

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012, 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. Approx. 8 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker removed item F, County Commissioner under committee reports (Commissioner not present), added Cunningham Road property as item A under old business and corrected item A under new business to read Amend the Budget. 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/Corrado to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2011 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell had nothing to report but did say that Brenda was having trouble with her computer and staying connected to the internet and that he can take a look at it before we call someone in.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the January 4, 2012 fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes show that there were 7 fire runs and 21 rescue runs for the month of December. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Neubecker said that he received a note from the road commission informing the townships that the Road Commission does not do any maintenance work on seasonal roads so do not call them and ask them to. Trustee Corrado reported on the latest Road Commission meeting. Some of the issues he reported on were that the road commission discussed MCL224.21 Safe Roads and MCL691.1402 where if anyone injures themselves (for example on those roads that we have declared

unsafe) the road commission realizes, from this communication, that they are liable 100%. Neubecker asked if this was a recent court finding. Corrado said yes that it was just published last month. He said that another thing was that there was new language in bills MCL41.181 and MCL257.726 prohibiting or limiting truck traffic on any road within the jurisdiction of the township, which the townships now have the authority to control truck traffic as long as it wasn't a state funded road such as County Road 612 (because state funding was used for that road), and also that the county would be responsible to put signs up as to the traffic, weight of the truck, etc. Corrado also said that representatives from Reith Reilly were at the meeting and he asked them why they had to cut up sections of 612 just recently after they just put the new road in. They told him that is not the only place they are having a problem and they are trying to figure out the problem and they think the problem may be in their mix. He also reported that the road commission have hired two part time drivers to work the 4-12 shift at \$18.00 per hour with no benefits and that will continue until spring. He said that will be a yearly thing, so that when the weather gets bad they will have an afternoon shift.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - No report

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda reported that we received a letter from the DNR regarding the MNRTF Grant that we applied for and that the DNR had recommended Coldsprings Township to receive the funding for that grant and they are now just waiting for the Legislature to approve it. She said that we did get the final letter from the DNR for the Passport Grant along with the Project Agreement, which shows what we have to do next. First thing is we have to hire an engineer/landscape architect, which she said that she has just placed the ad in the paper for this week. The Park & Recreation committee will narrow the applicants down to a few and then the township board will call a special meeting in order to interview the applicants. She also talked about updating the park plan from the initial plan such as adding lighting, a bike rack and a few other things. Discussion followed. Using the Passport Grant that we just received, by the end of the year we will have the well & pump in, the restroom in down by the boat launch and some playground equipment. With the bigger grant that we have been recommended for but have not yet received, will be used to put in the other two restrooms up in the main part of the park and the pavilion plus other items that were in the plan. More discussion. She said she is still waiting to hear back from Attorney Mike Edwards regarding the title search & encroachment issue at the park. Brenda said that the committee is also still waiting to hear on some other grants that they applied for.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Lambert presented the reconciliation report for the month of December. The report showed that there was \$347,508.95 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$10,603.68 in the Building Fund MM account at Members Credit Union, \$18,456.10 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account at Members Credit union, \$189,175.93 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. Lambert also presented the quarterly CD report. The report showed one CD for the Building Fund in the amount of \$54,224.60 and two CD's totaling \$314,548.88 for the

Township Improvement Fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

(A) Cunningham Road property - Hodges said that we received an offer of \$550.00 for the property on Cunningham Road. Neubecker said that the board made a motion some time ago not to advertise the property for less than \$1,000.00. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado not to accept the offer of \$550.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

(A) Amend the Budget - Hodges said that an additional \$1,600.00 was added to Income due to Refunds/Reimbursements and Interest. Under Expenses amendments were made to Township Board, Election Board, Assessor, Park and P&J Special Assessment. Cost Centers totals remained unchanged. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to make the adjustments to the budget as proposed. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the amended budget is on file.

**Approval of Bills:**

Bills were reviewed. One bill for Great Lakes Energy in the amount of \$93.30 was added. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills with the one addition for a total of \$33,022.48. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Corrado yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Began at 7:59 p.m.

Concern as to why it takes the attorney so long to return phone calls from the township.

Karl Williamson questioned the Private Road Ordinance that the township has. He asked if Neubecker would be willing to go over the Ordinance with him after the meeting. Neubecker agreed.

Public comments ended at 8:11 p.m.

M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk