

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MARCH 12, 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 Casto, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 11 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Bondy S/Casto 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 the Minutes - M/Casto S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Representatives from KMHC, Christine Bissonette and Joe Dupuie, were present to speak about the upcoming millage election on May 8th. They said that the millage is a renewal of the 1.7 millage that just expired in 2006 and that it will actually be lower at 1.6 mills instead of the 1.7 mills. They also explained about the new services that will be added at KMHC if the millage is renewed, such as Dialysis, MRI's, Colonoscopy and more. They said that they should have the Dialysis available possibly by the second week of July.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that she had given the form to the Sheriff's Dept. requesting the work crew for the spring cleanup for the cemetery and the park. She also reported that Mr. Vernon had cut the posts off of the old grills at the park. Bondy said that she has tried to get hold of the Sexton's of the cemetery's of the nearby townships to find out what their rules and regulations are in regards to the graves, but hasn't been able to get hold of anyone yet. She did get hold of the Sexton at the Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City and he told her that the regulations are basically all the same and he faxed her a copy of their rules & regulations. She said that everything has to be in line with the markers so that the grass cutter can just go down the line to cut the grass. She also said that they only allow two vases of flowers for each marker, one on each side of the marker and no place else. She also said that when he found out how much we were getting for graves, he said that that is really cheap and we should raise our prices. She said the information she received regarding the

regulations for the cemetery is a start and now we can go from there. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the March 7, 2007 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Paladino reported on the recent road commissioners meeting and he said that they had a budget hearing February 26th and said that it was open to the public. He said that from the month of February, and it's the first time since he has been attending the meetings, which has been quite awhile now, that they have put together any kind of a budget and it showed that after they did the payroll they had cash left over of \$20,763.78. Then he said that at this mornings meeting the report showed that after they paid out \$49,000.00 in wages and \$191,825.32 in bills, their cash balance was \$4,275.79. He said that the report that he has shows all of their accounts and where the money went, like where they bought tires, etc., but it looks like now they are starting to show some kind of accountability. Paladino said that the big thing that will affect Coldsprings Township is the 131 project. He said that Gary ~~Nemeth~~ Niemi from the State of Michigan was at the road commissioners meeting this morning and he said that they are going to put a four way flashing stop light at pot hole corners. Also that originally they were going to completely shut down 131 from Kalkaska to Twin Lake Rd (phase I) and then from Twin Lake Rd to Elder Rd in Mancelona (phase II) but that now what they're going to try to do is do one or two miles at a time and leave a lane open for local traffic only and for emergency services as needed, but that they are going to have to play it by ear. He also said that when the project was done the State was going to come back and restore 612, 571 and Twin Lake Road, but that the State and the county road commission have signed an agreement that they (the State) will pay the road commission \$570,000.00 and leave it up to the discretion of the county for the restoration. Paladino wondered how are they going to show accountability as to where the money is going. Lengthy discussion followed. The speed limit on the detour route was another issue. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to immediately send a letter to the Kalkaska County Road Commission with a copy sent to the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners and the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department that the Township of Coldsprings desires that the detour route through Coldsprings Township, the speed limit be lowered to 45 mph during the period of construction. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports on Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop & Shop were received for the month February. Both reports were good. The crime report for Coldsprings Township for the month of February was also received from the Sheriff's Department. It showed that there were 14 incidents for the month.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of February 2007. The report showed that there was \$469,624.47 in the various bank accounts, \$117,120.60 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. She also reported that she closed the books for the tax account on February 28th and that she reconciled with the county on March 6th. She said that she still has a few personals that she has to collect. M/Hodges S/Paladino to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - (A) Adopt the 2007-2008 Cost Center Budget. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to adopt the 2007-2008 Cost Center Budget as discussed in the Budget Hearing. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Adopt the Township Improvement Fund Budget for 2007-2008. In the Budget Hearing it was discussed to transfer \$60,000.00 from the General Fund to the Township Improvement Fund, which will bring the balance up to \$213,472.11. M/Neubecker S/Casto to adopt the Township Improvement Fund for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Neubecker yes and Casto yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Adopt the Building Fund Budget for 2007-2008. There was recommendation in the Budget Hearing to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Building Fund giving it a balance of \$35,699.59. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to adopt the Building Fund budget for 2007-2008 as discussed in the Budget Hearing. Roll call Vote. Casto yes, Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Solution for incorrect phone number on trash labels. Short discussion. Rather than have new labels made up and send them out to all of the property owners it would be less expensive to send out postcards to all property owners with the correct phone number on it, which is 587-5848. M/Paladino S/Casto to send post cards out to all property owners with the correct phone number on it and also send one to the person whose phone number is on the trash labels with an apology. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) Pay BOR members prior to April board meeting. M/Neubecker S/Casto to pay the BOR members prior to the April board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. (F) Approve the Rapid River Fire Agreement - M/Neubecker S/Casto to approve the fire protection agreement with Rapid River Township. All in favor. Motion carried. (G) Mancelona School Agreement to collect summer taxes - M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the contract with the Mancelona Public Schools to collect the summer taxes at \$3.85 per parcel. All in favor. Motion carried. (H) Shelves for Basement - Hodges said that we had the shelves approved last year but we never did anything about it. Short discussion. Neubecker said that he has some catalogs and he will get them to the clerk and we can go from there. No motion was needed since it was already approved some time ago. (I) Metal cabinet for Basement - Hodges said that we have so many books of minutes that have to be kept permanently, some date back to the 1870's, and she feels that they should be kept in a file cabinet rather than just on some shelf. She said that she checked around and found that we could get a used legal size fireproof cabinet for \$489.00. The color is light blue but that shouldn't make any difference since it'll be going in the basement. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to purchase the legal size fireproof cabinet. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10425 through #10453 in the amount of \$58,036.75 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Gancer asked if there was anything more on the cell tower. Neubecker said that he has been e-mailing back and forth with the contact person for cell towers but still has not heard anything positive. He did say that cell companies are not

planning on moving into this area until the spring of 2008 at the earliest. Neubecker asked if there were any further comments.

Hodges said that she had a letter to read that Margo had just given her. It was a letter of resignation as township treasurer effective May 31, 2007. Discussion. Neubecker made a motion that we accept the letter of resignation with deep regrets, effective May 31, 2007. Paladino seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstained. Motion carried. Neubecker told Margo that the resignation was very unexpected and that it will be a great loss to the township. Short discussion as to filling the vacancy. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to put an ad in the local newspapers to request applications for Treasurer, for the Coldsprings Township Board, for consideration of appointment for the remainder of Margo's term. 4 yeas 1 abstained. Motion carried.

More discussion on the 131 project.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

AS CORRECTED 4/9/2007