

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

JULY 12, 2004

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. 6 other guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Security Lights and Dean Street were added to the agenda under Old Business. M/Neubecker S/Casto to adopt the agenda with the two additions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Establish Any Conflict of Interest of items that are on the agenda. None were presented.

Approve the minutes from the June 14, 2004 regular board meeting - M/Paladino S/Casto to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed - 2004 Land Use Legislation Program was included in the correspondence. Supervisor Neubecker said that he would like to attend the seminar. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to add Land Use Legislation Program as item C under New Business. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy received two quotes for a new sign at the park. (1) \$650.00 from Pro Image Design and (2) \$475.00 from First Impressions Sportswear. M/Paladino S/Casto to accept the quote of \$475.00 from First Impressions Sportswear. All in favor. Motion carried. Bondy asked if the township could put a sign out in front of the township hall near the road pointing where to vote on election days. Hodges said that she had some signs and will have Larry make a board to put the signs on. Bondy said that Janet Goulet would like a copy of the guidelines for setting up a Special Assessment. Neubecker said that he would see that she gets a copy. Item (A) under P&M was about a new tractor. The tractor the township has is 23 years old. Larry has had a lot of problems with it for quite some time. Neubecker asked Larry to get a couple of quotes for a new tractor and bring them to the next meeting. Item (B) the sedum in the cemetery - Larry

said that he is working on it. He has found a weed killer that seems to be working. Short discussion followed. Fire Board - Minutes from the July 7, 2004 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy attached. Neubecker said that what the fireboard would be proposing to Coldsprings and Excelsior townships would be a Fire and Rescue Reimbursement Ordinance. He said that basically what the ordinance states is that for those persons who are insured is that there will be a fee scale for fire runs, rescue runs, personal injury accidents, false alarms and etc. It's intention is that the insurance industry has set up, for example for fire, that if a person has homeowners insurance they have a fund set aside of \$500.00 for insurance claims to reimburse fire and rescue units. However, most of the time the money goes back into the fund because the municipalities fail to bill the insurance companies. So what the fireboard is trying to do is capture some of the revenues and bring it back into the fire department. It is also the intention of the fireboard not to bill anyone who does not have insurance. Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report as of June 30, 2004. The report showed that there was \$276,788.52 in the various bank accounts plus \$592.38 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. Copy of the report is attached. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Retaining different attorney - Lengthy discussion. M/Paladino S/Hodges to contact Michael Edwards and enact a retainer agreement with Michael Edwards of Plunkett & Cooney Law Firm in Gaylord. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker will contact Edwards and let him know what the board has discussed. Hodges will send a letter requesting a retainer agreement. (B) New Zoning Maps - After a lengthy discussion M/Neubecker S/Paladino to have the supervisor send a letter to the Planning Commission accepting their recommendations on behalf of Coldsprings Township and adding the recommendation of Section 14 and 15 be reclassified from Resort Residential to Forest Recreation. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Septic Ordinance - Neubecker said that the Manistee Lake Association would like the Coldsprings Township Board be made aware of the fact that the Manistee Lake Association are in favor of getting an ordinance passed regarding septic. Questions and comments on a septic system ordinance were heard. No action was taken. There will be more discussion at the August board meeting. (D) Update on the well system at the township hall - Hodges said that Torch Plumbing chlorinated the well and let it sit for approx. 36 hours without it being used then flushed it out. She said that they gave it a real shock treatment and that it seems to have really helped. The water is much clearer at least for now. We'll have to wait and see. (E) Security Lights - In answer to Bondy's question from last month, Hodges said that Great Lakes Energy bills the township quarterly for the security lights and once a year for the township hall except for the monthly service charge for service. They have been billing the township monthly for the two new lights that the township had put up last year however, they

will be included in the quarterly billings. The reason for the different costs for the lights is because some lights are on just one pole and some are on 2 poles and some are more wattage than others. They were billing the township for the two new lights on a monthly basis however after this month they will be included in the quarterly billing. (F) Dean Street - Neubecker received a quote of \$875.00 from McCullen Excavating for gravel for Dean Street. Hodges suggested that we get another quote. Neubecker wanted to know if the board wanted to move forward with upgrading Dean St. Everyone was in agreement. Neubecker will get another quote.

New Business - (A) Approve the Clerk becoming a notary public. Cost \$87.00. M/Neubecker S/Bondy that the clerk be authorized to make application and pay the costs for the clerk to become a notary public in the amount of \$87.00. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Quality Thyme Garden Club - Hodges said that Mary Walker asked her if the garden club could use the township hall for their once a month meetings with the exception of January and February. Neubecker said that some years back the subject came up and because of a cleaning factor and also after talking with our insurance agent there would be an insurance liability issue. This is not a rental facility. M/Neubecker S/Casto to reaffirm his understanding that this building is not rented out to any private organization. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Land Use Legislation Program - M/Casto S/Hodges that the Supervisor be approved to attend the Land Use Legislation Program put on by MSU Extension in Gaylord and to pay the cost of \$32.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,162.48 and issue checks #9393 thru #9432 for payment. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Bob Stein from Manistee Lake Association and who is also on the committee for water quality was present and wanted to make the board aware that the association supports a septic ordinance 100% and also said that the association, on a long term basis, is looking to see what it takes to have a sewer system put in around Manistee Lake to help control the quality of water in the lake. He said that they are just starting to investigate to see what it takes and would like the board to give their approval or disapproval or comments on the sewer system. No one on the board had a problem with their endeavors of looking into a sewer system around Manistee Lake at this time. Short discussion followed.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk