

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Supervisor Neubecker, Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Lambert and Trustee Corrado. County Commissioner Nemeth and approx. 19 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Trustee Corrado asked to have Violations Bureau added to the agenda as item F under Old Business. M/Neubecker 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/Lambert S/Neubecker to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2010 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Mately from Area Waste was present to update the board on the trash pickup in the township. He noted that the day after Labor Day they picked up 17 ton of trash and this week they picked up 14 ton. He also asked the board if they were interested in looking at the trash contract for renewal. Hodges said that she did have it on the agenda as part of item B under New Business.

Correspondence was reviewed.

#### **Committee reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Otto said that there was a buoy missing from the lake and that you could see where someone had dragged it up the beach. Discussion followed. Corrado suggested that we should at least file a police report.

(B) Minutes from the September 1, 2010 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado updated the board on the road commission. He said that he filed an official complaint about unsafe highways within the township. Some of the roads included in the complaint were Rogers Road, 612 east of 571 and Tower Road, W of Rogers. Corrado said that the road commission has 30 days by law to correct those violations. He said that doesn't mean that they are going to

do anything about it, but what it does mean is that after the 30 days it makes the road commission 100% liable if there is any injury, loss of life or vehicle accidents on any of those roads. He also said that the contract for the townships that they had sent in for their consideration came back from their attorney's but it had some mistakes in it and it was sent back to their attorney's. Corrado said that the township board also has to draft a letter to the road commission in regards to his attendance at the road commission meetings to comply to their new agenda, that if you don't notify them in advance that you will be in attendance and want to be on the program they won't accept you and will not let you speak as the township representative. Letter will be drafted.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on a number cases that she is working on. Copy of her report is on file.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda said that they received 103 responses back, which is 25%, of the public surveys that they sent out. She said that the surveys showed, in the order that they were most used, were the boat launch, swim area, fishing from shore and picnicking. The improvements requested were walking paths, pavilion, water faucet, additional boat parking, child play equipment, handicap accessible walkways and basketball hoops. Brenda said that the P&R Committee met on August 18<sup>th</sup> and that they discussed replacing the fence around the shoreline and talked about including that in the master plan for next year. Brenda presented an estimate that the committee received from the county road commission, for park signs, which will be placed at the corners of 612 and 571 as well as 612 and Sands Park Road. Short discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to approve the four recreational guide signs for Sands Park, as discussed, in an amount of under \$700.00. All in favor. Motion carried. Also discussed at the P&R Committee meeting, which was also mentioned at the August Township Board meeting, was to get a survey of Sands Park. Brenda had contacted Farrier Surveying and the cost to survey Sands Park was \$700.00. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to approve Farrier Surveying to complete a survey as per specs. All in favor. Motion carried. Brenda also presented a Consulting Agreement from Pamela Stuckman who will be doing our Master Plan as well as the Grant Writing when the time comes. The fee for the five-year Master Plan will be a flat rate of \$3,000.00. She said that does not include the printing of the plan books, which that cost the township has to incur. The actual Grant Writing will be at a flat rate of \$250.00 a month once the Master Plan is approved and she starts writing the grants. Brenda also said that they are planning on having a public meeting sometime in October and notices will be in the paper and posted on the township Web site and also CETA Hall.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received on Kiootee's Bar & Grill for the month of August. The crime report for the month of August was also received. The report showed that there were 21 incidents for the month of August.

(G) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Commissioner Nemeth updated the township on a variety of activities and plans within the county.

## **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of August. The report showed that there was \$406,999.29 in the various bank accounts, \$10.04 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$401,402.89 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

8:33 P.M. - Neubecker said that the board will recess until 8:45 P.M.

8:45 P.M. - Board convened. All board members were present.

### **Old Business:**

(A) Estimates for the Treasurers Computer - Table until October.

(B) Consulting Agreement for Pamela Stuckman for P&R - Neubecker felt that some changes needed to be made to the agreement and asked to have it tabled until the October meeting.

(C) Survey for Sands Park - Motion made earlier in the meeting.

(D) Applications to fill Trustee vacancy - Six applications were received for the Trustee vacancy. The board reviewed all applications and the applicants were interviewed. Neubecker asked that we set this item aside for now and bring it back towards the end of the meeting.

(E) Dangerous Building Ordinance - Corrado asked that this item be set aside until we see what the county is going to do about their proposed Dangerous Building Ordinance. Neubecker said to put it on the October agenda.

(F) Violations Bureau - Corrado said that he would like the board to consider a motion to adopt the Violations Bureau for Coldsprings Township and also with regards to that, develop it with the MTA guidelines. Corrado presented a brief summary of the guidelines. Discussion followed. Neubecker said that this has to be prepared as a Resolution and asked the clerk to prepare it as a Resolution for October's board meeting.

### **New Business**

(A) Purchase Forever Postage Stamps - Short discussion. M/Hodges S/Lambert to purchase 10,000 Forever Postage Stamps. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Advertise for Snow Bids & Trash Bids - Short discussion. Advertise for Snow Bids to be opened at the October board meeting. No motion needed.

Trash Bids - Our Trash Contract does state that we do have the option to renew at the

end of the contract year. Scott Mately owner of Area Waste did ask if the board was considering renewing the contract. Discussion followed. M/Lambert S/Corrado to renew the contract with Area Waste for the year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at the current rate that they are now charging in 2010. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) Approve \$25.00 fee to Kalkaska Chapter, MTA - Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to authorize payment of \$25.00 to the Kalkaska Chapter, MTA, for the next year. All in favor. Motion carried.

(D) Appointment to Fireboard - Neubecker said that he has re-appointed Richard Paternoster to the Fireboard for the term starting October 1, 2010- September 30, 2012 and he would like to have board confirmation. M/Lambert S/Hodges to approve the appointment of Richard Paternoster to the Fireboard for the term stated. All in favor. Motion carried.

(E) Online Cemetery Burial Search - Hodges said that it is a program that we can set up on our Website where anyone would be able to look up to see who is buried in the Coldsprings Township Cemetery. She said that she would like to table it to next month for now.

#### **Old Business cont'd:**

Trustee Vacancy - Neubecker asked the board members if they have come up with any more questions that they would like to address to the six applicants. Hodges said that she wanted to make sure that they all understood what their duties would be and that is to oversee the Cemetery, the Township Hall and Sands Park maintenance.

Neubecker thanked all six applicants for applying for the position of Trustee and it is good to know that we have such interest from the community. He said that there is such a wide spectrum of individuals, experiences and backgrounds. That being said, Neubecker said that he would like to make a motion that Walter Bagnell be appointed Trustee to the township board. Supported by Lambert. Roll call vote. Corrado no, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. 1 no 3 yes. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Bills:**

Neubecker said to void check #11746 made out to Pamela Stuckman, as we do not have a contract with her as yet. All other bills were reviewed. M/Corrado S/Lambert to approve the bills as presented with the one deletion. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Lambert yes and Corrado, yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11710 through #11747 and one electronic transfer of \$239.00 to Quickbooks, for a total of \$26,480.38, were approved for payment.

#### **Public Comments:**

Began at 9:58 P.M. ended at 10:02 P.M.

**Adjournment:**

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk

