

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. The 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 approx. 14 members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - M/Lambert S/Corrado 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/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2011 regular board meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Neubecker and Corrado will attend the Summit 2011 in Traverse City on April 18th.

Committee Reports:

(A) Planning and Maintenance - Bagnell asked about the job description for the maintenance person for the township so that we can put the ad in the paper. Neubecker said that he is working on it. Bagnell asked if the notice we put in the paper for a maintenance person for the cemetery, township hall and park, would it also include the road ending maintenance. Neubecker said no that he has already spoke with the contractor that has been doing the road endings and he said that he will extend the contract for another two years at the same amount that he has been charging. He said that road endings are under the supervision of the supervisor where the maintenance person for the cemetery, township hall and park is under the supervision of Bagnell, who is head of planning & maintenance. Bagnell said that he has to order another buoy for the swim area at the park. He also said that he has sent in the work order to the Sheriff's Dept. for the work crew but won't hear anything until around May. Neubecker said that the dock would be put in no later than the Thursday just prior to Memorial Day weekend.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes for the March 3, 2011 Fireboard meeting were presented. The report showed that there were 9 Fire Runs and 9 Rescue Runs for the month of February. A copy of the fireboard minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commission - Corrado said that the road commission changed their meeting to Thursday this month so he had nothing to report on.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy was not present this month.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Lambert presented the minutes from the February 16th meeting. She said that the Park Plan has been approved by the DNRE and NWMCOG. The next step is to get the Grant Application approved and sent in before April 1st. Lambert also said that the consultant/grant writer disclosed that upon approval of the grant monies from the government bodies, the township would be required to retain an architect/engineer to write the construction plans and supervise the construction. Other business discussed at their February 16th meeting was that Chuck asked about installing a donation post near the boat dock, a township resident has volunteered himself and some friends to provide labor for improvements at Sands Park and Tommys Toys Excavating is donating equipment and an operator to install the trails at Sands Park. Lambert said that the next meeting for the P&R committee would be Wednesday, March 16th. Short discussion followed. The Township board will have to also approve the Grant Application before it is sent in, which is due April 1st. Short discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to hold a Special Meeting of the Township board, on Monday 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and potential approval of the Grant Application and to pay any outstanding bills presented for payment in this fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - Inspection reports for Kiootee's Bar & Grill were received from the Sheriff's Department for the month's of January and February. Both reports were good. Crime reports for the month's of January and February were also received. The reports showed that there were a total of 46 incidents for the two month's.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of January. The report showed that there was \$448,523.36 in the various bank accounts, \$10.06 in FACU savings account, \$10,557.46 in the MCU Building Fund MM account, \$18,375.64 in the MCU Township Improvement MM account, \$195,848.27 in the Tax Account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash Fund. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Commissioner: County Commissioner McKinnon reported that it has been rather quiet for now. He said that about the only thing that they are working on right now is their Energy Efficiency Renewable Grant for \$40,000.00. He also said that they are waiting for the year-end to see just how much money they will have coming in and if it is more than anticipated they could look at bringing some employees back.

Old Business:

(A) Tower - Pam Stuckman was not present. Neubecker did give a short explanation

for members of the public that have not been to previous meetings. He said that we are in the stages of doing a study to see if it would be practical or feasible to erect a tower here at the back of the township property for high-speed Internet services and cell phone services.

New Business:

(A) Adopt the 2011-2012 Cost Center Budget by Resolution - M/Neubecker S/Corrado to adopt by resolution the 2011-2012 General Fund Cost Center Budget. Roll call vote. Lambert yes, Hodges yes, Bagnell yes, Corrado yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the 14th day of March 2011. Copy of the Resolution is on file.

(B) Adopt the 2011-2012 Township Improvement Fund Budget - Neubecker said that the Township Improvement is not adopted by a resolution. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Township Improvement Fund, as discussed in the Budget Hearing. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Bagnell yes, Lambert yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(C) Adopt the 2011-2012 Building Fund Budget - The current balance in the Building Fund is \$63,993.83. M/Neubecker S/Hodges adopt the current amount in our Building Fund for the 2011-2012 Building Fund Budget. Roll call Vote. Lambert yes, Corrado yes, Bagnell yes, Hodges yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

(D) Approve the Poverty Level Exemption - Neubecker said that each year the Federal Government establishes poverty guidelines, which is used for various programs. He said that anyone living at or under the poverty level guidelines may petition the Board of Review to be forgiven of their taxes for the current tax year. One of the requirements from the State is that the Township Board must adopt a poverty income guideline. M/Neubecker S/Lambert to adopt the poverty guidelines as established by the Federal Government for the year 2011. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

Two bills were added. (1) \$746.00 to Kalkaska Memorial Health Center and (2) \$50.00 to NMCOG for Summit 2011. All bills were reviewed. M/Lambert S/Bagnell to pay the bills as presented with the two additions. Roll call vote. Corrado yes, Hodges yes, Bagnell yes, Lambert yes and Neubecker yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks #11916 through #11946 in the amount of \$56,545.14 were approved for payment.

Public Comments: Began at 8:15 P.M.

Kalkaska County Clerk, Debbie Hill and Kalkaska County Register of Deeds, Jo Ann DeGraaf were both present and gave a presentation of their Departments.

Public comments ended at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment:

M/Lambert S/Corrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk