

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MARCH 10, 2008**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Corrado. Approx. nine members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Mileage increase. M/Lambert S/Corrado 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/Bondy S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2008 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Neubecker read a piece of correspondence regarding the Fire Department.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that she still has not heard from the Sheriff's Department regarding the work crew. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the March 5, 2008 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commission - Trustee Corrado said that he would like to give an overall view from the road commission meetings that he has attended and requests that he has made up to today. He said that on January 13<sup>th</sup> Neubecker had sent a letter to the road commission requesting information in regards to Starvation Lake Road, 571 and 612 as to when, where and how and to please respond. Corrado said that there was no response to that letter. He said he attended their meetings on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January and also February 11<sup>th</sup> and still no response other than they would get back to him. He had asked someone from the road commission to attend our township meeting and no one showed up. He attended the February 25<sup>th</sup> road commission meeting and still no response. February 29<sup>th</sup> he and Neubecker attended a special meeting and Neubecker explained to them what our concerns were. He said that finally at the last minute just before our board meeting tonight Mike received a response from them however, no one has had the time to go over the contents. Corrado said that the board could go over the letter and have something at our next meeting. Neubecker added that they were assured by George Nice that the road commission had previously voted that their prime issue of concern this year was going to

be Starvation Lake road. Neubecker said that he had never seen it in any of the road commission minutes but they assured him that it was there. However, Neubecker said that along with the response that he received today from the road commission, in the cover letter, was a note saying that today at the road commission meeting a motion was passed by the road commission board to make Starvation Lake Road a top priority when funds become available. He said he spoke with two of the commissioners that were present at the Feb.29<sup>th</sup> meeting and they said that when 3/5<sup>th</sup>s of your budget is eaten up by personnel costs and benefits there is no room to purchase equipment and operate. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Nothing to report. No reports were received. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Commissioner Nemeth had several handouts which included information about the County Budget, Taxes, Power Plant, ORV's and Brownfields. Copy of the handouts is on file. Corrado also had a few questions for Nemeth in regards to ATV Vehicles.

Jim Peters, Jennifer King and Robert Dunn, from the Kalkaska Public Schools, were present to speak about a bond proposal that will be on the ballot of the May 6<sup>th</sup> school election. Jim Peters said that they are looking at a \$750,000.00 bond proposal for technology to fund the purchase of approximately 400 computers. He said that their debt levy was lowered in 2007 from 2.10 mills and is scheduled to decrease again this. It is now at 1.75 mills and what the school district is asking for is to support leaving it at the same 1.75 for 5 years for classroom technology. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of February. The report showed that there was \$524,441.49 in the various bank accounts, \$19,434.21 in the Township Improvement MM account, \$32,037.13 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - (A) Pay BOR members - M/Neubecker S/Hodges to pay the BOR members upon completion of the BOR which is March 13<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Amend the Budget for 2007-2008 - Clerk Hodges presented a few amendments to the 2007-2008 budget. M/Neubecker S/Lambert that the 2007-2008 budget be amended as provided by the clerk. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Adopt the 2008-2009 fiscal year General Fund Budget by Cost Center - Neubecker said that for the minutes he wanted it to be noted that the clerk will do a wage survey study. M/Neubecker to adopt the 2008-2009 cost center budget by resolution, as read. Supported by Lambert. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried and the resolution was adopted. Copy of the Resolution is on file. (D) Adopt the 2008-2009 Township Improvement Fund Budget - M/Neubecker to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund into the

Township Improvement Fund and adopt the 2008-2009 Township Improvement Budget. Supported by Lambert. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) M/Neubecker to transfer \$10,000.00 from the General Fund into the Building Fund and adopt the 2008-2009 Building Fund Budget. Supported by Bondy. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (F) Purchase postage stamps before the rate increase. Hodges and Lambert asked if the board would want to purchase a years worth of postage stamps prior to the rate increase, which goes into, effect May 12<sup>th</sup>. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to purchase a bulk of postage stamps prior to the rate increase. All in favor. Motion carried. (G) Code Enforcement Officer - Corrado said we should change it to Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Corrado said that he wanted to put it before the board to review in regards to what this position would be and if the board would even want to consider it. He said that he would like to review the ordinance and then make a presentation to the board at the next meeting. Neubecker said that would be fine. Neubecker said that the enforcement officer would be used to enforce any ordinance that the township has. (H) ATV Vehicles was already discussed earlier in the meeting. (I) Mileage increase - M/Neubecker to adopt the federal mileage rate minus one half cent at the rate of .50 per mile for mileage reimbursement effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Supported by Hodges. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - \$3,019.76 for the fire department millage and \$517.00 for West Shore Publications for the newsletters and stickers were added to the bills. Also void check #10838 for \$12.95. Check was made payable to the wrong person. Make the check payable to Trophy Trolley for a nameplate. M/Corrado S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented with the two additions and one void. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Corrado yes and Bondy yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10809 through #10839 in the amount of \$67,389.66 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Stuart McKinnon was present to inform the board and the public that a resolution for "Common Water Use" has been incorporated into the Kalkaska Master Plan by the County Planning Commission and is now being implemented in all Kalkaska County Zoning Affairs. Stuart Rogers was also present with comments on various issues.

M/Lambert S/Corrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

