

**APPROVED AS CORRECTED**

**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571**

**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011**

Supervisor Neubecker called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Five members of the public were also present.

Adoption of the Agenda - Remove Item G, County Commissioner, under Committee Reports from the agenda. M/Lambert S/Corrado 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 April 11, 2011 regular board meeting. 4 yeas. Bagnell abstained since he was not at the April meeting.

Correspondence was reviewed.

**Committee Reports:**

(A) Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bagnell reported that the Work Crew from the Sheriff's Department would be starting the spring cleanup of the Cemetery and Sands Park this week. He also reported that the Buoys have been ordered and that the flags for the cemetery have been delivered. He also said that we need to get the garbage cans and Porta-Johns over at Sands Park before Memorial Day. He will call Scott from Area Waste. He said that he would also like to have a garbage can placed down near the boat dock. Bagnell said that the signs at the park are starting to look pretty shabby and would like to see about getting them redone. He also said that he has hired a maintenance person to take care of the cemetery, township hall and park. His name is David Knowles. The dock will also be put in this week.

(B) Fire Board - Minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup> Fireboard meeting were presented. The minutes showed that there were 5 Fire runs and 25 Rescue runs for the month of April. Copy of the minutes is on file.

(C) Road Commissioners meeting - Trustee Corrado reported on this morning's road commission meeting. Corrado said that the road commission claimed that they did not have enough money to meet payroll next month and they couldn't understand how they got in that position. Corrado said that when he got a chance to speak he told them that it was a long time coming and they had only themselves to blame for the hole that they were in. He told them that now that spring is here they should consider laying off some personnel because the only way that they were going to recoup any of their money is through wages and salaries. He said that the road commission did say that they do have to have a special meeting to see where their finances are. Corrado said that they went and made some purchases with money that they don't have. Corrado also gave the road commission a letter from the township declaring Starvation Lake Rd (the portion that they destroyed), Co. Rd. 612 from 571 to the fire barn and Covert Rd., as unsafe roads to travel, which means that if anyone gets hurt the road commission would be responsible. Short discussion followed.

(D) Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Wendy updated the board on the various violations that she is working on within the township, such as State & 571, Pike St., Cunningham & Covert and Park Dr. She said that she also visited the Rabbit Farm on County Road 571 and said that although it does fall under the Right to Farm act there were still some issues that needed to be addressed. Copy of her report is on file.

(E) Park & Recreation Committee - Lambert reported on their meeting that was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She said that they received a letter from the DNR stating that they had received our ~~MMRTF~~ MNRTF Grant Application and they found everything correct, which was a good thing, and that it was one of 144 applications that would be under consideration. She also reported that in regards to the Sands Park Title search, Attorney Michael Edwards now has enough information and has stated that he would like to file suite against the Kalkaska Farmers Picnic Association, (which actually has not been in existence since the 1970's) just to make sure that the township has a clear title to Sands Park. Pam Stuckman, who was present, said that this is just a process of notification, technically, for a ~~quite~~ quiet title. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to authorize Michael Edwards to take appropriate legal action to remove Kalkaska Farmers Picnic Association from the paper work. All in favor. Motion carried. Lambert also had a list of Foundations that offer grants for various purposes, which does not require matching funds or board approval. Discussion. M/Corrado S/Bagnell to let the Park & Recreation committee apply for any or all grants and or funding that do not require matching funds or be approved by the board. All in favor. Motion carried. Chuck Vernon showed the board a lock box, (that he had made) that would be put up near the boat launch to accept donations to maintain the boat launch area. Lambert said that the P & R committee would like permission from the board to have a small sign made up to put by the lock box. Short discussion. Lambert also said that the Park & Recreation committee is going to go over to Sands Park to look and discuss where to place the restrooms, pavilion, etc., and also mark trees that are going to have to be cut down. Discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado that the Park & Recreation committee be authorized to get bids for the cutting of the trees marked and grinding of the stumps. All

in favor. Motion carried.

(F) Liquor Enforcement - No liquor enforcement reports were received this month. The crime report for the month of April was received. The report showed that there were 14 incidents for the month. Copy of the report is on file.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Lambert presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of April. The report showed that there was \$384,033.47 in the various bank accounts, \$10.07 in the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, \$10,570.47 in the MCU Building Fund account, \$18,398.30 in the MCU Township Improvement account, \$100.00 in the Tax account and \$100.00 in the Petty Cash account. M/Neubecker S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

(A) Tower - Neubecker said that after reading over the report that we received last month and knowing that we do not have any cellular companies that have expressed any interest whatsoever, we couldn't support the building of a tower on 3 potential Internet customers. Discussion. M/Neubecker S/Corrado to have the tower issue tabled indefinitely. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

(A) Wind Energy Systems - Neubecker said that the Kankaska County Zoning Planning Commission has been working on some language for small wind energy systems for personal use. He said that they are having a public hearing on the issue on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He said that they sent a copy of the language to the jurisdictions within the county and asked them to look it over and see if maybe there may be something in the language that is inappropriate or information missing that could be added. All board members had received a copy of the language prior to the board meeting. Discussion. No one really found anything that was inappropriate or anything that could be added to the language. Neubecker said that he would call Karen Van Horn and let her know.

**Approval of Bills:**

All bills were reviewed. M/Lambert S/Corrado to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$15,776.42. Roll call vote. Bagnell yes, Hodges yes, Neubecker yes, Corrado yes and Lambert yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Began at 8:32 and ended at 8:41.

M/Lambert S/Corrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mary Hodges  
Coldsprings Township Clerk