

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

**JUNE 11, 2007
P.M.**

7:00

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Approx. 5 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Roof was added to the agenda as item C under Old Business. M/Bondy S/Paladino 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 Minutes - M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2007 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that the buoys at the lake are not in yet. She's not sure what the problem is. She said that she called the Sheriff's Dept. and they said that when the Dive Team gets together they'd put them in. Bondy also said that the work crew fixed the fence at the park and said that they had a hard time fixing it because of all the leaves by the fence. She said that something has to be done with the leaves because there are just so many, either mulch them or have them taken away or something. Short discussion. Neubecker will talk to Dream Lakes Services and see if he can do something. Bondy also reported that the toilet seat at the park is broke and that Anderson is working on that and that the frame on the garage door is fixed. She said that the County Work Crew put in 108 hours at the park and that she sent a thank you note to the Sheriff's Dept. Bondy said that there are four broken rails on the fence at the park. She said that neither Ellsworth Exchange in Mancelona nor McLeans sell the posts anymore. She'll check at Lowe's or Home Depot for them. She also said that there is no list of the Veterans that are buried in the cemetery and asked if the board would like a list. Hodges said that maybe whoever takes the flags down before winter if they could write down the names when they remove the flags and then she would record them on the computer. She said that she has some of them but not all of them recorded. Hodges said that there are a few graves that just have too much on the

graves and makes it hard to maintain the cemetery and she said that she is going to try and contact the relatives and ask them to remove the excess, especially since we have already put notices in the paper about limiting the amount that is allowed on the graves. It was also discussed about putting a sign on the garage near the water spigot and also at the entrance of the cemetery. Hodges said that for the most part people have been really good about limiting the flowers. Bondy said that she told the maintenance people that if there is anything that is their way when they are mowing, just put it in the garage. Hodges said that she is working on the new book of rules & regulations and trying to get it put together. Hodges said that a Lee Long called and asked if he could reserve the park for a wedding. Hodges told him that we could not close the park that it is on a first come first serve basis. She did tell him that they could have a wedding at the park but could not reserve it. He also asked if he could paint the fence white. Short discussion. The fence could not be painted white. Fire Board - Minutes from the June 6, 2007 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Paladino said that he did not attend a road commission meeting this month. He said that he did contact the road commission about brining, because he has had a lot of questions from the public about brining. He said that the road commission told him that Coldsprings is on the list for brining but that we are at the bottom of the list in rotation. We are #10 out of 12 this year. Liquor Enforcement - Hodges said that we received reports on both Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop and Shop for the months of April and May. Both reports were good.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of May. The report shows that there was \$383,364.50 in the various bank accounts, \$100.00 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 - Neubecker said that Hodges has spoke with a Ben Meredith who is a Site Acquisition Agent for Cellere, a communication company based in Traverse City, who is looking at growth in our area. Neubecker said that he sent Meredith an e-mail but has not had a response back from him yet. Neubecker said that we are still looking at getting a tower here at the hall. Hodges said that when she spoke with him he looked up on the computer and found our location and said that it looked to be like a good location. She said that he really sounded promising. (B) Counter offer for the property behind the cemetery - Hodges said that after we gave a counter offer of \$18,000.00, the owners came back with a counter offer of \$23,000.00. Discussion followed. Hodges said that maybe we could give them a counter offer of \$20,000.00 and tell them to take it or leave it. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to make one counter offer in the amount of \$20,000.00 and tell them that that is our final counter offer. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Roof on the township hall - Paladino said that he stopped at Brian Anderson's house and left a note on his door regarding the roof. Brian contacted him and said that he was aware of the problem and he does have some ceiling tiles that he will come and put up. As for the roof he said that he has contacted the manufacturer of the roof and that they just will not do anything. He suggested that he remove the ridge vent and put a cap on there and then put the ridge vent back on just for cosmetics and then cut in gables at either end of the hall. Paladino asked Anderson if that would give enough

airflow and Anderson said that by the time he gets done with it that it would have adequate airflow. Anderson said that he was real busy and that it would probably be about a month before he'll be able to get back. Short discussion followed.

New Business - (A) Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Neubecker said that he did not make it to the Rapid River Township meeting nor has he had a chance to talk to Lou Nemeth about the Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement Officer as to whether Rapid River actually hired an Enforcement Officer. Neubecker said that he wants to liaison with Phyllis Senske and see if they would want to include our township in the nuisance enforcement. Hodges said that it would be great just to get someone to follow up on these nuisance complaints. Neubecker said that he would follow up with Phyllis Senske on the issue. (B) Complaint regarding Central Ave Road Ending - Neubecker said that there is a family who have three teenage boys who use the road ending, that are absolutely out of hand and he said that he knows that because he observed them last year. McCullens have complained because of the fowl use of language, being over on their property and throwing rocks at their boat and just being idiots. Neubecker said that he called the boys mother and then visited her and also gave her a copy of what we have on the sign by the road ending and told her that this is an enforceable ordinance and that the Sheriff can issue citations or take people to jail for violation of it if needed. He said that after he visited the mother he followed up with a letter and documented when and what he said to her and what he gave to her and gave a copy of the letter to the Sheriff. Neubecker said that when he talked to McCullens after he had visited the mother, McCullens said that things seem to have quieted down. (C) Manistee Lake Improvement Board - Neubecker gave an update on the MLIB and said that the MLIB held their first public hearing on Saturday June 8th. He said that there were about 60 people present and he said that everybody had their say. He said that there was not too much disagreement to the projections of the Improvement Board project. He said that they are going to start out with a three-year project. He said that the project will include putting bugs in the lake, doing more studies and establishing base lines and see where they go with the possibilities of somewhere within that three years, if it is felt there needs to be more accomplished they will reopen it back up through the public hearing venue to try alternatives but they would really like to get the three year base line to see where they will go after that. Neubecker said that Norm LaCroix is seeking financing for a loan based on the fact that the MLIB will be setting a Special Assessment District at their next Public Hearing. Short discussion followed. Neubecker said that he will be attending a County Commissioners meeting and present them with a joint letter from the Manistee Lake Improvement Board and the Manistee Lake Association urging the Board of Commissioners to work on adopting some kind of county ordinance to start the inspection of septic tanks. Even if it starts at the point of sale. It would be a start. Discussion about having more patrols on Manistee Lake, which the Manistee Lake Association will pay for. More discussion followed.

Approval of Bills - Hodges said that two bills from Great Lakes Energy had to be added to the list of bills. One is for the electric at the hall for \$65.80 and the second is the quarterly bill that we get for the security lights throughout the township for the amount of \$721.45. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented with the two additions.

Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10527 through #10560 in the amount of \$30,154.51 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk