

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011, 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 Corrado and Trustee Bagnell. County Commissioner McKinnon and 13 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Neubecker asked that item (A) Resolution for Recreation Passport Grant, under new business, be put after approval of minutes. M/Neubecker S/Lambert 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/Corrado to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2011 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

(A) Resolution for Recreation Passport Grant (moved from under new business) -

Neubecker made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the \$25,000.00 Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Seconded by Lambert. Roll call vote. Bagnell aye, Corrado aye, Hodges aye, Lambert aye and Neubecker aye. All in favor. Neubecker declared the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program Resolution adopted. (Copy of the resolution is on file with the clerk).

Neubecker noted that this Resolution coincides with the Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for the \$25,000.00 Grant along with the \$11,500.00 in matching funds from the Township, that the board received at last months meeting.

Greg Kisner, Park Manager from Hartwick Pines, representing the DNR was present. Kisner said that on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, it was an honor to present Coldsprings Township with a check for \$25,000.00 for the Sands Park Project. He said that it was one of twenty-four Grants being awarded across the State. He said that these funds are made possible by the people of the State of Michigan and Coldsprings Township through the Recreation Passport Funds. He said that the Recreation Passport is a new funding model that provides access to Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas and also provides funding to protect our historic and natural

treasures such as our Great Lakes Lighthouses and also maintains the State Forest Campgrounds and pathways and provides the establishing of Grants which is providing the Township these funds for their Sands Park project.

Neubecker said that he was very appreciative for the amount of work that has been done by the Park & Recreation Committee and Pam Stuckman who has brought us this first, hopefully of many grants, for the improvement of Sands Park.

Correspondence was reviewed

### **Committee Reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell reported that the flags have been removed from the graves and the trash barrels have been emptied.

(B) Fireboard - Minutes from the December 7, 2011 fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 7 fire runs and 12 rescue runs for the month of November. A complete copy of the minutes is on file with the clerk.

(C) Road Commissioners Meeting - Trustee Corrado reported that there was a special meeting this morning for the 2011 through 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan and he said that as of right now, the unfinished portion of Starvation Lake Road, from the finished portion to the Blue Lake Township line, will be completed in 2015 and next year County Road 612 will be finished east of County Road 571 to the portion that they did last year. Corrado said that he asked the road commission about the section of 612 that was just done, why it was cut out and redone. They told him that when they did a testing they found that it was already starting to fall apart because it wasn't properly sealed and they had to go in and make the adjustment. The Road Commissioners board made it quite clear that they are no longer in the business of building roads anymore. The only thing they will do is repair and maintain.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy said that she was all set for the month and had nothing to report.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Brenda said that the big news was that we received the \$25,000.00 Grant from the DNR Passport Grant Program and hoping that we hear soon on the other grant that we applied for. She said that the committee also applied to Shell but that grant was denied because our request was outside of their guidelines. She said that they also applied to Trans-Canada and said she received a note saying that they are in the process of conducting a preliminary review of our request and that they will contact us shortly in regards to the status of that application. She also said that we are still waiting to hear back from Mike Edwards regarding the default hearing.

(F) County Commissioner - County Commissioner McKinnon was present and updated the board on what is happening in the County. McKinnon said there are a few things going on but the big thing right now is the budget. He said also that they have hired a

Controller for the county. McKinnon read a letter he received in reply to his letter to the Michigan State Police Post Commander at Houghton Lake regarding the restructuring of the Michigan State Police Post in Kalkaska. Part of it read that although they have stopped providing walk-in service to the public at the Kalkaska post, the road patrol Troopers have increased from 7 to 9.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Lambert presented the reconciliation report for the month of November. The report showed that there is \$363,045.92 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$10,594.33 in the Members Credit Union Building Fund MM account, \$18,439.84 in the Members Credit Union Township Improvement Fund MM account, \$14,672.83 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

(A) Resolution for Recreation Passport Grant - Moved and acted on earlier in the meeting.

(B) Approve collecting 2012 Summer Taxes for TBA. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to collect 2012 Summer Taxes according to the current policies. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:**

Bills were reviewed. One bill was added at this time in the amount of \$686.66 for Great Lakes Energy for the streetlights throughout the township. Clerk Hodges also had two bills for a service agreement on the Tabulator that we use for elections and she is not sure if we are supposed to pay both of them or just the one. She has a call into the state to get more information. One bill is for \$235.00 and one is for \$85.00. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to approve the bills with the one addition in the amount of \$16,339.98 and at the same time authorize the clerk to pay for the maintenance agreement for the tabulator used at elections at whatever rate that we actually do owe, prior to the next board meeting. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Lambert yes, Bagnell yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Gerry Gancer asked about the Gensons Rabbit Ranch signs on 571, Neubecker said that he had a complaint and just has to send it over to Zoning.

Marsha Cole asked the Ordinance Officer for a copy of a report of a complaint she had

made. The Ordinance Officer said the complaint was turned over to the Sheriff's Dept. Cole then asked the Ordinance Officer if she would write a letter stating that for her. The Ordinance Officer said she would.

Someone asked what is going on with the trailer on Central Ave. Wendy said that she spoke with someone last week about it and said that they have every intention of going over and pulling out the trailer and cleaning up the property.

M/Corrado S/Lambert to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk