

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

JULY 9, 2007

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 Bondy and Trustee Paladino. County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was present and approx. 5 other guests.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Paladino S/Bondy 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/Bondy S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2007 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed - Neubecker received a memo, from Tom Reichard at the District Health Department #10, stating that they are starting to hold public hearings for the proposed sanitary code for District Health Department #10. Neubecker said that the code is on the Website that they have and that he has their Website address if anyone is interested. He said that the schedule of hearings for 2007 include all the counties except Kalkaska. Kalkaska is not scheduled, as yet.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that as of last week, it didn't look like any of the leaves were gone from the park but then last Saturday she said that she checked again and it did look like some of them were gone. Neubecker said to check again because now they are all gone. He said that Dream Lakes Services hauled twelve trailer loads out of the park. Bondy said that the dive team put the buoys in at Manistee Lake. She also said that the team that put the buoys in did not know anything about needing a permit for the buoys. They told her that they put buoys in lakes all around including Torch lake and that they have never heard anything about needing a permit but that they would try to find out and get back with her, but so far she hasn't heard anything. Bondy said that she contacted the DNR and they did send her a form for buoys but they also told Bondy that they weren't sure whether we needed one or not. Short discussion followed. Bondy also said that the park was very busy over the 4th. (B) Fireboard - The fireboard meeting was postponed until July 11th because of the holiday. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Paladino gave an overview of the road commissioners meeting that he attended this morning. He said that Blue Lake Township made a comment that their township does have a road millage in effect and

asked when possibly might Gedman Road and Twin Lake Road get done. The road commission told them that the best that they are looking at is 2008 or 2009 and that Twin Lake Road would get done first. The road commission said that they just do not have the funds to match anyone else's funds. Even if the townships were to pay 100% they said that they would have to divvy up their work without showing favoritism to any part of the county. Paladino said that the road commission approved their minutes then approved their payroll. He said that they pay the bills that they have to, to keep up with their contracts. He said that they are caught up to within \$39,000 and \$40,000 right now. They feel that they are making headway due to some of the cuts that they have made. Paladino said that they did have a vote and made a decision that beginning in 2008, they are going to start having an 8 1/2% administration fee for any and all new road contract projects. They said that that is what the State would allow them to receipt for administration for handling all of the work. Paladino said that there were no Union complaints. He said that he has a copy of their work schedule for the month and that they are just working the four days a week and are being very attentive to the money that they spend. Paladino said that the road commission said that all that they have to offer in the future for road projects is man-hours. Short discussion followed. Neubecker asked permission to prepare a letter and send it to the road commission, asking them to start the preliminaries for Starvation Lake Road. Everyone agreed. (D) Liquor Enforcement - No liquor reports were received. The crime report for the month of June was received. It showed that there were 30 incidents for the month.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of June. The report showed that there was \$397,349.35 in the various bank accounts, \$348.26 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Cell Tower - Hodges said that she spoke with Mr. Meredith and he said that he has submitted our request for a cell tower, however he also said that it would be a few months before he hears anything. Hodges did say that it sounded promising and hopes that she's not disappointed. (B) Property behind the cemetery - Hodges said that the owner accepted the township's offer of \$20,000.00 for the ten acres and that we would probably close the end of this week. (C) Roof - Nothing new to report on the roof at the township hall. Paladino said that he would get hold of Brian again. (D) Cemetery Rules and Regulations - The board was sent a copy of the revised Rules & Regulations for the cemetery prior to the meeting to review. Discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to approve the new Cemetery Rules and Regulations effective July 9, 2007 and place them to print so that they are available to members of the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Bondy asked about still putting signs on the garage next to the water spigot and at the entrances to the cemetery, about the containers of flowers that are allowed. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Paladino that Bondy be allowed to pursue the purchase of two signs, one to be placed on the garage next to the water spigot and the other at the entrance of the cemetery, that describe our new approved rules & regulations regarding cemetery decorations. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Neubecker said that he spoke with Phyllis Senske, Supervisor for Rapid River Township, about the Nuisance Ordinance Officer that

they have in Rapid River Township. She told Neubecker that the township is paying that individual \$18.00 an hour plus mileage for nuisance enforcement. However, that person is not willing to take on any more responsibilities right now until they're settled in Rapid River Township. Neubecker said that he is still pursuing nuisance complaints, among them being, the corner of Barnhardt Road and Twin Lake Road, three places along County Road 571 and where Covert Road meets Cunningham Road. Neubecker said that at this point in time we really don't want to look at pursuing an ordinance enforcement officer. We'll wait thirty or sixty days and see how it goes.

New Business - (A) Complaint regarding Pike Street - Hodges said that she received a complaint that there are planks across that road blocking access to Bass Rd. Neubecker will look into it. (B) Trash complaints - Hodges said that we no longer have North Country Sanitation. She said that they sold out to American Waste and that they are supposed to honor our contract until the end of the year at which time it expires and we will have to go out for bids. We did get some complaints today about the garbage getting picked up in the early morning instead of late in the day like it has been for the last number of years. She said that she called American and they did send the truck out later to pick up the rest of the trash. She said that the person that she spoke with said that they'd do their best to go back to the old schedule until the contract runs out. Short discussion followed. (C) Amend the Budget - There were two items under income that increased by a total of \$1,800.00 and then Hodges asked if we should maybe move the \$20,000.00 budgeted for Capital Expense under Cemetery, move it to Capital Expense under Township Hall. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to amend the budget to move \$20,000.00 from the Cemetery account to the Township Hall account for the purchase of the property behind the cemetery and the amendment of \$1,800.00 of additional income. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Change internet provider - Hodges said that the treasurer would like to go on line but wanted to know if the township wanted to change providers before we have the treasurer connected to the internet also. Hodges said that we now pay Torch Lake \$15.00 a month for dial-up because we pay them yearly, if we paid them monthly it would be \$17 or \$18 a month. She said that AT&T is \$9.95 a month for dial-up. Neubecker said to check with Charter and see if we can hook up with high-speed internet since the lines that go down 571 in front of the hall are high-speed capable, and in fact Dino has Charter. Neubecker said that we have a Municipality Agreement with Charter Communications for providing services in our township and that we are the municipality and that they are not paying us anything for the privilege of providing service in our township and that it would be really nice if they would provide the service for the township. Hodges said that she would call Charter.

Approval of Bills - Hodges asked that payment of \$19,500.00 also be approved for the property that the township is purchasing since the closing is supposed take place by the end of the week. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented with the one addition. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10559 through #10586 in the amount of \$54,963.92 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Commissioner Nemeth had a handout for everyone about Michigan's Economic Outlook, which will be presented on June 29, 2007 at the Kalkaska Civic Center. Harvey Brow said that at their last Manistee Lake Association meeting, it was brought up about all the Milfoil that is coming up on shore and what they should do with it. He said that some people were taking it across the road to the wetlands and that others were dumping it on the accesses. Neubecker said that that is absolutely not legal. Neubecker asked what if the milfoil is deposited on the road endings he could call Dream Lakes Services and ask him to clean it up maybe once or twice a month and dispose of it. Casto asked who was going to pay for that. Neubecker said the township. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that they would discuss the issue further at the July 17th Lake Improvement Board meeting. Hodges asked if they couldn't burn the milfoil. Neubecker said that they could. Discussion regarding trash pickup.

M/Bondy S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk