

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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. 4 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Lambert S/Corrado 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/Bondy S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that the lights are working at Sands Park and that she called the Dive Team at the Sheriff's Department and told them that there weren't any buoys left to take out at Manistee Lake and not to make the trip out there. She said that Chuck piled up a lot of brush and branches at the park and asked if we wanted to burn it or just push it out of the way. Neubecker said it would be best if we burned it otherwise it would just get spread around again. Bondy asked if the fire chief buys his own fire truck because one of the residents had asked her. Neubecker said no he does not. Neubecker said that normally he does not drive that truck and to give everyone some insight as to why he had the truck was because they were refurbishing the floor of the fire barn and while that was being done some of the members of the fire department each took home one of the vehicles whether than just let them sit out in the parking lot. Bondy also asked if the clerk and treasurer balanced each month. Hodges said yes, every month. Neubecker said that last month we had a discussion about the bathrooms at Sands Park and whether or not we wanted to have the restrooms taken out. He said that the board needs to think about what we want to do with that come spring and we do need to do something with that situation. Short discussion. He said to put it on the agenda for next month and in the mean time have the board members give some thought as to what we should do. Neubecker also said that he talked to Tim at Twin Bay Marina in Lewiston and he is going to come over to look at the boat launch and give us

an idea of what we could expect in cost to purchase a removable dock. Hodges said that the north entrance of the cemetery is terrible and we have to do something with that. You scrape the bottom of your car whenever you go in or exit from that entrance. Short discussion. Neubecker said to call McCullen and ask him what we can do to it.

(B) Fire Board Meeting - Minutes from the September 2, 2009 fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission Meeting - Trustee Corrado was not able to attend the road commission meeting this month. He did say that he heard that they are still planning to work on County Road 612 this year but does not know how that will work out since it is already the middle of September.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on the junk ordinance violations. She said that at present she has 6 open cases, 8 closed cases and that 1 ticket has been issued. There was a short discussion regarding two specific road endings and whether or not we could place some posts so as to show where the line is for township property. There was a short discussion but no action was taken at this time regarding placing posts at the road endings.

(E) Liquor Enforcement - A good report was received for Kiootee's Bar & Grill for the month of August. We also received a crime report, it showed that there were 28 incidents for the month of August, which gives a total of 161 year to date.

(F) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Not present.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation for the month of August. The report showed that there was \$342,092.74 in the various bank accounts, \$19,044.49 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$437,188.36 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. Short discussion on partial payments. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A) Trash Contract - Neubecker said that he would like to see us go for a one-year renewal instead of two this time. He said he thinks that one of the reasons that we are having a problem bringing in other bidders is because they are not willing to go out and look at a cost for a third year. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to go out for bids for trash removal with a notation to include the one large item, for a period of one year with a one-year option for renewal. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

(A) Amend the budget - Hodges presented a few amendments to the 2009-2010 budget. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to make the amendments to the budget as recommended by the

clerk. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(B) Blood Drive - Hodges said that the Michigan Community Blood Centers contacted her regarding using the township hall for a blood drive on December 7th. No one had any objections. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to allow the Michigan Community Blood Center use the township hall for a blood drive. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) Approve the Rapid River Fire Contract - Discussion. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to approve the Rapid River Fire agreement for fire services. All in favor. Motion carried.

(D) Advertise for snow plowing - Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to go out for snow plowing bids. All in favor. Motion carried.

(E) Change Assessor status to employee - We received correspondence from the MTA Chief Counsel Advisory, that the IRS has taken the position that a township assessor who certified the tax roll is a public officer, and as such, must be classified as an employee, not an independent contractor, for income tax and FICA purposes. The MTA staff and Legal Counsel have analyzed the IRS Chief Counsel Advisory, along with state and federal statutes and case law, and have concluded that the IRS Chief Counsel Advisory does apply to Michigan assessors. Discussion followed. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to hire David Grimm, effective January 1, 2010, as Coldsprings Township Assessor, and his pay will remain the same as contracted through his current contract with an expiration date of 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

(F) Increase price of cemetery graves - There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not to increase the price of graves in the cemetery. M/Bondy S/Lambert to leave the price of the graves at \$100.00 per grave. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Three checks totaling \$4,149.18 were issued prior to the September board meeting and were not on the list of bills, however they were approved at the August meeting. They were Municipal Underwriters of Michigan \$3,798.00, Grand Traverse Mobile Communications \$267.20 and Great Lakes Energy \$63.98. M/Corrado S/Bondy to approve the checks as presented including the three checks, which were issued prior to the meeting. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Corrado yes and Bondy yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11344 through #11371 totaling \$22,495.73 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - Don smith asked if there was a weigh master in this area. He said that they should check Twin Lake Road once in awhile because there are some awfully heavy loads going down the road. Gancer asked what Rapid River paid for fire services. Neubecker said \$8,000.00. Gancer asked what they paid last year. Neubecker said \$8,000.00. Gancer also questioned the Fire Department budget.

M/Lambert S/Bondy to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk