

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Neubecker explained, for the information of the public, that the Clerk, Mary Hodges, was in CT. and that the assistant Clerk Pat Callan would fill in for Mary. Neubecker explained that the assistant clerk would be taking the minutes and that she is allowed to participate in any board discussion but that she is not allowed to vote as a member of the board. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Clerk Hodges was absent and the Deputy Clerk Pat Callan was filling in for the Clerk. County Commissioner Lou Nemeth was present and approx. 6 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Bondy S/Paladino 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/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2007 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2007 special board meeting for Kiootee's Bar & Grill. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence - DEQ extended the time for the dredging of an existing canal off Bridge Lane. The permit was to expire December 31, 2007 and has been extended to December 31, 2008. Blue Lake Township is updating their Township Master Plan and welcomes any comments from the adjacent communities.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the flowers, statues, etc. have been removed from the graves and put in the garage also that the flags have been removed from the graves. Bondy asked who has the key for the new door on the shed at the park. Neubecker will call Tony, who installed the new door. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the November 7, 2007 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Paladino said that last month Clerk Hodges had asked him to ask at the next road commission meeting that he attends why it would cost \$340,000.00 to redo Starvation Lake Road and yet the State offered the County \$570,000.00 to repair the detour route (County Road 612 from the city of Kalkaska to pothole corners and County Road 571 to the county line) when the Starvation Lake Road project would only be 2.5 miles and there is a lot more miles of the detour route. Paladino reported that John Rogers said that the

\$570,000.00, that the county received for the detour route, amounts to no more than a micro-surface, which is just a fiber mixed with oil that would get spread on the road and if there is a hole in the road they would take hot patch to fill up the hole, where as the \$340,000.00 for Starvation Lake Road was a process of totally building a road bed to road bed specifications and putting proper asphalt down. Another question Hodges had asked Paladino to ask the road commission was why the detour portion of Twin Lake Road was not included in the reimbursement package that the state offered to the county. The answer was that both the state and the county board overlooked it at the time and it did not get addressed. Neubecker said that he had spoke with John Rogers and asked him to put together two different proposals for Starvation Lake Road. One would be for doing half of the two and half-mile stretch with two layers and the other proposal would be for doing the whole stretch of road but with only one layer of asphalt and then when the money became available to put a second layer of asphalt. Discussion followed. Paladino reported that the county is still trying to find ways to save money and one of the things that they are doing is switching their phone service to Charter and they'll save about \$100.00 a month. He said that they've spent about \$80,000.00 for putting up their sand for the winter and they feel that based on the ton usage they have enough for about 2 ½ years. (D) Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Nemeth also had some input regarding the road commission. Nemeth had some handouts for the board about the Regional Economic Annual Forecast and also had some comments regarding it. Nemeth also had a copy of the Standard Budget Report for the County of Kalkaska of expenses for the month of October 2007. Copy is on file. Neubecker wanted to remind the public that Commissioner Nemeth is the representative for our district on the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners and that if they have any concerns or support that they might want to give him on issues feel free to contact him.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of October and a corrected copy of the September report due to a \$25.00 check. The report showed that there was \$363,482.04 in the various bank accounts, \$19,293.05 in a Township Improvement Fund, \$42,972.27 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - (A) Clean up Central Avenue (leaves etc.) - Neubecker will call Dream Lakes Services.

Approval of Bills - M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. Hodges absent. Motion carried. Checks #10677 through 10699 in the amount of \$14,110.18 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Question about a Cell Tower. Neubecker said that Hodges had spoke with the representative and he said that AT&T is busy buying out their competition

and that they are not looking at any new cell towers at this time. He said that the representative did suggest that anyone with a cell phone to call their provider and tell them that we need a cell tower out in this area. Short discussion. Junk Ordinance was discussed. .

Trustee Dino Paladino said that he will be relocating and will no longer be a resident of this township, and that he is offering his resignation effective as of the end of tonight's meeting. M/Neubecker to accept, with much, much regret, Dino's resignation from this township board effective at the end of this meeting. Supported by Lambert. Motion carried, with much regret. Letter of resignation is on file.

M/Paladino S/Bondy to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mary Hodges, Clerk/Pat Callan Deputy Clerk
Coldsprings Township

