

# **COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**June 14, 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. County Commissioner Phyllis Senske was present and approx. 4 other guests were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Two additions to the agenda (1) Attorney Michael Edwards and (2) Under New Business - pay the election workers for the June 29<sup>th</sup> Special Election prior to the July Board meeting. M/Casto S/Paladino to adopt the agenda with the two additions. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2004 Regular Board meeting and the May 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting - M/Casto S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2004 Regular Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. M/Neubecker S/Casto to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2004 Special Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Neubecker had invited Attorney Michael Edwards from Plunkett & Cooney Law offices out of Gaylord to give a presentation on the type of services that are offered by his firm plus some background information on the firm and himself, should Coldsprings Township decide to retain the services of a law firm other than the firm that presently represents the township. After the presentation, time was given for the members of the board and the citizens present to ask questions. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time. Neubecker asked that it be added to the agenda for July.

Correspondence was reviewed. A letter was received from North Country Sanitation requesting a three-year contract, which would guarantee the amount of \$60,000.00 per year. Hodges said that we wouldn't be able to make a commitment until after the August Primary to see if the millage proposal passes or not. Neubecker said that he would send a letter to North Country Sanitation to make them aware of the situation.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy reported that there were two community work crewmembers to help clean up the cemetery and five to clean up the park. Bondy also reported that Larry had replaced 13 posts at the park that had been knocked down. Neubecker asked Bondy to let him know how many of the posts were knocked down at the top of the parking lot and what the cost was to replace them and he will send a letter to McCullen's asking them to reimburse the township for the ones that were knocked down due to snow plowing. Bondy said that she also received a quote for replacing the sign at the park. Cost was \$475.00 installed. Neubecker asked her to see if she could get a quote from another company. There was quite a discussion regarding the red sedum in the cemetery. Bondy said that she had Trugreen Chemlawn come out to see what could be done. They told her that they had nothing that they could put on it that would get rid of it. Discussion followed. - Fire Board - Minutes from the June 2, 2004 Fire Board meeting were presented. Copy attached. Liquor Enforcement - Reports for April and May 2004 were received for both liquor establishments in the township. Both were good. Also received were the monthly crime reports for both April and May and the year to date. Copies are on file.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation as of May 31, 2004. The report showed that there was \$288,710.98 in the various bank accounts plus \$591.82 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. Copy of the report is attached. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - (A) Approve the Clerk and Treasurer attending the MTA workshop on GASB 34 in Gaylord on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost \$80.00 each. M/Neubecker S/Paladino to authorize both the Clerk and Treasurer to attend the MTA workshop on GASB 34 at a cost of \$80.00 per person. Roll call vote. Bondy yes, Casto yes, Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) New Zoning Maps - Neubecker said that he had received a copy of the new zoning maps from the county zoning. He said that what the county has provided the township with is what the current zoning is within the township and changes that they are proposing to the township zoning. Basically, all of the recommendations are changing from RR and AR to Forest Recreational. The reason for the township receiving the maps is to let the township board look them over and make recommendations to the zoning board. No action was taken at this time. Neubecker said that we would put it on the agenda for July in order to give the board members time to look over the maps and then discuss any possible recommendations that we would like to make to the zoning board. Short discussion followed regarding Commercial Corridors, which will also be discussed further at the July board meeting (C) Septic Ordinance - Neubecker presented the board with a copy of a sample Septic Ordinance and spoke briefly on the possibility of adopting a Septic Ordinance to help

protect the lakes in the area. He said that he had attended the Manistee Lake Association meeting and he said that they have great concerns over the quality of water and how a township Septic Ordinance could help play a part in protecting the lakes in the township. He asked that the board members read through the sample Septic Ordinance and give an opinion as to what the township may or may not want to do. Short discussion followed. No action was taken at this time. Neubecker asked to have it put on the agenda for July in order to give the board members time to read over the ordinance. (D) Pay Election Inspectors for the June 29<sup>th</sup> Special Recall election prior to the July board meeting. M/Hodges S/Casto to pay the Election Inspectors upon completion of their duties of the June 29<sup>th</sup> election, prior to the July board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - One addition - \$137.50 for Young, Graham & Elsenheimer for legal services. Bondy questioned the bills for Great Lakes Energy. Hodges said that she will check to see if check #9375 in the amount of \$626.49 is a yearly or quarterly bill since check #9363 in the amount of \$38.70 is a bill that we pay monthly. M/Paladino S/Neubecker to pay the bills totaling \$17,432.52. Checks #9363 through #9390 were issued for payment. Check #9391 will be issued to Young, Graham & Elsenheimer. Roll call vote. Casto yes, Hodges yes, Bondy yes, Paladino yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - Commissioner Senske gave an update on some County issues.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk