

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

DECEMBER 13, 2004

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 Casto, Trustee Bondy and Trustee Paladino. Approx. 8 guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Casto S/Paladino 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/Paladino S/Casto to approve the minutes as written from the November 8, 2004 regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy had some pictures of the new sign that was placed at Sands Park this past summer. They will be on file. Also that she had received the bill for the welding that was done on the fence in the cemetery. The amount was \$220.00. She had nothing else to report this month. Fire Board - Minutes from the December 1, 2004 Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report as of November 30, 2004. The report showed that there was \$281,826.13 in the various bank accounts, \$22,773.48 in the tax account and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. Copy of the report is on file. M/Hodges S/Paladino to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) 2nd layer of asphalt on Sunset Trail - Neubecker said that at the last meeting we discussed Sunset Trail as far as asphaltting it was concerned. He said that the road commission had given us an estimate of \$96,290.00 and that was an estimate and not an actual cost. At the last meeting the question came up as to why they were going to use 3,050 tons of

asphalt when they only used 2,200 tons in 1997 when they put the first layer down. Neubecker said that he discussed this with Mike Slater in depth because there was also some question as to whether or not the township could bid this out to another company. Mike Slater said that the road commission is not binding any of the townships to have any of the road work done by them, and that we can go out and bid the job as we see fit. However, the road commission does require that if the township does bid the job out to another company, that an account has to be set up through the road commission so that all monies paid to whatever independent contractor the township may come up with, is paid through the road commission in order to retain ACT 51 Funds for the roads for upgrading. Slater said that the reason for that is because in order to continue to receive ACT 51 Funds it must be indicated that the road commission actually paid out the money on the upgrading of the road. The road commission said that if the township did have the road done by an independent contractor there are no requirements that the independent contractor would be responsible for the upkeep, that the road commission would do so. If there were any problems with the actual asphaltting, it would be the responsibility of the township to hire legal counsel to take care of anything that was not met that was in the contract. Neubecker said, that Slater said, that the reason they would use 3,050 tons asphalt instead of 2,200 tons as they did in the first layer is because it would be a thicker layer of asphalt than the first layer that was laid down. Neubecker said that the reason they want to use a thicker layer of asphalt on Sunset Trail is because it is breaking away on the sides. He said that they would repair the sides prior to laying the second layer of asphalt. Discussion followed. Paladino said that he would like to see the township follow up on it since we've been talking about it and the public has also shared concern for it for the last couple of years or more. He said that it was a concern when Starvation Lake Rd was brought up and it was the favor of the board at that time to look at Sunset Trail. He said that Starvation Lake Rd is a county road and he does feel sorry for the people that live on that road, but that it should be maintained by the county just as the township has to take care of township roads. Hodges said that if we keep putting it off it's just going to get more expensive and the township has already put a lot of money into Sunset Trail and we should finish the job. Bondy said that we agreed as a board that when the time came and we had the money we would put a second coat of asphalt on Sunset Trail before it crumbles and disappears. Neubecker said that he would like to make a resolution that we send a letter to the Kalkaska County Road Commission asking them to look at the inclusion of Sunset Trail on their spring upgrades with an estimated cost of \$96,290.00. Supported by Hodges. Casto asked if the road commission would be responsible for the road after they put the second layer down. Neubecker said yes that they would be required to maintain it. Casto asked if we could get it in writing. Neubecker said that we could make that a requirement. Neubecker asked that the clerk make a notation that the county road commission will continue the maintenance on the road so that it is not degraded. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Paladino yes, Casto yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Neubecker will send a letter to the road commission as to the boards' decision.

New business - (A) Pay Board of Review members - M/Bondy S/Casto to pay any BOR members that attend the December 14th BOR meeting prior to the January township board meeting. All in favor. Motion carries. (B) Amend the Budget - Amendments made to 2004-2005 budget were \$19,700.00 added to income due to the passage of the millage for refuse and additional money from the State Metro Act. Amendments were also made to the expense portion of the budget under Election Board Fund, Clerk Fund, Treasurer Fund, Townhall Fund and the Refuse Fund. Neubecker asked if enough money was budgeted for another newsletter. Hodges said yes, that it is budgeted for under Township Board. Paladino asked about the Punch & Judy Fund. Hodges said that this is the last year for the assessment and they still owe us \$156.00 from last year and that we will get that from this years taxes. Neubecker said that if there is not enough money from the taxes from this year to pay for the plowing and reimburse the township for our administrative fees then the plowing would end because the township cannot use public funds for private roads. Neubecker said that he will send letters to the property owners in the Punch & Judy Subdivision and McCullen's making them aware of the problem and that they are also going to have to petition for another special assessment to cover the next five years before next winter. M/Neubecker S/Bondy to make the amendments to the budget as presented by the clerk. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Copy of the amended budget is on file.

Approval of Bills - M/Paladino S/Bondy to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Bondy yes and Paladino yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #9567 through #9594 in the amount of \$12,959.35 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments

M/Paladino S/Casto to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk

