

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011, 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 hodes, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. Also present were County Commissioner McKinnon, Under Sheriff Abe Devoll and approx. 13 members of the public.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked to delete item C (park ordinance) under old business and Corrado asked to add Ordinance Amendment as item C under new business. 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. Trustee Bagnell said that he would have a conflict with item B (Maple Valley Special Assessment District/Karl Williamson) under new business.

Approval of Minutes - M/Lambert S/Bagnell to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2011 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell reported that the buoys, dock, Porta-Johns and the trash cans have all been removed from Sands Park for the winter. He also said that after next weekend they would start cleaning up the cemetery.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the October 5, 2011 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 5 Fire runs and 23 Rescue runs for the month of September. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado said that he finally received a letter back today that he had requested in July from the road commission. The letter was in response to concerns regarding Starvation Lake Rd and County Road 571. He said three months have passed and the roads are in the same condition that they were. Corrado said that the road commission told him that they haven't had enough personnel to fix the roads even though the roads have been declared unsafe. He said that he reminded them again of their responsibility, that once a road is declared unsafe, if an incident should occur,

that they would be responsible for it. He said that they also discussed Tower Road and Pike St. He said that he brought up Starvation Lake Road again, because next month the road commission wants the townships to present any projects that they think are necessary for the coming year, so they can decide how they are going to spend their money. Corrado said that he talked to them about completing Starvation Lake Road, from where we left off, and their suggestion was that they would work on it with us. He said he reassured them that it was 100% their responsibility since they were the ones that tore the road up at their discretion to begin with. Lambert had some pictures to show of Covert Road and how bad that road is. Short discussion. Corrado said that he would address it at the next road commission meeting.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy was not present but did send a brief report over. It showed that property clean-up on Sedwarft has just about been completed, property on Park Dr. - work was in progress, she's waiting for response to letters sent out on possible abandoned properties and property on Tower Rd a pile of debris needs to be cleaned up. She also did general patrol of the township. Copy of the report is on file.

(D) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda presented the unapproved minutes from the October 4, 2011 P&R Committee meeting. Copy of the minutes is on file. She also reported that the tree removal at the park is completed. She said that the biggest noticeable change is to the beach area. She also said that a supplemental package had been sent to the DNR for the MNRTF grant. She said that the package consisted of several letters of collaboration, several personal letters from private residents in support of the park's renovation, colored pictures of the improvements made to date at the park and a new resolution stating that the township has increased its funding to 50%. She said that with the additional information the committee hopes to gain an additional 40-50 points in the grant application and that this would boost the points for this application to the upper 300's, increasing the chance for grant approval. She also said that they are looking at applying for a couple of more grants that does not require matching funds.

(E) County Commissioner McKinnon - He said that there is a seat on the Board of Canvassers that needs to be filled, for the Democratic Party, if anyone is interested. He also said that there is an opening on the EDC board. Other items he spoke about were the MSU Extension budget, more money going to the 4-H, they've received 4 applications for the Director of Equalization, the Controllers vacancy, 2012 Child care program, new housing development and the preliminary 2012 budget.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the reconciliation report for the month of September 2011. The report showed that there was \$376,853.23 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in Forest Area Credit Union, \$10,594.33 in the MCU Building Fund MM account, \$18,439.84 in the MCU Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$1,157,501.45 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. Lambert said that she would be making a payout from the Tax account this week. She also presented the quarterly report for the CD's. Building Fund CD's \$53,984.64, and Township Improvement Fund

CD's, \$313,765.97. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

(A) Open Snow Bids - Four bids were received. (1) \$6,750.00 - (2) \$4,600.00 - (3) \$3,495.00 and (4) \$2,800.00. Discussion. M/Neubecker S/Bagnell to accept the bid from Mike Deater for \$2,800.00. 4 Yeas 1 Nay. Motion carried.

(B) Cunningham Property - Hodges just wanted the board to know that she just heard back from the attorney, Mike Edwards, last Thursday and it was too late to put the ad in the paper for this week. Edwards said that sometimes when a municipality sells a piece of property there are other issues other than just advertising in the paper. He also wanted to know how we acquired the property. He said that everything looks good but he did want us to add to the ad that the property is being sold as is in regards to the property and title. Hodges said that she would get the ad in the paper next week.

(C) Park ordinance - Deleted

New Business:

(A) Approve the election workers for the November 8, 2011 election. M/Hodges to approve Judy Newkirk (as chairperson) and Darlene Berkshire, Joan Nikischer, Pam Burns and Rose Rodgers (as inspectors). S/Lambert. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Maple Valley Special Assessment District/Karl Williamson - Karl Williamson was not present so there was no discussion.

(C) Ordinance Amendment - Corrado asked that we have an amendment as to trespassing in Ordinance #1 of 2010. He asked that the ordinance read "trespassing will be enforceable on any and all property belonging to the Township or under Township control". Short discussion. M/Corrado S/Lambert to make the amendment to Ordinance #1 of 2010. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. One (1) bill was added - Kalkaska County Road Commission in the amount of \$188.78 for a zoning sign on Twin Lake Road. M/Corrado S/Lambert to approve the bills as presented with the one addition, in the amount of \$25,920.99. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Corrado yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Began at 8:01 p.m. - Comments were received from two persons. Ended at 8:03 p.m.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk