

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

**NOVEMBER 13, 2006
P.M.**

7:00

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board Members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Casto Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 5 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Paladino S/Bondy 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 October 9, 2006 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy said that there was quite a bit of stuff left in the cemetery after the deadline for removing the items had passed. She said that it took the maintenance person quite a while to get it all cleaned off. She asked if there wasn't something that we could put in the by-laws or regulations limiting the amount of items that can be put on a grave. Hodges said that last year the board did amend the rules to not allow more than two small floral arrangements per grave. Neubecker and Casto agreed. Neubecker also said that he put it in the newsletter also. Hodges said that most of the people followed the limits but that there were some who went overboard. Short discussion followed. Neubecker said that we'd have to go through the minutes and see if a motion wasn't made, but he said he knows that it was definitely discussed. Neubecker said that we will have to do something. Harvey Brow said that other cemeteries have a sign posted at the entrance as to when items have to be removed from the graves. Hodges said that that is a good idea and maybe we should do that and also put on the sign how many items are allowed on each grave. We'll discuss it at our next meeting. Bondy also reported that all the deadwood at the park has been cut and the one big birch tree was cut down and that Northwoods did an excellent job. She also reported that the grills have all been covered up for the winter. Bondy said that

the fence over at the park where the tree fell down and squashed the fence down, she said that she'd let it go until the spring and maybe the community workers could do something with it then. (B) Fire Board - Minutes from the November 1, 2006 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. (C) Road Commissioners meeting - There was a lot of discussion on the US 131 MDOT project that will begin next spring which will re-route the traffic to 612 to 571 to Twin Lake Road. Neubecker said that he still has a couple of issues regarding traffic control devices. Paladino said that he knows that the people of Rapid River & Coldsprings, the local sheriff and the fire departments are seriously voicing their concerns for safety to the commissioners. Neubecker said that at this time he would like to get permission from the board to write a letter to MDOT from the board stipulating that we want traffic control devices at 571 and 612 and 571 and Twin Lake Road. Everyone agreed. M/Neubecker S/Casto to write a letter to MDOT regarding our concerns. All in favor. Motion carried. Casto said that she would like to add something to it. She said that a taxpayer was in and suggested that at pot hole corners, they are going to put a four way stop and that it would be advisable to implement it now so that people could get used to it. Neubecker said that we can address 612 and Twin Lake Road but that pothole corners is in Excelsior Township and that they would have to address that, but that it is a good idea. Lou Nemeth said that in regards to implementing the stop signs now was addressed at the last road commissioners meeting. Gerry Gancer said that he had attended the last road commissioners meeting and said that the road commission is \$750,000.00 in debt. Short discussion. (D) Liquor Enforcement - Reports were received on both liquor establishments within the township for the months of September & October. Both were good. Crime reports for the township for the months of September & October were also received. Copies are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of October. The report showed that there was a total of \$375,887.65 in the various bank accounts. That amount includes \$35,096.92, which is the tax account. It also showed that there is \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - Cell Tower - Neubecker said that he has been in contact with someone at Cingular but he has not found out anything so far. It was not the same contact that Gerry Gancer had given him last month and he said that he would try and contact him also. Neubecker said that he would keep working on it.

New Business (A) Filters for furnace - Hodges said that Bill Carmichael from Custom Heating & Cooling, who installed the new furnace in the new addition, said that we were using the wrong filter. He suggested that we use a three-inch filter that costs \$33.00 each and it would be better for the furnace and they would last longer. Short discussion. Hodges will order a couple of filters. (B) Newsletter & Stickers for Trash - Neubecker said that he will start working on

the newsletter and wants input from the other board members and anyone that was present. He said that he would like to get the newsletter out in December.

Approval of Bills - Three bills were added to the list. M/Paladino S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented with the three additions. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #10289 through #10334 in the amount of \$16,141.50 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Lou Nemeth said that Rapid River Township was going to bring to the next MTA meeting some suggestions of changes that could be made to the Nuisance Ordinance. Neubecker said that when the Nuisance Ordinance was put together, junk cars, tires and building materials were discussed but just plain junk was not discussed. He said that there was nothing said about couches, mattresses, boats, camping trailers, etc. It certainly is something to look at. Charlie Fawcett suggested that the board in next years budget to consider enlarging the cemetery. Neubecker said that we did look into purchasing some property that is for sale next to the cemetery, but they wanted such an outrageous amount for the property we did not move any further on it. Fawcett also asked about including some road improvements in the next budget or at least putting a road millage on the ballot for road improvement and see if the people would support a millage. Neubecker said that with the road commission \$750,000.00 in debt it doesn't look as if we'll ever get anything done anytime soon without a road millage. Neubecker said that he would ask for some public input on a road millage in the newsletter.

M/Casto S/Paladino to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

