

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571-7:00 P.M.

JULY 14, 2008

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 Bondy and Trustee Corrado. Supervisor Neubecker was absent. County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was present and approx. 13 members of the public.

When the Supervisor is absent it is the duty of the Clerk to chair the meeting or appoint someone. Clerk Hodges appointed Trustee Corrado to chair the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda - Representative to speak on behalf of Dave Israel was added to the agenda. M/Bondy S/Lambert to adopt the agenda with the one addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of the Minutes - M/Lambert S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2008 regular board meeting, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sonja Dunham was present to introduce herself as a candidate running for County Clerk.

Jane Babrick was present to speak on behalf of Dave Israel who is a candidate running for Kalkaska County Sheriff.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the Sheriff's Department never did finish up at Sands Park so she told Chuck to go ahead and paint the fence. She also reported that a number of the posts at Sands Park have been broken and knocked down and asked if the board wanted to replace them. Short discussion. We will not replace the posts. Hodges said that she has had some inquires as to why the township does not put up a dock at the boat ramp. Bondy said that she also has been asked the same question. Hodges said that it seems that the board has discussed the issue in the past and thought that it had something to do with liability insurance. Short discussion followed. Corrado said that maybe we could take a look at the legalities and do a feasibility study to see what it would cost. The board decided to put it on next

month's agenda. Hodges said that the Girl Scouts had been over to the park and raked up leaves and pinecones for a total of 10 large leaf bags. (B) Fireboard - Minutes from the July 2nd Fireboard meeting were presented. Copies of the minutes are on file. (C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Corrado said that he attended their meeting this morning and it appears that Coldsprings Township will not be involved in any road repairs or road funding this year. He said that they (the county) have several projects that they are working on right now and he said that after talking with them today and previously, nothing that we have submitted for consideration will be considered this year. He said also that the road commissioners have implemented an 8-1/2% increase for administrative fee on top of any contractual bid that is accepted. He said that for example, if we submitted a bid for roadwork and it was \$300,000.00, we would have to add 8-1/2% on top of that for their administrative fee. Corrado said that several townships that the road commission has added the increase on to already are asking for refunds. He said that he was told that the 8-1/2% was voted in and that he has asked for a copy of where and when it was voted in. He said that as far as he is concerned Coldsprings Township or any other township, should not have to support their administrative fees, he said that that is part of their operating budget. Corrado said that the 571/612 project was to have started tomorrow, however, they failed to sign a contract to have that done and the elements of the contract were not in the contract that was submitted to them. What they had was a contract which was open end so that kind of left it open to the contractor, it did not specify how much of the roadwork would be done and it also did not specify the thickness of the application. So the necessary elements to put the contract together were not in place and it is his understanding that they are going to go back now and try to redefine the contract and hopefully call a special meeting and see if they can get that project done before summer is over. He said that nothing has changed at the road commission, it is still the same and unfortunately we are not going to get any benefit this season, as it stands right now. He also reported that Bill Campbell has resigned from the road commission. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Hodges said that we received reports on both of the liquor establishments in the township. Both reports were good. She also had the crime report for the month of June and it showed that there were 37 incidents for the month. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Nemeth updated us on a number of issues. One was the appointing vs. electing of road commissioners, which was actually done by the previous board of commissioners. More discussion on the road commission. He also mentioned that every month the commissioners takes \$17,000 to \$20,000 out of the General Fund and gives it to the Kaliseum for operations. He said that the commissioners, either this month or next month, might discuss asking for a 1/4 mill for operations for the Kaliseum. He also mentioned the Court Lawsuit, which they have been involved in for a few years, and the Grand Vision. Nemeth also presented the board with a copy of the Kalkaska County Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Sheriff Artress was present to discuss his candidacy for re-election as Kalkaska County Sheriff.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of June. The report showed that there was \$389,225.96 in the various bank accounts, \$19,536.94 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$10.00 in Forest Area Credit Union, \$103.32 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. It also showed that there was \$355,120.08 in CD's for the Building Fund and Township Improvement Fund. M/Bondy S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None (Trustee Corrado did present the board a copy of the duties for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer which will be discussed at the August board meeting).

New Business - (A) Increase mileage from .50 to .58 per mile effective July 14, 2008 - Hodges said that the Federal rate for mileage is now at .58 per mile. The township is paying .50 per mile. M/Hodges S/Bondy to increase the mileage rate to .58 per mile effective July 14, 2008. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes and Hodges yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried. (B) Appoint Election workers for the August 5, 2008 Primary election - M/Hodges S/Corrado to appoint Pat Callan, Darlene Berkshire, Tess Fell, Pamela Burns, Margaret Grockau, Doris Gwisdale, Joan Nikischer, Judy Newkirk and Rosemary Rodgers to work the August 5th election. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Bondy S/Lambert to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Bondy yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried. Checks #10936 through #10963 in the amount of \$32,689.86 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Gancer thanked Corrado for all that he did in getting the junk cleaned up at 571/612. Bob Stein is concerned about the water skiing and asked about an ordinance. Hodges said that we already have an ordinance. Stein said that people are not abiding by the rules. Sheriff Artress will have someone from the Marine Division check it out. Don Smith had a concern about the speed on Twin Lake Road and how fast the trucks go.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

