

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012, 7:00 P.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 Bagnell and Trustee Hoffman. County Commissioner Stuart McKinnon, Road Commissioner Denny Corrado and 10 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Hoffman supported by 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:

Motion by Lambert supported by Bagnell to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell reported that the work crew has finished the spring clean up at the cemetery and Sands Park. He is looking into getting the buoys put in and also putting the flags on the graves before Memorial Day.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the May 2, 2012 fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 8 rescue runs and 10 fire runs for the month of April. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

(C) Road Commissioner - Road Commissioner Denny Corrado updated the board and the members of the public on the Road Commission. He said that the road commission is headed in a new direction. He said that as a result of that, they have lost 3 employees and that Jamie Woodhams has stepped down as Manager. Jeff Root is the interim GM, who worked under Jamie. Root has thirty days to decide whether he would like to stay in the position or not. Corrado said that if he (Root) is not interested in the position they

will look outside. Corrado reported that the road commission purchased two used trucks for \$175,000.00. He said as for brining, the road commission is going to look into what it would cost to sub-contract it out. He said that it is possible that the county may not brine this year. They have nothing scheduled for brining at this time. He said that it is a financial situation that they have to get under control. Corrado said that the road commissioners are making an honest effort to turn things around. He said that they were \$16,000.00 short in meeting payroll. He said that basically what they're living with is mistakes that the past boards made. Corrado said that the only reason they were able to buy the two trucks is because the money was allocated prior to for the equipment. He said that some of the equipment they have is really outdated. He said that if anyone has any questions to please contact him. Short discussion followed.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy reported to the board on several issues that she is working on within the township. Copy of the report is on file with the clerk.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda presented the minutes from the May 1, 2012 P&R Committee meeting. Brenda reported that the 2012 MDNR Passport Grant application was sent in by the committee and was received by the DNR. She said that it was one of 82 applications that the DNR received. Brenda also reported that both the House and the Senate have approved the \$47,000.00 Grant that the township applied for and we're just waiting for the official confirmation. She also reported that they received their first bill from Andersen & Crain for \$2,755.00 for part of the first grant that they are working on and that they are starting the bid process now. Brenda also presented two different plans for additional parking for boats. Discussion. She also presented revisions made to the 5 year Park Plan. She said that the Park Plan would be on file for thirty days for anyone who would like to look at it before the board acts on the revisions next month. Copy of the P&R meeting minutes is on file with the clerk.

(F) County Commissioner - Commissioner McKinnon updated the board on a number of issues within the County. He said that they lifted the hiring freeze for the Sheriff's Department due to a retirement and also lifted the hiring freeze for the Treasurer. He also said that the Equalization report was presented and that it shows that there is a 3% decrease in assessed evaluation, which is a projected 1% taxable value decrease which is about \$600,000.00, which is not good. He also spoke about the Personal Property Tax.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of April 2012. The report showed that there was \$353,408.29 in the various bank accounts. \$10.07 in FAFCU, \$10,611.61 in the Building Fund MM account, \$18,469.90 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$100.00 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A) Cunningham Road Bids opened - Three bids were received for the cleanup of the property located on Cunningham Road. The bids were \$6,000.00, \$5,025.00 and \$3,930.00. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hoffman to accept the bid from Giar Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$3,930.00. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bagnell yes, Hoffman yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Poverty Exemption Resolution - Neubecker said that each township in the State of Michigan is required to adopt a resolution for poverty exemption of property taxes and that there are some requirements in that. He said that they do have to file a claim with the supervisor, supervisor/assessor (if the township has one) or the board of review of the township. Neubecker read the Resolution. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hodges to adopt the Poverty Exemption Resolution #2 of 2012. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hoffman yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Supervisor Neubecker declared Resolution #2 of 2012 adopted. Copy of the resolution is on file with the clerk.

New Business:

(A) Cemetery Rules and Regulations - Hodges said some people that have family buried in the cemetery are concerned that if they put a solar light next to the headstone instead of a container of flowers that the solar lights may be removed. She said that maybe we could change the wording in the rules and regulations to allow solar lights at the graves. Discussion. Neubecker suggested that we add two solar lights or one small container of flowers and a solar light under item 3 under General Maintenance and Decorations. Discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker that we insert in item 3, that a solar light may be substituted for 1 of two small containers of flowers. Supported by Lambert. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) New computer for the clerk - Short discussion. Neubecker asked the clerk to get two bids for a new computer.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. **Motion** by Hoffman supported by Lambert to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Lambert yes and Hoffman yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Bills in amount of \$18,469.17 were issued for payment.

Public Comments: Began at 8:34 p.m.

Denny Corrado asked to be put on the agenda for June as a candidate running for County Sheriff.

Dick Malott complained about the dust on Rogers Road. Short discussion on brining.

Public comments ended at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Neubecker supported by Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk