

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MARCH 13, 2006

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Besides one guest being present, Jim Austin and Joe Dupuie from Kalkaska Memorial Health Center were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked to add under New Business (F) Mileage Rates, (G) Ceiling in the main hall, (H) New sign out front (I) Trees out front and (J) New Garage Doors. M/Casto S/Bondy to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2006 regular board meeting. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2006 regular board meeting, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Representatives Jim Austin and Joe Dupuie, from Kalkaska Memorial Health Center were present to give an update on the Health Center from the past to the present and how it has grown and to speak about what new services that they would like to be able to offer in the future. He said that the millage that the taxpayers pay was lowered from 1.9 to 1.7 ten years ago and that that millage is due to expire in 2007. He said that the hospital is looking at lowering it again from the 1.7 to 1.6 or 1.5 in 2007.

Correspondence was reviewed - A letter from the DEQ regarding the culvert connecting Rainbow Lake and Croy Lake. Also the minutes from the January 24th KMHC Executive Committee Board Meeting. Copies are on file.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the road ending sign for Dean St. that had been knocked down has resurfaced now that some of the snow has melted. Neubecker said that he would have Tony from Dream Lakes Services go and put it back up. Bondy said that we'll have to get a lot of vinegar to wash down the bath houses in order to get the mold off so that they can be painted. She also

said that there is still one barbeque that has to be placed at the park and she thought that it would be good to put it down closer to the lake. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the March 1st Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy is on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Paladino reported that the road commission would be coming out with maintenance schedule to justify their time and funds. Paladino said that there had been a complaint about Tower Road sometimes virtually being impassable. Someone from the road commission said that they would talk to the driver. Paladino also referred to the road commission minutes where it said that they are going to put more on the townships for road improvements as far as funds. Neubecker said that it's interesting that the county has gotten more funds back from the ACT 51 Funds in this past year than they have in the last decade so where are the funds going. Neubecker asked Paladino that at the next road commissioners meeting that he attends, to extend an invitation to John Rogers to come out and visit with the township board. Paladino said that a couple of weeks ago he saw their work schedule and that they totally overlooked putting Starvation Lake Rd on the maintenance schedule. He said that he told them that that is our townships pet peeve and he also told them that they never did go back and finish graveling it two years ago. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports for February and March on Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop and Shop were received. Both were good. The crime report for the month of February was also received. Copies are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of February. The report showed that there was \$392,885.88 in the various bank accounts, \$83,823.60 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the report is on file.

Old Business - Punch & Judy - Hodges said that Punch & Judy plan on presenting a petition to the board by June for another special assessment for snow plowing.

New Business - (A) Paying the BOR members - M/Neubecker S/Hodges to pay the BOR members upon completion of their duties prior to the April board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Adopt the 2006-2007 Cost Center Budget - M/Neubecker S/Paladino to adopt the 2006-2007 Cost Center Budget. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of 2006-2007 Budget is on file. (C) Adopt the Township Improvement Fund for 2006-2007 - Neubecker said that at the Budget Hearing it was recommended to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Township Improvement Fund and purchase a CD. M/Neubecker S/Casto to set aside \$25,000.00 from the General Fund and place into the Township Improvement Fund and purchase a CD. Roll call vote. Paladino yes, Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Adopt the Building Fund for 2006-2007. Neubecker said that at the Budget Hearing it was recommended to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Building Fund and purchase a CD. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to set aside \$10,000.00 from the General Fund

and put it into the Building Fund and purchase a CD for the new fiscal year. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) Get the floor in the main hall fixed - Neubecker said that the carpeting in the meeting room has some issues. He said that the tile underneath the carpet has started to lift and shift causing bumps in the carpeting, which is causing a trip hazard, which we found out at the last school election that we had in February. Some areas are worse than others. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Casto to have a carpet specialist come out and give us a written estimate. All in favor. Motion carried. (F) Mileage rates - M/Neubecker S/Casto to increase the township mileage rates from .37 to .40 per mile reimbursement effective the date of this meeting, March 13th. Roll call vote. Paladino yes, Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (G) Replacing the ceiling in the meeting room - Neubecker said Hodges has been trying to get hold of Brian Anderson because we have a leak somewhere in the roof and we need to get it fixed and once we get the leak fixed we need to look at, and that this is just informational at this point in time so that we have a matter of public record regarding it, we are going to have to look at replacing this ceiling. He said that this ceiling has a lot of blown in insulation sitting on top of the current ceiling tiles. He said that the only way we can effectively replace a ceiling in here is to put another drop framework approximately 12 inches lower than this ceiling. Neubecker said that it is only an estimate, but it may run somewhere from \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 to put in a new drop ceiling with new lights. He said that it is something that we are going to have to look at sometime this next budget year. We have money allocated in building maintenance funds to cover it without a problem but we have to get the roof fixed first. (H) Sign out front - Neubecker said that the present sign out front was made by the county trustees many years ago and it is in very sad shape. It was suggested that we contract with someone to make up one of those nice wood embossed signs. Gancer said that he knew of a place in Gaylord. Bondy offered to go and get prices. (I) Neubecker said that in line with getting a new sign out front, that it is time to cut down the two big pine trees out front. He said that it would give us a better view of the building and a better road view coming out of the parking lot. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to remove the two pine trees on the east side of the building. Neubecker said that he would contact Tony to take down and remove the trees. (J) Doors on the garage - Neubecker said that it has been noted that the doors on the garage are very old and very difficult to work. Bondy said in the Budget Hearing that Lowe's had very good prices on garage doors. Neubecker asked Bondy to get prices on garage doors and we will look at them at a future board meeting.

Approval of bills - Hodges said that we needed to make one addition to the bills. \$728.23 to Great Lakes Energy for the security lights. M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented with the one addition and issue checks #10029 thru #10066 in the amount of \$62,784.01. Check #10060 was a void. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Hodges asked if the board would want her to call around and get prices for propane for next year. She said that Shell charged us \$1.77 per gallon in September \$1.83 per gallon in December

and \$1.68 per gallon last week. Short discussion. Hodges will check out the prices.

Citizens Comments - Paladino said that he wished that Phyllis would come to one of the meetings. He said that he would like to ask her why they paid \$152,000.00 to the Kaliseum when they don't have the money in their budget. Gancer had a question about Bear Lake Rd. Bondy said our township stops at Sunset Trail. Neubecker said that that would be Bear Lake Township.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk