

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MAY 9, 2005

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 Casto, Trustee Paladino. Trustee Bondy was absent. Approx. 11 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Casto S/Neubecker 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/Casto S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2005 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy was absent so there was no report. Hodges did mention that the picnic tables have been delivered and have been put together and Casto mentioned that the work crew had been here and cleaned up the cemetery and the park. Fire Board - Minutes from the May 4, 2005 Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy on file. Neubecker mentioned that the new ambulance has arrived and that they will be asking for bids for the old ambulance. Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Paladino reported that there still are no street signs at Priest Rd. or Sunset Trail and 612. He reported that Covert Road was quite a mess and that the road commission went out and took care of that however, Casto said that it is still a mess. Casto said that what they have to do is bring a grader out and bring the gravel from the sides back into the middle of the road. Paladino said that he would mention that to the road commissioners at their next meeting May 11th, which he said he would be attending. Paladino also reported that there was nothing new to report on Sunset Trail. He said that the road commissioners said that they still haven't gone out for bids, even countywide but that when they do they will let him know. Liquor Enforcement - Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation for the month of April. The report showed that there was \$392,850.14 in the various bank accounts, \$200.00 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. Casto also reported that she closed the account at Bank One and opened up a CD for the Building Fund. N/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Manistee Lake Board - Neubecker said that the reason he asked to have this as an item on the agenda was just to let the general public know that we do want to move forward with the Manistee Lake Board. He said that there are some questions that need to be worked with prior to the actual designation of a lake board on Manistee Lake. He said that he will be working with Norm at Excelsior Township to iron out as to who will be paying out, up front, and how much, until the lake board is established. He said that someone has to pay for the lake board and their initial surveys until such a time that a special assessment is created. Neubecker said that the money is reimbursable under the special assessment. Casto asked how much money is it going to take. Neubecker said that he did not know and that that is something that has to be discussed. He asked that it be put on the agenda for next month. (B) Road Ending Upgrades - Neubecker said that he would like to go out for bids from at least two contractors for Afton stone for Dean Street. M/Casto S/Hodges to authorize Neubecker to solicit bids for Afton stone for Dean Street. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Road Ending Surveys - Neubecker said that he would like permission from the board to go ahead and contact 3D Surveying and have them come out and place markers on our current road endings. Short discussion. M/Hodges S/Casto to allow Neubecker to contact 3D Surveying and have them come out and survey the properties that are ours and have them surveyed as road endings. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business - (B) Approve Fire & Rescue Reimbursement Ordinance - Neubecker said that the joint fireboard has put together a Joint Township Fire and Rescue Reimbursement Ordinance which will provide financial reimbursement for various types of fires or other emergency services to Coldsprings Excelsior Volunteer Fire & Rescue, and it has been approved by the joint fireboard and Excelsior Township. The billings will go only to the insurance companies of the recipient of the services. There will not be any billings to individuals. If a person does not have insurance they will not be billed for any services rendered. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Casto to approve Township Fire and Rescue Reimbursement Ordinance #1-05 of 2005 for the townships of Coldsprings and Excelsior. Roll call vote. Paladino yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes and Neubecker yes. Bondy absent. Motion carried. (A) Approve revised Joint Fire Agreement - Casto said that Public Act 81 of 1989, which is stated in the Agreement by Coldsprings Township & Excelsior Township for Joint Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department should read Public Act 33 of 1951 as amended. Approval by the board is needed to make the change. M/Neubecker M/Paladino that the change be effective. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes, Neubecker yes.

Bondy absent. Motion carried. (C) Trash on Cunningham Rd. - Neubecker said that currently we have 5 mattresses and two couches in a pile that was taken out of a home on Cunningham, whose owner is deceased. Neubecker said that his original plan was to have the township contact our sanitation company and have them come out and pick up the trash and then send the bill to us and then we could do one of two things, either require the family to reimburse us for the cost or place a lien on the property. Casto had an address of the lady who has been handling the affairs of the deceased and she suggested that Neubecker contact her and ask her to pay the costs. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Casto to authorize the supervisor to contract and make arrangements to have the trash removed at her cost and if she declines we will make arrangements with our sanitation company to pick up the trash and then place a lien on the piece of property. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Copier - Neubecker provided the board with two quotes for a new copier. One was for \$1,829.00 and the other was for \$2,600.00. Hodges said that she's not against getting another copier and granted the one we have we cannot make multiple copies, however the copier we have is still in good condition. When something goes wrong with this one then we could look at replacing it with a better one. Short discussion followed. No action taken.

Approval of Bills - Void check #9732. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. Bondy absent. Motion carried. Checks #9722 thru #9749 in the amount of \$13,857.22, with check #9732 being a void, be issued for payment.

Citizens Comments

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

