

Corrected Minutes

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

JANUARY 8, 2007

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 Casto, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 9 guests were also present including the County Commissioner for our district, Lou Nemeth.

Adoption of the Agenda - Supervisor Neubecker asked that two deletions to the agenda be made. Under old business item (A) TARR. Neubecker said that he has not gotten back with Dave Grimm to get more information on the subject. And under new business item (B) Discuss the amount of taxes that we collect. He said that he has not been able to get hold of Dave Grimm regarding the amount of taxes that we collect. M/Casto S/Paladino to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Establish any conflict of interest of items on the agenda. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes - M/Bondy S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2006 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that she will be contacting the Work Crew Leader to put in her request for any work that has to be done around the township this spring. Bondy asked for suggestions from the board. Bondy also said that there is a lot of cleanup work that needs to be done at the park this year. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the January 3^d Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commission meeting - Trustee Paladino reported on the December 13th Road Commission meeting. Paladino said that the road commission had an audit done back in October but said that they still do not have the results from the audit back yet. He also said that it was brought up

in November about stop signs and trying to do something more about 571 to Twin Lake Road when the State starts the 131 project but nothing was approved. Paladino said that John Rogers, the road commission manager, said that he didn't want to see anything get implemented on 571 right now especially with snow plowing because he feels that it might put a hindrance on the drivers having to do extra stopping, plus they're not sure who would assume the liability. He also said that the road commission does not have a designated start date as the State of Michigan does for the 131 project. Paladino said that Rogers did assure the people and the board that he would try to work in the best interest for safety for the 571 and Twin Lake Road area as far as what he could do like putting stop signs in or getting traffic to slow down. He also reported that for the Plum Valley Road and Ingersoll Road projects, the road commission wouldn't have any more funds available until 2009. Neubecker asked if that meant that Starvation Lake Road isn't even going to be in their budget. Paladino said that it sounded like they're going to lean on the townships more, whether it be a millage or monies coming from their own budget to help cover more of the cost for county road projects within their own township. Paladino then started to speak about the public hearing that the road commission had about money that was supposed to be available from the State of Michigan. He said that the way it was written up in the paper, the townships thought that the money was available for concerns or projects within the townships whether it is on a cost share basis or whatever. Paladino said that as it turned out the money was only allocated for equipment and the only one that was allocated money was the Public Transit and that was for equipment and additional cameras for their buses. Hodges said that the public hearing was a waste of time. Paladino agreed. He said that he did not think that it was properly addressed. He said that a lot of people were very discouraged. Hodges said that she thought that the road commission was going to take each township and ask what their needs were and she was already to bring up Starvation Lake Rd. She said that the hearing was poorly put together. There was a short discussion regarding road commissioners being appointed or elected and increasing the number of road commissioners.

(D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports for the months of November & December for Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop & Shop were received. Both reports were good. Crime reports for November & December were also received. All reports are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of December. The report showed that there was \$550,343.01 in the various bank accounts. Of that amount, \$161,064.79 belongs to the tax account. It also showed that there was \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Hodges asked Casto if she could list the Tax Account separately like she used to. Hodges said that when someone looks at the report as it is, they might think that the township has the whole \$550,343.01 as spendable monies and that is not the case. The tax account belongs to various entities that came from collecting taxes and the tax account is definitely a separate account. Casto said that she would list the tax account separately.

Casto also mentioned that she heard from other treasurers in Antrim County that the Mancelona School District was only offering \$2.95 per parcel for collecting the summer school taxes. The board said that that is not acceptable. Casto said that she hasn't heard anything from Mancelona School District since before Christmas. She has not received a figure or has she received the resolution from the school district itself so far. Short discussion followed.

Old Business - (A) Deleted (B) Cell Tower - Neubecker said that as of last week the gentleman that is working as a contract agent has not heard back from any of the companies that he is working with. Neubecker also said that we received an e-mail from COLI stating that Wireless Broadband is now available in the Mancelona area. (C) Cemetery - Hodges said that she has not had a chance to contact other cemeteries as to their rules and regulations for planting of trees and shrubs. She said that she would try for next month. Discussion followed.

New Business - (A) New computer for the assessor. Hodges said that the computer that the assessor uses quit working. Grimm took it in to get it fixed but they told him that it was the motherboard and that it would cost more to fix it than it would be to buy a new one. Short discussion. Neubecker said to have Grimm get two prices for a computer and present it to the board. (B) Deleted

Hodges asked to have amendments to the budget added to the agenda. M/Neubecker S/Casto to add Amendments to the Budget to the agenda as item (C) under new business. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board was given a copy of the Budget vs. Actual. Hodges recommended 8 amendments to the budget. M/Neubecker S/Casto to accept the amendments as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the amended budget is on file.

Approval of bills - Two bills that were just received today were added to the list of bills. #1 was for Great Lakes Energy for \$79.74 and #2 was for McCullen Excavating for snowplowing Punch & Judy in the amount of \$192.00. Check #10375 for \$50.00 made out to Top Notch Cleaning Service was voided. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented with the two additions and one void. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10365 through #10392 in the amount of \$40,117.75 were issued for payment. Check #10375 in the amount of \$50.00 was voided.

Citizens Comments - County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was present to give an update on the County Commissioners meeting. He said that they had their first commissioners meeting last week and that was just for organization and that at tomorrow's meeting the committee

assignments will be made. He said that also at tomorrow's meeting on the agenda will be a discussion about the February 27th election and he wanted to know if the township wanted to pay for the election. Everyone said no. Motion was made by Casto and supported by Neubecker that Coldsprings Township does not want to pay for the February 27th election. All in favor. Motion carried. Gerry Gancer said that the previous Board of County Commissioners voted to hold the election in February and that he personally asked that the county pay for the election since there was a mistake allegedly made by a county employee. There was also some discussion about snowplowing by the county and trash.

M/Paladino S/Casto to adjourn (added at February 12, 2007 regular board meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

