

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009, 7:00P.M.**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Five members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker said to remove item E (County Commissioner Lou Nemeth) under Committee Reports. Nemeth would not be able to make it tonight. M/Lambert S/Corrado 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 Minutes - M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that Duane, from the Sheriff's Department called her and said that they lost our work order for the spring cleanup. She gave him the list again. She said that the only thing that she did not put on the list was the shrubs out in front and asked if we could have those taken out and replace them with something that looks presentable. Neubecker said he didn't see why not, there is money in the budget. She also asked if the work crew could make a little depression over at the park where they could burn the twigs that they clean up. She said that they would get a permit of course to do it. Neubecker said yes. Dock at the park was discussed. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the March 4, 2009 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy is on file. (C) Road Commission meeting - Trustee Corrado reported on the road commission meeting. He said that the road commission would be meeting with their attorney on Friday to discuss the bill for rental equipment for the Starvation Lake Road project. He also said that the road commission would be getting some stimulus money and that Jamie said it would be somewhere between \$346,000.00 and \$392,000.00 but that it will not be divided equally amongst the townships in fact they are not sure how they are going to spend the money yet. Corrado reported that the frost law went into effect on Friday. He also reported that Lou Nemeth brought up the concerns about the ORV's to the road commission, however the road commission has

decided to use the no hands approach and that they will not outlaw any highway within the county to be off bounds to any ORV under the new proposal. He said that all township and secondary roads are open except State and Federal roads are not open. He said that you can cross them but you cannot ride on them. He said that they would have control over the program for one year and after that the townships can take a look at the program and make some changes with regards to roads if the township deems it necessary. (D) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received on Kiootee's Bar & Grill. We also received the crime report for the month of January. It showed that there were 15 incidents for the month.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of February. The report showed that there was \$403,251.74 in the various bank accounts, \$19,712.79 in the Township Improvement MM account, \$55,340.94 in the Tax accounts and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Hodges S/Neubecker to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Neubecker presented a Job Description for the OEO, which included what their duties shall be, work experience requirements, education requirements and skill requirements. Also attached was a contract agreement, which he will change to an employee agreement and will have it at April's meeting for the board to vote on.

New Business - (A) Adopt the 2009-2010 cost center General Fund Budget by Resolution - Neubecker said that based on the information that we went through at our Budget Hearing items that were included were \$2,750 for the construction or purchase of a dock at Sands Park, \$5,800 for an Ordinance Enforcement Officer, increase from \$25.00 to \$40.00 to attend non-statutory meetings, including the fire board meetings, which is still below the average in the county, increase postage by \$4,200 to purchase 10,000 Forever stamps with the new postage rates going into effect the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, the treasurers base salary increased by \$100.00 a month, the clerks base salary increased by \$100.00 a month and a 5% cost of living increase for the board. Neubecker presented a resolution to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2009-2010. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adopt the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget Cost Center by resolution. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Neubecker declared the motion carried and resolution adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009. (B) Adopt the Township Improvement Fund Budget - Neubecker said that as part of the budget process the board decided to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Township Improvement Fund in the new fiscal year, which will bring the balance up to \$239,217.65. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to adopt the \$100,000.00 transfer to the Township Improvement Fund in the new fiscal year. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Adopt the Building Fund Budget - it was proposed in the Budget Hearing to transfer \$10,000.00 into the Building Fund, which would bring the fund balance up to \$60,306.27

in the new fiscal year. He said that the Building Fund helps pay for roofs on our buildings, redoing the shed, etc., and that he had made a notation in the Budget Hearing that we should probably put a new roof on our garage. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to transfer \$10,000.00 into the Building Fund as proposed. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Pay the BOR members prior to the April meeting - M/Neubecker S/Hodges to pay the BOR members prior to the April board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. (E) Renewal of franchise agreement with Charter Communications - Hodges had sent everyone a copy of the agreement. There was a discussion as to why we do not receive a franchise fee from Charter. Hodges will contact Mr. Kavanaugh at Charter Communications and try and get more information and will put it on the agenda for April.

Approval of Bills - Hodges said that two bills needed to be added. One to the Fire Department in the amount of \$3,525.06 and one to the Fire Department Equipment Fund in the amount of \$2,490.18. Both are the final disbursement from the tax account for the 2008 taxes. M/Bondy S/Neubecker to approve the bills with the two additions. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Corrado yes and Bondy yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11160 through #11195 in the amount of \$86,519.40 were approved for payment.

Trustee Corrado asked if we have ever requested an audit from American Waste as to the number of households that they actually stop at. Short discussion. Neubecker will send a letter asking for a route review.

Public comment began at 8:04p.m. Comments were received from three persons. Ended at 8:19 p.m.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:19p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

