

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012, 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 Bagnell and Trustee Hoffman. Road Commissioner Corrado was present and also 12 members of the public.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Clerk Hodges said that the culvert on E Shore Drive be added to the agenda for discussion. **Motion** by Lambert supported by Hoffman to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest:

Establish any conflict of interest of items that are on the agenda. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lambert supported by Neubecker to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2012 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

- (A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell reported that the cemetery has been cleaned up, the flags will be taken off of the graves this week, the dock at the boat launch has been taken out and the restrooms have been locked up. Neubecker said that the dock had been damaged in a couple of spots and that he told Schumar to go ahead and order the parts they needed and then to go ahead and repair it in the spring when they get ready to put it back out.
- (B) Fireboard - Minutes from the November 7, 2012 Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 9 Rescue runs and 5 Fire runs for the month of October. There were no structure fires. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Commissioner Corrado said that the road commission will be holding a public hearing on December 12th at 9:00 a.m. for budget appropriations and the same day at 9:10 a.m. they will be holding another public hearing for revisions of permits and costs and fees. He also reported that they hired 3 temporary drivers for the upcoming season. Corrado said that they are still in negotiations with the union and on December 5th they will go into fact finding and that once that meeting is done they will wait until the appropriate time and reinforce their last best offer to them. He also said that due to a lack of personnel they have not had a Weigh Master out for some time. Corrado said that for the upcoming year they will not be doing any roads unless it is 100% funded by the township. Discussion on roads.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - No Report

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda presented the minutes from the November 5, 2012 P & R meeting. The minutes showed that there is no new information on the encroachment issue, proceeds from the donation box at the boat launch was \$4.00 for the month of October making a total of \$145.68 to date, the paperwork for the reimbursement of the 2011 Passport Grant expenditures has been approved by the DNR and we are just waiting for reimbursement. As for the 2011 MNRTF Grant, a new schematic was reviewed by the P & R committee showing the proposed location of the picnic shelter, restrooms, pathways and light posts, and for the 2012 MDNR Passport Grant Application, the committee is waiting for the results of that application. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

Also discussed was a MNRTF Acquisition Grant for Coldsprings Township to acquire the Winters property which is on the north end of Manistee Lake and is a little over 17 acres with access off of Cunningham Road. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not to move forward in applying for a land acquisition grant for the property. Several issues were discussed. Neubecker had a concern as to the accessibility to the property and whether or not we would have to bring the roadway up to grade upon acquisition of the property, which is about 2 miles long and for the most part is nothing more than a two track. He said that could be very costly. Hodges also had a concern about having the public meetings in January, February and March when all of our seasonal residents are gone for the winter. Brenda said the reason for that is because the deadline for applying for the 2013 grant is April 1st. Brenda said that she could send a notice out with the winter tax bills. More discussion. Hodges also felt that roads should be our priority. She said that it takes the township so long to save enough money for a road and that should come first. Hodges said that we already have a nice park which we are putting money into this year and next and that there are a lot of townships that don't even have one park much less two. She said that if this acquisition wasn't going to cost the township a dime that would be one thing but we know that is not the case. Neubecker also said that if could acquire the property and hold on to it for

future use that would be fine but if part of the initial acquisition is that we would have to upgrade Cunningham Road right away then that would not be good. There were other issues that the board would like to have more information on. More discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hodges to delay this project until the next fiscal year for grants and make plans to make application for fiscal year 2014 if this is feasible. Brenda said that would be good because then we could hold the public meetings during the summer months. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hoffman yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(F) County Commissioner - Not present.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of October, 2012. The report showed that there was \$289,302.95 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$10,627.58 in the Building Fund MM account at Members Credit Union, \$18,497.70 in the Township Improvement Fund MM account at Members Credit Union, \$77,497.48 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hodges to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

(A) Par Plan Grant - Lambert presented the Michigan Township Participating Plan RRGP Application to purchase security cameras for Sands Park. She said that the total cost of the cameras would be \$8,332.00. Lambert said that the costs would include purchase and installation of five cameras, labor and materials. The RRGP Grant requested is for \$5,000.00 and the matching funds to be paid by the township would be \$3,332.00, which we have in the Park Fund. Lambert said that we need to approve the Grant application and also have a resolution. Short discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Lambert to approve the Grant application as presented by Lambert in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Grant and \$3,332.00 from the Township Park Fund. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker said that we cannot adopt a resolution without the resolution. He said that since the deadline for the submission of the Grant application is December 1st we will have to hold a special meeting. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Lambert to hold a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2012 in regards to a Resolution for Michigan Townships Participating Plan and any other business that may come before the Board at that time. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

(A) Road Paving - Neubecker said that it is in regards to an email he received from Dean McCulloch the Supervisor from Blue Lake Township regarding fixing Twin Lake Rd from there Blue Lake Township line to Barnhardt Rd. They are

going to re-do their portion of Twin Lake Rd in Blue Lake Township next summer. McCulloch said that it would be less expensive if both townships had it done at the same time. Neubecker said that he wants to find out what the cost would be just to find out what the cost would be to redo Twin Lake Rd. He said that he will talk to McCulloch.

- (B) Rapid River Fire Contract - The Rapid River Fire Agreement for the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 was presented. Short discussion. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Hoffman to accept the Agreement as presented by Rapid River Township. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bagnell yes, Hoffman yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (C) Amend the Budget – Hodges presented amendments to the following Cost Centers: Election Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Roads and the Contingencies. **Motion** by Neubecker supported by Bagnell to amend the budget as presented by the clerk. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Hoffman yes Bagnell yes, and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (D) Culvert on E Shore Dr. – Neubecker said that the culvert is not draining however it is next to wetland and is not sure whether the township wants to get involved with it because of the DNR. Neubecker asked for suggestions. Discussion. Neubecker said that he would call Mr. Odom and tell him that the township is not going to take any action.

Approval of Bills:

Bills were reviewed. **Motion** by Hoffman supported by Lambert to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Lambert yes and Hoffman yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Bills in the amount of \$21,226.27 were issued for payment.

Public Comments: Began at 8:35 p.m. and ended at 8:50 P.m. Don Smith showed everyone two blue ribbons that he won for his Maple Syrup and Candy, comments were made about Great Lakes Energy, the November 6th election and the land acquisition that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

