does cost for the printing and postage. Neubecker said that one thing he did forgot to mention in the newsletter was that the road ending Lakeview Ave. (lake side) is in fact not a public road ending. (B) Land Split - Sally Bell-Mathias acting as agent for John and Therese Ronan has requested a split of the parcel that is currently at 7121 NE Maple Valley Circle Rd NE, parcel #40-005-021-001-53. Neubecker explained that it is a piece of property that is in a platted sub-division, and the reason it has to come before the board is that under the State Land Division Act, the township board must approve anything that is in a platted sub-division. It had previously been OK'd and approved by Dave Grimm, the township assessor. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to approve the requested split as reviewed by the assessor and parcel #40-005-021-001-53 to create lots 53A and lot 53B in Maple Valley Estates. 4 years, Casto abstained. Motion carried. Casto asked to make one correction as to the name. It should be Maple Valley Property Owners Association and not Maple Valley Estates.

New Business - (A) Pay BOR members for attending BOR training class plus mileage prior to the next board meeting. M/Casto S/Hodges to reimburse the BOR members for attending the BOR training class in Grayling plus mileage. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Set time for Budget Hearing - M/Paladino S/Casto to hold the Budget Hearing on March 8, 2004 at 6:15

p.m. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Punch & Judy Special Assessment - Hodges said that P&J should have their assessment for snow plowing increased and the only way that that can be done is to hold a public hearing. She said that the township had to transfer \$108.25 from the General Fund to the P&J account in order to pay the bill received from McCullen Excavating for snow plowing. Since there is some money still due from taxes the township will have to be reimbursed for the \$108.25 that was transferred before any other bills for snow plowing can be paid. The township cannot spend public funds for private roads. She also said that they probably would not have enough money in their account to pay future bills if the winter continues as it has. Increase their special assessment is the only thing that can be done. Neubecker said that we possibly should look at holding a public hearing in May. Hodges will contact the assessor and the attorney. No other action was taken at this time.

Approval of Bills - Hodges said that check #9260 made out to Top Notch Cleaning Services should be voided. They were not able to clean the hall this month. In regards to the bill for McCullen Excavating for snow plowing at the township hall, road endings and Sands Park, Neubecker wanted to remind Kathy McCullen that at the beginning of the season we said that they would only have to plow the parking lot at Sands Park until they couldn't plow anymore. That they were not to move the banks in order to plow. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to issue checks #9250 through #9274 in the amount of \$38,402.88 and void check #9260. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Paladino asked what happened regarding the telephone retainer fee charged by the attorneys. Neubecker found in the minutes where the fee was to be removed when we do our next budget.

M/Casto S/Paladino to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk