

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. 9 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Casto 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/Casto S/Bondy to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2006 regular board meeting as submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

Judge Janet Allen, incumbent for the 46th Circuit Trial Court and also on the ballot for the November 7th General Election, was present and spoke about her duties and experience as a Judge.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the buoys at the park have been put away for the year. The fall cleanup at the Cemetery will take place after October 15th. Hodges said that she would put the notice in the paper. There was some damage done to the frame around one of the garage doors and Bondy said that she would get hold of Bob Grimm and see if he can fix it. She also said that Louie D'Hondt stopped and asked if he could have the old sign that was in front of the township hall. He said that he and his Dad made it. Casto said that the work crew made that sign back when she was a trustee. She said that there was another sign before that one but that was dismantled and disposed of. Short discussion followed. Neubecker told Bondy to tell D'Hondt that he could have the sign if he still wants it. Bondy also said that it was brought to her attention that there is a section of the fence on Cross Dr. but is on park property and that it should be moved in about 4 foot. Evidently from the weight of the snow when the snow plows go by it knocks it down. Short discussion followed. Bondy said that she would have Chuck look at it and see if he can fix it. Fire Board - Minutes

from the September 6th fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. Neubecker said that Marty Cottrell's two year term on the fireboard as representative for Excelsior Township is up as of September 30th and that he would like to nominate Richard Paternoster as the Coldsprings Township representative for the fireboard for the next two year period. M/Bondy S/Casto to appoint Richard Paternoster as the member at large for the fireboard for Coldsprings Township for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker also said that the Fire Dept. has a number of concerns regarding MDOT re-routing the traffic from US131 to County Road 571 next summer. Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Paladino reported that he had asked John Rogers, at the road commission, about the tree at Sands Park that is in the right of way but it is near the fence at the park. Rogers said that the top of the tree is dead but that the middle of the tree is still alive and if they cut the tree the whole tree would be gone and so nothing will be done with the tree at this time. Paladino also asked Rogers about the culvert on E Shore Dr. Rogers said that at one time they did use a hydraulic jack on it and Paladino said that when he went out to look at it there was about 4 or 5 inches that you could see through. Paladino said that he asked the Fire Chief if the Fire Dept. could use the culvert as a training exercise by flushing it out and the Fire Chief said that he wouldn't have a problem with it if the county would do something in conjunction with them to dissolve the problem because if you flush it out it will just fill back up again. Paladino said that he spoke with Rogers about it and that Rogers said that they should make a big project out of it by starting up by the store and have a paved V trough all the way down and somewhere in the middle of it have a runoff before it gets to the culvert. Rogers said that he was going to put a couple of ideas together. Paladino also mentioned the signage on Barnhardt & Twin Lake Roads that was brought up at the August meeting. He said that he went out there and he said that there's more signage there than any road out there. Paladino felt that it was well marked. Short discussion followed. Liquor Enforcement - Liquor reports on Kiootee's and Manistee Lake Stop & Shop were received for the months of July and August. Both were good. The crime report for the township for the month of August was also received. All copies are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the reconciliation report for the month of August. The report showed that there was \$347,175.97 in the various bank accounts, \$229,653.71 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business (A) SOS Resolution tabled from the August meeting - Neubecker said that the SOS Resolution has pretty much been tabled. He said that the State has determined that they have not received enough adequate signatures to put it on the November ballot. (B) Prices for file cabinets for the Treasurer & Clerk - Hodges said that she had prices from Excel Office Interiors of \$1,455.00 for the fire proof cabinet \$142.50 for the regular letter size cabinet and \$165.00 for the regular legal size. She said that the prices at Staples were basically the same except that at Staples the legal size was \$189.00 but that they did have it on sale the day that she was there. M/Neubecker S/Casto that the clerk be

authorized to purchase one fireproof four drawer filing cabinet, one regular four drawer letter size filing cabinet and one regular four drawer legal size filing cabinet for a price not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Price for a hand truck - Hodges said that she got one price and that was for \$51.00 at McLeans. She said that she would get a couple of more prices for the next meeting. (D) Update on the roof of the township hall - Hodges said that the company that made the ridge vent found that the ridge vent had been installed properly and will pay the \$1,100.00 to have the ridge vent replaced and Brian said that they should be able to start on it within the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor Neubecker was not feeling well and asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Clerk Hodges appointed Trustee Paladino to be the Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

New Business - (A) Advertise for bids for snowplowing - a couple of additions were made to the specifications for snowplowing. 1. Must supply the Township Board with proof and maintain proof of public liability insurance. 2. Any snow piles over four feet tall obstructing the view of the road must be moved at the contractor's expense. Hodges will advertise for bids. (B) MDOT - Paladino read the notice that we received from MDOT regarding the closing of US131 next summer and rerouting the traffic down County Road 612 to 571 to Twin Lake Road. Short discussion followed. Paladino said that there would be an informational meeting September 12th at the Kaliseum from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (C) Amend the budget - there were three amendments to the budget. M/Paladino S/Casto to approve the amendments to the budget as presented. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes and Paladino yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried. (D) Pay the Deputy Treasurer hourly - Casto asked that her deputy be paid on an hourly basis rather than once a year. Hodges said that we could do that but that we should put a cap on the amount. Casto asked that we pay the deputy the same that we pay the maintenance worker and the election workers, which is \$10.00 per hour. Short discussion followed. Hodges said that we would have to amend the budget. Bondy suggested that we revisit the amendments to the budget and include the deputy treasurer's wages now. M/Hodges S/Casto to increase the Deputy Treasurer's wages from \$500.00 to \$800.00 per fiscal year and to amend the budget to show the increase. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Hodges yes and Casto yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried. M/Hodges S/Bondy to pay the Deputy Treasurer an hourly rate of \$10.00 with a cap of \$800.00 for the fiscal year effective September 1, 2006. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Hodges yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - M/Bondy S/Paladino to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Bondy yes. Neubecker absent. Motion carried. Checks #10227 through #10258 in the amount of \$20,886.12 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Gancer asked if we've heard any more on a cell tower. Hodges said that we haven't. She said that Lou Nemeth was going to try and get us name of someone that we could call but he wasn't at the meeting tonight. Gancer said he might be able to get a name of someone. He said that we have the perfect spot for a cell tower. Paladino said that there is a lot of interest within the township about having one. Gancer also said that he had received two packets from someone on Manistee Lake and he said that they would like to have the township investigate looking at putting up signs at the accesses and at the park in regards to bringing in zebra mussels. Gancer said that there are signs available from the DNR that we could put up and hopefully keep out zebra mussels. He said that he would bring the packet to the next meeting.

M/Paladino S/Casto to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township