

**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571-7:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

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, Treasurer Lambert, Trustee Bondy, Trustee Corrado and Deputy Clerk Pat Callan. Clerk Hodges was absent. Approx. 9 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker said that he would like to add Abe DeVol to the agenda after approval of minutes. M/Corrado S/Bondy to approve 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 - (A) August 11, 2008 regular board meeting - M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) August 28, 2008 Special Board meeting - (Neubecker noted that it was a special meeting to specifically discuss Starvation Lake Rd.) M/Bondy S/Lambert to accept the minutes from the special board meeting of August 28, 2008 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Abe DeVol was present to represent David Israel for Sheriff in the November election. He also introduced himself because he will be the Undersheriff for David Israel if he is elected. He said that although the voters only vote for the Sheriff he felt that it is important that everyone knows who will be the Undersheriff.

Paul Olson from MUM was not present.

Correspondence - There was no correspondence for review.

Committee Reports - (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that we have a new lawn person. She asked if the township could purchase an air compressor to blow the grass off of the tractor. She said that it would be easier to keep the tractor clean. They also could use it for the tires. She asked if the dry-hydrant at Ford Road worked. She said that someone hit it with his or her car. Neubecker said that the fire department checks it regularly. Short discussion about the air compressor. M/Neubecker S/Lambert that an air compressor be purchased for maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Fireboard - Minutes from the September 3, 2008 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy of the minutes is on file. (C) Road Commissioners Report - Trustee Corrado reported that the road commission did receive the payment from the State for the 571 and 612 project which came in at \$557,000.00.

Corrado asked the road commission when the Starvation Lake project would start. He was told that it would start in two weeks, which would be September 22nd. He said that they are going to resurface Pflum Valley Road. Neubecker asked if they said anything about Twin Lake Road or Barnhardt. Corrado said no. He also said that the road commission has reclassified 612 as a class 3 road. On a scale of 1 to 10 - #1 being the worst and #10 being the best. He said that they are making plans to pave a certain portion down the middle of the road to get rid of the gaps and then put some kind of a fill in, in some of the potholes but they are not going to do anything to the shoulders. Corrado said that they got some state funding for the project but they did not give a time frame as to when the work will be done. Neubecker said that we did hold a special meeting on the 28th of August and that special meeting was to review and or approve or deny a contract with the Kalkaska County Road Commission for Starvation Lake Road. Neubecker said that he talked in depth with the road commission along with the talking that Denny has been doing with them in trying to get them to bring down the \$368,000.00 cost that they gave us this spring and although it is still a lot more than we ever expected to pay they did bring the cost down to \$246,000.00. Of that \$200,000.00 goes to Reith Riley and \$46,000.00 goes to the road commission for equipment rentals. He said that there was much discussion on it and the cost for equipment rentals and that Corrado was told at that special board meeting to continue to pursue the legalities of the equipment rentals for future contracts. Neubecker said that the road commission did waive the 8-½% administrative fee, all the employee wages and also the cost of the gravel because that should have been put on the road a couple of years ago anyway. He said that the part that they are going to pave is just west of Fawn Lane and east all the way to Barnhardt Road, which is about 9,000 foot of road. He said that there is a section east of Barnhardt that was also ground and graveled but that the county has maintained that portion quite well. Neubecker said that the project is going forward and that he appreciates the involvement that Denny has put into it and making this a reality. Lambert said that the township is paying 100% of the cost and the road commission is paying nothing. Discussion followed. Lambert said that if we wait until next year the paving is just going to cost more. More discussion on the road commission. (D) Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received from the Sheriff's Department. (E) County Commissioner Lou Nemeth - Nemeth updated the township on various issues within the county. He reported that the county had their Hazardous Waste Cleanup and they collected 68 barrels of chemistry. He also reported on the Michigan Council of Governments of which he is a member of the governing board and the workforce developing board. He also spoke about the ongoing issue with the 46th District Court. Neubecker asked where we stand with the Kaliseum. Nemeth said that they have a new temporary Director who is doing a very good job. Also that they will have an operating millage on the November ballot for the Kaliseum.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of August 2008. The report showed that there was \$221,619.74 in the various bank accounts, \$19,586.29 in the Township Improvement MM account, \$346,283.58 in

the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Account. Lambert also gave the board information on how the FDIC works. Neubecker noted that we would still have approximately \$70,000.00 left in the Township Improvement Fund after we finish paying for Starvation Lake Road. He said that we could build onto that for another project down the road. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Starvation Lake Road - Already discussed. (B) Dock at boat ramp - Neubecker asked that it be tabled again because Paul Olson was supposed to be here to talk about it from the insurance standpoint and he did not show up. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to table the dock at the boat ramp. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business - (A) Advertise for bids for snow plowing - M/Neubecker to go out for bids for snow plowing based on Bid #1 and Bid #2 with the exception of confirmation that the Dry-Hydrant on Ford Road is actually functioning and if it is not we will strike the Ford Road ending from our bid specifications. Supported by Lambert. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Add Dream Lakes Services to the list of bills in the amount of \$290.00. M/Lambert S/Bondy to approve the bills as presented. Checks #11000 through #11023 in the amount of \$137,257.67 were issued for payment. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Corrado yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. Hodges absent. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Stuart Rogers spoke about some potential problems with American Waste and solid waste. Commissioner Nemeth explained the procedure of the solid waste plan. Complaint about the condition of Rogers Road. Mike Moran from Rapid River Township said that he was asked by Stuart Rogers to come to the meeting to talk about the proposed Biomass Power Plant which a company wants to build in Rapid River Township and that it should be a concern of everyone in the county. He said that the company that wants to build the plant has applied to change the language of the zoning ordinance. Neubecker said that we have discussed the issue at our board meetings before. Moran went on to explain just what Biomass is. Neubecker asked Rogers if he wants someone to speak at our meeting to please call ahead and ask to have them put on the agenda. Corrado asked Pam Burns to write down the complaints she has about Rogers Road and give it to him and he will take it to the road commissioners meeting. Also, it was asked that Ordinance Enforcement Officer be put on the agenda for October.

M/Lambert S/Bondy to adjourn.
p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37

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