

**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

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 Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 5 guests were also present

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Casto 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/Bondy to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2005 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Lambert was present requesting the board's approval on a land split. Following consideration by the board there was a motion by Paladino supported by Bondy to approve the split as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Hodges said that she had received a call from a Mr. Maykowski regarding Starvation Lake Rd. Neubecker asked if the road commission has graded it since our last meeting. Paladino said that he was down the road a few days ago on a run for the fire department and he said they had to go 10 mph because it was so bad. Hodges said that a few years ago when Twin Lake Rd between 571 & 131 was in bad shape representatives from the fire department went to the road commission and complained that it wasn't even safe enough to transport people. The road commission ended up re-paving that section of the road. She said that maybe someone from the fire department could go to the road commission and complain like they did on Twin Lake Rd. Neubecker said that when we addressed this with the road commission previously, he also sent a copy of the letter to the Michigan State Police Safety Office and stated in the letter that it was an unsafe road and that is when they ground it up. Neubecker said that maybe we should send another letter.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that a tree had fallen across the Central Avenue lake access. Neubecker said that he would contact Dream Services and have them take care of it. Bondy also said that Chuck Anderson had called her and asked her if he should rake up the leaves in the cemetery because he had received a complaint about

them. She told him no that that would get done in the spring. Fire Board - Minutes from the November 2, 2005 Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy on file. Liquor Enforcement - Reports on Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop & Shop for the months of September and October were received. Both reports were favorable. Reports are on file. Road Commission - Trustee Paladino said that he was going to report on the condition of Starvation Lake Rd. but that was already discussed earlier. He did report that the road commission did agree to do the portion of Starvation Lake Rd in Blue Lake Township. He said that Elmer's is going to work with the county so that they can get it done. He also reported that the road commission is going to put up new signs near the fire barn on 612 because the ones that are there now are all bent. Hodges asked about the signals for the railroad crossing on Twin Lake Rd. Paladino said that a couple of months ago they put the wire in where the signals will eventually go but that they set them too close and that they have to be moved back another 8ft. He said that the wire that is under the road is going to have to be redone and that that is the responsibility of someone else to do that. Neubecker asked about the culvert over on Priest Rd., because the DEQ was supposed to hold a public hearing here at the township hall the first week in November, but that is past. Paladino said that he mentioned it at the road commission meeting last month and said that it was going to be addressed. Paladino said that it was in their minutes that it was supposed to be a bigger culvert and that that was a decision on behalf of the DEQ. Paladino said that things are really in a mess at the road commission because they have been working without a budget.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of October. The report showed that there was \$370,211.82 in the various bank accounts, \$36,539.27 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. The report also included \$123,583.74 in CD's in the Township Improvement Fund and \$10,346.07 in a CD for the Building Fund. There is a CD that will mature the end of November. Casto will find the best possible rate and roll it over. Casto also reported there is \$140,906.54 still due from the summer taxes. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy on file.

Old Business - (A) Approve the renewal of the trash contract for the year 2006 in the amount of \$65,000.00. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the renewal of the contract, without bids, to North Country Sanitation for the amount of \$65,000.00 for the year 2006. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Casto yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Open Snow Bids - Five bids were received. All five bids were opened and considered. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to accept the bid from Eric Cobb in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the township hall and \$600.00 for the two road accesses for a total of \$1,800.00 for the 2005-2006 season. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. **Corrected 12/12/2005 - As discussed but was not recorded in the minutes, that all future bids shall have a non-performance termination clause and an insurance requirement notation included.**

New Business - Amend the Budget - Hodges recommended various amendments to the budget. Most of the amendments were due to a new governmental accounting system known as GASB34. Hodges said that we used to put any large items such as computers, copiers etc. under capital expense. Now we would only put anything costing over \$5,000.00 under capital expense and anything less than that would go under supplies, bldg., maintenance, equipment, etc. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote. Paladino yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Casto yes and Bondy yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - The bills were reviewed. Hodges suggested that we approve check #9910 made out to the Kalkaska County Road Commission for the Sunset Trail project but hold it until we receive an itemized bill from the road commission. Hodges said that she called Lori at the road commission and left a message for her to send an itemized bill. When we receive it we could then send the check rather than wait until the next board meeting. Paladino asked if the clerk had called Great Lakes about getting a lock put on the propane tank. She said that she had not but will make a note of it and call them and have an answer next month. Hodges will also check with Aloha, Heating & Cooling. and get something in writing as to what the yearly inspection for both furnaces would include and cost. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to pay the bills in the amount of \$121,836.89 and issue checks #9905 thru #9927 with the exception of check #9910 made out to the Kalkaska County Road Commission and that that check be held until such a time that they provide us with an adequate detailed billing. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Gancer asked that the board to consider putting in the newsletter, asking people to have their property surveyed before they buy it. Neubecker said that that is a very good suggestion, however the people would not get the newsletter until after they bought the property. Gancer also asked Neubecker for an update on the Manistee Lake Improvement Board. Neubecker said that Commissioner Phyllis Senske was appointed to the board and that the Drain Commissioner was going to represent himself on the board and not appoint anyone to represent him. He also said that Don Darke, Trustee for Excelsior Township was appointed from Excelsior and that sometime late this month the MLIB will be having their first initial meeting. Neubecker said that Manistee Lake Association has provided them with a list of potential candidates with backgrounds for a local appointment by the Improvement Board. A tower to get better reception on cell phones was also discussed. Neubecker said that he is looking into it.

M/Paladino S/Bondy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Mary Hodges

Coldsprings Township Clerk