

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

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 Casto, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 10 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Hodges asked that a check to Richard Paternoster be added to the bills. M/Casto S/Paladino to adopt the agenda. 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 as written from the August 9, 2004 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Claude Woods, candidate for Prosecuting Attorney in the upcoming November election, was present to introduce himself and answer any questions.

Correspondence was reviewed. Clerk Hodges said that the DEQ would be holding a Public Hearing on September 21st at 1:00 p.m. The hearing is in regards to a culvert that is being replaced on Croy Lake Rd.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that there was hardly any damage done at the park this summer and that the buoys were still in the water and that they might wait awhile before taking them out. She also said that there were a couple of 6X6's down by the boat launch that are broken and need to be replaced. She said that there had been a lot of activity at the boat launch but no problems that she was aware of. Neubecker said that he had received an e-mail about providing a handicap access at the boat launch for people to get in and out of boats and also that the township should look at placing a dock at the boat launch so that people do not get soaking wet every time they try to get in and out of a boat. Short discussion followed. Neubecker asked that docks be put on the agenda for October. Fire Board - Minutes from the September 1, 2004 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy attached. Liquor Enforcement - Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report as of August 31, 2004. The report showed that there was \$289,436.60 in the various bank accounts, \$118,163.70 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. M/Hodges S/Paladino to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy on file.

Old Business (A) Open Trash Bids - American Waste and North Country Sanitation both submitted bids. Copies of bids are on file. M/Paladino S/Bondy to accept the bid from North Country Sanitation for Bid #2 which includes regular trash pickup on a weekly basis and 4 large items per year with sticker, in the amount of \$65,000.00. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Computer for Treasurer - Casto received a proposal for a new computer and keyboard from Syscom, Inc. in the amount of \$1,225.00. The proposal includes data transfer @85.00 per hour. M/Casto S/Bondy to accept the proposal of \$1,225.00 from Syscom, Inc. to purchase a new computer for the treasurer, which includes data transfer. All in favor. Motion carried. (C) Septic Ordinance - Neubecker presented a sample Septic Ordinance that is used in Pennsylvania and asked for input from the board as well as members of the audience. He said that the township should look at passing a septic ordinance in order to help protect the lakes and properties in the area. He said that right now there is nothing in place, in writing, within the township or county that would allow any enforcement agency, such as the health department or codes enforcement to access a property that is suspected of having a bad septic system. And that is initially what he would like to do with this ordinance and then it can grow from there. Neubecker said that with an ordinance in place we could look at every single piece of property that pulls a building permit, every single piece of property that pulls a variance and every single piece of property that is sold, and the ordinance would require inspection certification of the septic system or upgrade as required. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time. Kathy McCullen said that there is a Ted Loudon at Michigan State University that deals with issues such as septic systems and that she would get the information for Neubecker so that he could contact him. Neubecker asked to have the septic ordinance put on the agenda for October.

New Business - (A) Bids for snow plowing - Short discussion. There will be two separate bids. One for the township hall and 1 for the two road endings, Dean St. and Ford Rd. We will no longer have the parking lot at Sands Park plowed. Neubecker said that in the bid for the township hall he wants it to read "the snow will be removed from the parking lot with adequate distance to insure that bank removals are not required. The bids will be opened at the October meeting.

Approval of bills - Add check #9505 in the amount of \$35.00 to pay Richard Paternoster for Fireboard Trustee for the month of September. M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills as

presented including the one addition and issue checks #9475 thru #9505 in the amount of \$17,922.53. Roll call vote. Neubecker yes, Hodges yes, Casto yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:21.p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk