

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MAY 12, 2008**

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. Approx. 11 members of the public were present including County Commissioner Lou Nemeth.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Bondy S/Lambert 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 Minutes - M/Bondy S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2008 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Diana Miller, candidate for Kankaska County Register of Deeds and Julie Naasko, candidate for Kankaska County Clerk were both present to introduce themselves and answer questions and invited everyone to a fundraiser that they are having on June 28<sup>th</sup>. They will both be on the ballot in the August primary.

Correspondence was reviewed. The clerk said that she had received a petition signed by several people regarding the disgusting mess at the corner of 571 & 612. They are asking that something be done about getting it cleaned up as soon as possible.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that the DNR got back to her regarding the placing of the buoys at Manistee Lake. She said that the township does not have to have a permit to put the buoys in the water at Sands Park because we are a public entity. She also said that she still hasn't heard from the Sheriff's department about the work crew doing the spring cleanup at the cemetery. Bondy said that the paint in the bathhouses has held up very well and is good for another year. She also reported that the E Shore Dr road sign had been plowed over and is lying on the ground. Corrado will let the road commission know since that is their responsibility. Hodges said that Midge Osborne stopped in and said that her Girl Scout troop would like to adopt a park. Short discussion. Great idea. Bondy will contact Osborne. Neubecker said that he had received a letter from the Health Department, district #10 about water quality monitoring. It stated that if we do monitor the quality of the water, there were

several things listed that the township would have to do. If the township does not monitor the water we will have to post signs stating that the water quality is not being tested or monitored. He said that it is not a new law that it actually went into effect in 1978, but that they are now starting to enforce it. Short discussion. Neubecker said that since we have not monitored the water in the past, we should get two signs made up stating that "The water quality of this beach is not being tested or monitored" and install one at the boat ramp and the other at the beach area. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to purchase two signs and have them installed, that states that the water quality at the beach is not being treated or monitored per Act 368 of 1978. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the April 30<sup>th</sup> fireboard meeting were presented. Neubecker said that the meeting was held on April 30 instead of the regular time of May 7<sup>th</sup> because of an informational meeting on the Grand Vision was being held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Copy of the minutes is on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Corrado presented an update on the road commission. Corrado said that he has attended two road commission meetings since our last board meeting. He said that really nothing has improved. He said that it is hard to get them to commit to anything. He said that on the 28<sup>th</sup> he talked to them about the conditions of the roads and asked them what they were going to do with the ACT money, what was going to happen to 612 and 571, where were they at with Starvation Lake Rd and what were they going to do about the potholes. They told him that they didn't have any money to buy patch for the potholes. He said that they hired three attorneys to give opinions on the Open Meetings Act. He said that two of the attorneys gave their opinion of what they could do and the third attorney gave them his opinion of what they could do only in another way so they couldn't make a decision on the Open Meetings Act at that time. He also said that the road commission received notice that another 4% of state funding was going to be cut from their budget on top of what they have already been cut. Corrado also reported that the road commission has decided to go with the ultra thin surfacing, which is 3/4 inch thick, as opposed to the micro surfacing on 571 and 612 that was used for the detour route during the 131 projects. He also asked the road commission when they planned to start the project. They said sometime before the summer is over, maybe June or July. Corrado asked them again about Starvation Lake Road and they said that they were looking at getting bids for that. Neubecker said that we were promised that we would have asphalt bids this month however Neubecker said that Wooham called him this morning and said that because of things that were going on with the commissioners themselves the bids would not be available until next week. Neubecker said that Starvation Lake Road has been on our agenda to the road commissioners for at least a dozen years. Corrado said that the road commission should have bids for ~~stripping~~ striping and patching by their next meeting, which is June 9<sup>th</sup>. A resident of Starvation Lake Road was present and suggested that we pave half of the unpaved section and then when we get more money pave the rest of the road. Neubecker said that that is one of the proposals that we have already asked the road commission to bid to. More discussion followed. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports were received for both liquor establishments within the township for the months of March and April. Both were good. Crime reports for the months of March and April were also received. The report showed

that there were 14 incidents for the month of March and 17 incidents reported for the month of April. Copies of the reports are on file. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was present. He reported on the monthly transportation board meeting that was held on April 25, 2008, which several subjects were discussed. He also talked about the road commission and a power plant that they are proposing to put in Rapid River Township.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of April. It showed that there was \$368,817.61 in the various bank accounts, \$19,488.52 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$10.00 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union share account, which was needed in order to purchase a \$100,000.00 CD for the Township Improvement Fund, \$100.00 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. She also said that all of the personal property taxes have been paid. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Trustee Corrado presented each board member with a revision of the language in regards to the ordinance enforcement proposal that was discussed last month. He also presented a copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> violation notice and a copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation notice. He said that he would like to see the township move forward on having an ordinance enforcement officer at least on a part time basis, especially after comments that we have received from the citizens of the township. He feels that an ordinance enforcement officer along with the board could be more aggressive in dealing with some of the problems that we have in the township and it would also show the public that we want to be proactive and make sure that the neighbor beside you keeps some kind of cleanliness. He said that he understands that some people just do not have the money to do some things but you don't have to live in filth. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that we would put the OEO on the June agenda. (B) Approve the ballot wording for the Fire Department and Trash renewal millages for the August 5<sup>th</sup> election - Proposal A for Fire and Rescue Protection - M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adopt the language for the township Proposal A for renewal of 1 mill for Fire and Rescue Protection. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. - Proposal B for Fire Equipment - M/Neubecker S/Bondy to adopt the language for the township Proposal B for renewal of 0.7 mill for a Quick Response Truck and other major equipment. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Proposal C for Garbage Pick-up - M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adopt the language for the township Proposal C for renewal of 1.25 mills for garbage pick-up. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Assessors Contract - Neubecker said that David Grimm has asked the board to renew his contract at the rate that he originally established four years ago. Short discussion. M/Corrado S/Bondy to accept David Grimm's request to renew his contract at the current rate for a period of four years. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. All in

favor. Motion carried.

New Business - Approve an additional \$746.27 to the Building Fund - Treasurer Lambert said that when we rolled over our CD for the Building Fund we purchased it at Edward Jones. When the CD matured at Northwestern it was for \$13,253.73. We were adding \$10,000.00 that was approved at the budget hearing, which gave us a total of \$23,253.73. Edward Jones only accepts even amounts. So she said to make up the difference we had to transfer \$746.27 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to approve the moving of the \$746.27 to the Building fund to cover the cost of the CD. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Neubecker yes and Hodges yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Corrado S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10876 through #10908 in the amount of \$124,718.10 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Roads were discussed

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

