

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

Clerk Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. Supervisor Neubecker was absent. County Commissioner Stuart McKinnon and approx. 6 members of the public were also present.

With the absence of Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges appointed Trustee Corrado to moderate the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Corrado 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/Lambert S/Bagnell to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2010 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Mately from Area Waste was present to report to the board on the trash pickup in the township. Scott said that they have not had any problems. He said that they have two trucks picking up and that they are done with the township around 10:30. He did say that in the summer time it takes a little longer. Scott also said that this week they made about 375 to 400 stops where the week before they made around 675 stops, however that was New Year's weekend. He did say that he figured that out by the tonnage and not actual stops that they picked up so that number may be a little high.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell said that nothing is going on at the park and had nothing to report.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the January 5, 2011 Fireboard meeting were presented. The report showed that they had 3 fire runs and 8 rescue runs for the month of December. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Corrado said that he attended this morning's

meeting. He reported that the Commissioner's appointed Lou Walters to the Road Commission and that there is still one vacancy left to fill. He said that the way he understands it, is that they will be appointing someone to fill that position by next month. Commissioner McKinnon did say that they advertised for more applicants. Corrado also said that the Commissioners appointed someone to be the liaison between the County Commissioners and the Road Commission. He said that it was a lengthy meeting but that it was mostly an organizational type meeting although some other issues were discussed.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy said that she did not have too much to report. She said that she did want to thank Scott from Area Waste because he has been an enormous help to her in getting a lot of areas cleaned up. She said that she does have a problem on Cunningham Road and she will be sending out a letter to two different residents reminding them of the policies of what garbage that they can put out and how it is to be put out. She also said that they are having a parking issue on the road ending at the end of Ford Road. She said that it is posted "No Parking within 25 ft. of the water point". She said that at one point the Fire Truck was not able to get the fire truck down to the fire hydrant and that she did end up issuing a citation to a car that was parked illegally.

(E) Park & Recreation - Brenda presented the board with the minutes from the December 15, 2010 P & R meeting. Copy is on file. Brenda reported that the directional signs to Sands Park have been put up on 571 and also 612. She said that the issue with Sands Park and our survey is still at legal counsel with the township attorney and she is just waiting to hear back from him as to the Title search. She also said that the five-year plan is up for approval at their next P&R meeting on January 19th and then it will be given to the township board for approval. Corrado thought that maybe we should wait until we hear back from our attorney regarding the survey before we move forward with the park plan. Brenda said that the survey doesn't affect what we do with the park because of the park itself. She said that we just want to clarify the legal issue so that there won't be any legal issues for future township boards or owners of the property. Short discussion followed. Brenda said that as long as we maintain the park, as a park, there won't be a problem and that we are not doing anything to either end of the park, which is where there is a question.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - Nothing to report

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of December 2010. The report showed that there was \$368,528.13 in the various bank accounts. \$10.06 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$10,557.46 in the MCU Building Fund MM account, \$18,375.64 in the MCU Township Improvement MM account, \$295,898.52 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund.

Old Business:

(A) Rapid River Fire Contract - The Coldsprings-Excelsior Fireboard approved the contract for 2010, as did the other two townships. The fireboard is looking at re-writing the contract for 2011. M/Corrado S/Hodges to approve the Rapid River Fire Contract as presented for 2010. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Corrado yes, Hodges yes and Bagnell yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried.

New Business:

Approve the Board of Review Members for years 2011 and 2012 - M/Lambert S/Hodges to appoint Earl Hansen, Richard Paternoster and Gerald Gancer as the Board of Review members for the years 2011 and 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

Hodges said that \$81.77 to Great lakes Energy had to be added to the bills. All bills were reviewed. M/Bagnell S/Lambert to approve the bills as presented with the one addition. Checks #11863 through #11885 in the amount of \$76,162.79, one Electronic Transfer for \$915.45 for Federal Withholdings and the one addition of \$81.77 to Great Lakes Energy were approved for payment. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Bagnell yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Public comments began at 7:22 P.M.

Chuck Vernon asked if the board would discuss putting something down at the boat launch for people to contribute to help with the boat launch. Corrado said that maybe that is something that they could discuss at the Park & Recreation meeting.

Gerry Gancer had concerns that if the Park Plan does go through that it would mean more boat traffic on the lake which would mean a possibility of more Milfoil, Mussels, etc coming into the lake. He said that it has been a big problem in the past and it's not going to go away. He said that he would like to see some discussion about the problem that very well may be introduced into the lake.

Commissioner McKinnon spoke about the 2011 Budget for Kalkaska County. He said that the old board, in order to balance the budget, used 48% of their reserve money. He spoke about the changes that the new board made. He asked the people present if they would whether see an increase in revenues by increasing various fees that the county charges for services, such as permits, etc. or make more cuts in expenditures. Lengthy discussion followed.

Public comment ended at 7:55 p.m.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk