

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

NOVEMBER 10, 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. 9 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked that Road Ending Contract be added as item C under new business and Septage Facility Resolution be added as item D under new business. M/Corrado 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. None were presented.

Approval of minutes - M/Bondy S/Lambert to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2008 regular board meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning and Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the buoys at Manistee Lake have been put away for the winter. She also said that Tony has removed the old flowers from the cemetery. Hodges said that the benches have to still be put away for the winter. Hodges also said that the lights going down to the basement have burned out. Bondy will have Tony replace them. Bondy also asked if the first two easements on E Shore Drive could be cleaned out. She said that the weeds and bushes are just encroaching the driveways. Neubecker said yes. (B) Fireboard meeting - Minutes from the November 5, 2008 were presented. Copy is on file. (C) Road Commission meeting - Trustee Corrado updated the board on the Road Commission. He said that Starvation Lake is still not finished. The asphalt is down but they still have to finish the shoulders. When Corrado asked the road commission when they will finish the shoulders they just told him when the weather breaks. So he said that the road might not get done until the spring. Lambert said that if they don't do the shoulders now the road would be ruined. Corrado asked if there was a deadline as to when the road was supposed to be finished. Neubecker said the contract states November 1st. Corrado said that when they come and want their money we need to address that and that we now have the right to retain our funds until they meet their obligation. He said that as far as he is

concerned the road commission has broken the contract. He said that as to the other issue of them charging us \$46,000.00 to rent their equipment to do our road he said that they are still discussing that matter and that he hopes to have a presentation for the board by the next meeting. He said that it is his belief that the road commission is double dipping because the taxpayers of this township and the county have already paid for that equipment. He also reported County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was at the road commission meeting and he brought up that there will be an open public meeting on December 5th in regards to the new rules and regulations of ATV's, and how it will effect the road commission and townships involved. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Hodges already gave the liquor enforcement report. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was not present.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the reconciliation report for the month of October. The report showed that there was \$220,842.96 in the Corporate Cash account, \$4,249.33 in the Checking account, \$19,634.96 in the Twp. Improvement MM account, \$31,526.59 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the petty cash account. Lambert said that two CD's will mature the end of November and asked what the board would like to do. Hodges said the first thing is to take \$123,000.00 that we used for Starvation Lake Rd. and put it back into the General fund. Short discussion. The rest will be rolled over into another CD. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Open Trash Bids - Two bids were presented. One from American Waste and one from Area Waste. After a lengthy discussion, both bids were rejected. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to advertise again for bids. Any bids received will be opened at the December 8th board meeting. (B) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - It was discussed as to what the duties of the enforcement officer would be and should he/she be an independent contractor or an employee of the township. It was decided that they should be an employee of the township as opposed to an independent contractor. Neubecker had written out some guidelines that the board went over and what wages they would be paid and there specific duties. They would enforce all of the ordinances that the township has and not limited to just the junk ordinance. The board also talked about what type of individual would we want for this job. Discussion followed. Corrado said that we should try and get someone soon and get him or her trained so that when the weather breaks next spring they will be able to step right into the job. Neubecker said that he will take the tremendous amount of information that Corrado had provided him with and the contract he has and actually establish a position description. After it is put together we will advertise in the paper.

New Business - (A) Get rid of the monitors and towers in the front office - Hodges asked if we could get rid of the old monitors and towers that have been sitting in the front office for the last three years. Short discussion. Lambert will take them to KAIR or somewhere. (B) New monitor for the treasurer's office - Hodges said that the monitor

that is in the treasurer's office is an antique. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to authorize the treasurer to purchase a new monitor not to exceed \$250.00. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Dream Lakes Services Contract - Neubecker said that Tony's contract to take care of the road endings will expire at the end of this month. His present contract that he signed was from 2005 at \$150.00 per month. Neubecker said that he would like to make a motion for the board to renew Tony's contract for two years at \$190.00 per month. That would take it from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2010. S/Hodges. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried. (D) Septage Facility Resolution - Neubecker said that Boardman Township is trying to encompass all of the townships within Kalkaska County to go together and establish a district by joint authority to basically have our own septage disposal facility. Neubecker said that he was provided with a resolution that they wanted us to adopt at tonight's board meeting. The resolution basically says that the board expresses the intent to proceed with further study of the proposed septage receiving and treatment facility and also authorizing them to include us in engaging three consultants to provide us with a preliminary feasibility analysis of the project and costs which is estimated in the amount of \$35,000.00 and to authorize the payment of the Township's share of the costs of the preliminary feasibility analysis in the amount of \$3,000.00. Neubecker said that he was not real comfortable with the resolution and also not comfortable that the board has not had a chance to read it over. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to table it until the December board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of bills - Bills were reviewed. M/Corrado S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11052 through #11081 in the amount of \$16,772.86 were issued for payment.

Citizens comments - Solid waste was discussed.

M/Neubecker S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township