

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010, 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 Lambert, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Corrado. Approx. 14 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked to have item (E) Liquor enforcement, under committee reports to be removed. He said that no reports were received from the Sheriff's Dept. Also Neubecker asked to have Manistee Lake Improvement Board added to the agenda as item (B) under old business. M/Lambert 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. Treasurer Lambert said that under Old Business item (A) Open bids for Sands Park; she should probably abstain because Tommy's Toys has presented a bid. Neubecker said that for the minutes to show that Treasurer Lambert will abstain from any discussion or vote on item (A) under old business, Open Bids for Sands Park.

Approval of Minutes: M/Bondy S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2010 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed: A letter was received from Kankaska County Equalization Dept. explaining what the township would get if they made a contribution to the GIS mapping grant match. Hodges said that this was also discussed at April's board meeting but no action was taken. An invoice was also received in the amount of \$1,457.62, which amounts to .62 cents time's 2,351 parcels. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to accept the proposed invoice and pay at .62 per property. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that she received 47 responses to the help wanted ad. She said that she narrowed it down to 25 and out of that there are two in the area where it would not be an inconvenience for them to travel back and forth. She said that she did not know any of the people that applied, it's just from the addresses that they provided is how she knows that they are in the area, meaning that they lived close to the township hall and sands park, however there were 5 that lived in the township.

Neubecker suggested that she interview the 5 that live in the township and go from there. She also reported that the buoys have been delivered but there were no chains on them to hook them to the anchors but she will purchase some. Tim McCullen said that the driveway in the cemetery is partially done and that it will be finished Wednesday. Discussion as to when the board members can meet at the park and discuss where to place the new restrooms and the pavilion. Time was set for Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m. Hodges will post it as a special meeting since we will all be meeting together to discuss the park project and possibly make a decision as to where to place the new restrooms and pavilion.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the May 5, 2010 fireboard meeting were presented. It showed that there were 8 fire runs and 13 rescue runs for the month of April. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Corrado was not able to attend the road commission meeting this morning due to his work schedule. It was noted that there would be a court hearing on June 9th at 1:00 p.m. regarding the KCRC vs. Coldsprings Township issue.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy reported that she has 20 open cases, 9 pending Equalization/Property ownership and 11 closed cases. She gave a progress report on the open cases. Copy of the report is on file.

(E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Not present.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of April. The report showed that there was \$439,467.35 in the various bank accounts, \$19,112.44 in the Township Improvement MM account, \$110.03 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. Lambert also spoke about what the township can and cannot or should not invest township money in.

Old Business:

(A) Open Bids for Sands Park - Three bids were received. (1) \$2,300.00, (2) \$3,370.00 and (3) \$2,480.00. Neubecker read the bid notice that was in the paper. All bids were reviewed. Hodges asked if anyone knew how much the permits for this job would be. Never really got an answer other than it varies or \$70.00 or around \$200.00 or \$250.00. Corrado said that when you look at all three bids there really wasn't much difference in the dollar amounts. He said that we have to take in to consideration the whole picture and not just the dollar amount. Hodges said that is why she was wondering what the permits would cost because we will have to pay for the permits and only one of the bids included any permits required by the county, however the cost was not broke down. With the other two bids the permits would be over and above the bids. Corrado said that

he also would be concerned about future erosion, the structure of the buildings that we are going to put on that ground and how the ground is prepared now because that will dictate what we can put on it. Corrado said that all three bids met the criteria and more and the question to the board is now is where is our money going to be best spent and what are we going to get for our money. He said that when we put the bid out all three bids came in with similar ideas as to what they interpreted what we wanted. Corrado made a motion that we accept McCullen's bid of \$3,370.00, and he said that his reason is because the bid includes everything that we possibly would need including the fencing, permits and the preparation of the land. Supported by Bondy. Neubecker said that part of the bidding experiences is basically a knowledge experience for the board because in mainline life we don't deal with some of the things that encompasses what we are looking at here. He said that when you are looking at a contractor submitting a bid one of the portions of the bid is for the contractor to second guess what is being required and giving you all of the information that is required for the job. Neubecker explained that the board has a minimum pre-requisite for acquiring bids of anything more than \$20,000.00 and one of the reasons that we went with this bid process is an education experience first of all, to educate us, however the board does have the ability to let a job without any bid process at all up to \$20,000.00. Neubecker said that we have a motion and support and asked for a roll call vote. Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. Lambert abstained. Motion carried.

(B) Manistee Lake Improvement Board - Neubecker gave an update as to what the MLIB is doing as far as Manistee Lake is concerned. He said that they are getting ready to do a Weevil study. He said that the lake levels are low and are expected to get worse. Neubecker said that they are expecting the weed growth to be greater because there is less volume of water to support it. He said that the MLIB did have discussions about establishing a permanent lake level and some of the impacts it would have down the stream. He said that the MLIB actually cannot set lake levels but they can do the engineering required to make that proposal before the courts. Neubecker said that the MLIB is looking at having a public hearing in August to see in which direction the people want the board to go. He said that they do have a surplus of funds of around \$90,000.00 from the special assessment district which they can use and that is the reason for the public hearing is to see where the people would like to see the money spent. He said that the hearing will be posted in the local newspaper and letters will be sent out to all property owners within the special assessment district.

New Business: No new business this month

Approval of Bills: Two bills were added to the list. (1) \$900.00 for McCullen Excavating for the cemetery project and (2) \$295.00 for Attorney Michael Edwards for the KCRC vs. Coldsprings Township issue. M/Corrado S/Lambert to pay the bills as presented with the two additions. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Neubecker yes, Hodges yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11563 through #11591 in the amount of \$19,102.16 including the two additions were approved for payment.

Public Comments: Question as to when the dock will be put in. Neubecker said that he hopes to have it in by Memorial Day. Question as to if a group could raise the money could they put a load of sand in the beach area, not in the water but just on the beach. Neubecker thought there might be a problem. McCullen's said that it would not be a problem. McCullen's said that when they check on the permits for the park project they would also check with the zoning dept. about putting sand at the beach area. They were sure that it would not be a problem. Short discussion. McCullen's said that if zoning says that it is ok they would put twenty yards of sand in the beach area, free. Neubecker thanked McCullen's. Chuck Vernon said that he would like to volunteer to build and install some park benches in the park. He had some pictures of what he had in mind and with the board's approval he would build them and install them. He said that he would put one by the boat ramp, one down by the beach and two up at the top of the hill. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to accept the proposal from Chuck Vernon to build the park benches as a community donation to the township. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker thanked him and said that we appreciate the offer very much. Corrado wanted to let the board know that he is running for County Commissioner in District 2. Neubecker said that if he is elected he will have to immediately give up his seat on the township board and we then would have to appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next General Election. Hodges said that the audit for the township will take place on May 26th and 27th.

M/Corrado S/Neubecker to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

