

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 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 Lambert, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Corrado. Approx. 8 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker said to remove items E and F under Committee Reports. He said that we did not receive any liquor reports and County Commissioner Nemeth would not be present. M/Lambert S/Corrado 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/Neubecker to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2009 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

#### Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that Tony removed the flags and the flowers from the graves in the cemetery, ground down the stumps from the trees that he had already cut down and cut down the rest of the small trees along the back of the cemetery.

(B) Fire Board Meeting - Minutes from the November 3, 2009 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Corrado said that he put the road commission on notice that County Road 612 is unsafe for travel and that he referenced them to MCL 224.21 where it says that it requires the road commission to maintain county roads to be reasonably safe and convenient for travel and that they can be held liable for any injuries for failure to do so. He told them that we have received a number of complaints from residents about the road. Corrado also asked the road commission where the stimulus money is for 612 that they said they had. They told him that 612 has been approved for

repaving and that Reith-Reilly received the bid on November 6<sup>th</sup>. They said that the repaving will go from Darke Road to Rogers Road and that it will be done by June 11<sup>th</sup> of next year. He said that Blue Lake Township was also at the road commission meeting and that the road commission had a contract with Blue Lake to have some work done and that some how they (the road commission) shorted themselves \$70,000.00 and they didn't know how the mistake happened. Corrado said that Blue Lake Township asked the road commission to consider having private contractors do their roads. Jamie, from the road commission, said that they have to go through them and that they have to bid the work out. Commissioner Green said that he was not in favor of private contractors because it would increase the cost. More discussion about roads.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on the junk ordinance violations. She said that at present she now has 10 open cases and 11 closed cases. She said that no tickets were issued in October. Wendy listed each opened case and the progress. A copy of the report is on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of October. The report showed that there was \$338,304.39 in the various bank accounts, \$19,063.56 in the Township Improvement MM Account, \$32,244.06 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. She said that as of the September 15<sup>th</sup> due date for taxes there were 450 unpaid taxes. She said that she sent out past due notices the end of September and that about 100 of those taxes have been paid. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Old Business:

(A) Court Case - Kalkaska County Road Commission vs. Coldsprings Township - Neubecker said that four of our board members attended the preliminary hearing on November 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the suite that the county road commission has brought against us. He reported that neither lawyer was present that actually they were on a phone conference line with the Judge and that all they accomplished was that sometime within the next 90 days they will bring this case to court as a bench trial, not a jury trial. Neubecker said that we are looking at February before they will actually get this case into court or even March or April depending on how many delays they come up with. Neubecker said that he sent our attorney an email but has not yet heard back from him.

(B) Wireless Payment - Neubecker said that at last month's board meeting there was a motion and support to open up a new fund, Information Technology, and transfer \$5,000.00 into that Fund out of the General Fund, to put into the proposed development of a Broadband system, provided the county commissioners do approve \$10,000.00 for the same thing at their board meeting on October 13, 2009. Neubecker said that the county commissioners did talk about it at their meeting on October 13, 2009 but they could not make a decision as to the \$10,000.00 amount. He said that a private citizen

said that if the board of commissioners would put up \$5,000.00 that he would put up the other \$5,000.00, which he did, and the board of commissioners did commit to the \$5,000.00. However, we stipulated in our minutes of last month that if the board of commissioners actually obligated \$10,000.00, which they did not do, we would obligate \$5,000.00. Neubecker said that at this point in time he would like to make a motion that we do in fact transfer \$5,000.00 into a new Information Technology Fund to be utilized for the proposed development of the Broadband System. Supported by Bondy. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Corrado yes, Bondy yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rob Franzo from Wireless 20/20 was present to explain how the Broadband System will work and to answer any questions the board or members of the public has. He said that he is a consultant and has been working in this area with the Broadband Stimilius within Michigan since April of this year. He said that back in February Congress appropriated 7.2 billion dollars for Boradband in remote areas. He said that Kalkaska County is on a special list, so to say, because of the economic challenges and unemployment and that they really have to upgrade and actually get in place a structural for communications and information technology. He did not go into specifics at this time. Discussion followed.

New Business - None

Approval of Bills - Bills were reviewed. M/Corrado S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11394 through #11420 in the amount of \$16,387.06 were issued for payment.

Public Comments - There were none.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

