

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL-COUNTY ROAD 571

**OCTOBER 9, 2006
P.M.**

7:00

In the absence of Supervisor Neubecker Clerk Hodges appointed Trustee Paladino to chair the board meeting.

Trustee Paladino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present at roll call were Clerk Hodges, Treasurer Casto and Trustee Paladino. Supervisor Neubecker and Trustee Bondy were both absent. Approx. 7 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/Casto S/Paladino to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2006 as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Rogers, Manager of the Kankaska County Road Commission was present. Rogers introduced himself and answered various questions from those present and extended an invitation to the township boards to meet with their advisory committee, which consists of Rogers the Manager, the Road Superintendent and the Planning Director. He asked that the board or those appointed by the board to get together and let him know as to when would be a good time for them to meet. He said that the only thing that would be discussed at those advisory meetings would be the township that is represented, in this case it would be Coldsprings Township. Casto asked what they were going to do with Covert Rd. as far as grading the road. Rogers said that Covert Rd. is on a regular maintenance program. Casto said that nothing has been done for over a month. Rogers said that Covert Rd. is treated just like any other gravel road in the county. Casto said that Covert Rd. gets a lot of truck traffic. Rogers said that that is not the only road in the county. He said that there are a lot of roads in the county that get a lot of truck traffic. Hodges asked about Starvation Lake Rd. Rogers said that he would love a solution to that. Paladino said that he read where the county got a grant for

Ingersoll Rd. and was there any chance of the county getting a grant for Starvation Lake Rd. Rogers said that a road has to qualify as a Class A road and if they qualify they can be put on a list. He said that Starvation Lake Rd. does not qualify as a Class A road. He said that they are working on Plum Valley Rd now and Ingersoll Rd. is on the list for 2008 but the State advanced the project and it will now be done in 2007. Hodges asked why Starvation Lake Rd. wouldn't be approved for the same thing. Rogers said that Starvation Lake Rd does not quite meet the criteria until 612 is upgraded. The MDOT project on US131, that is scheduled for next summer was then discussed. Rogers said that they (MDOT) are going to upgrade the intersection at pothole corners and the intersection at 571 and Twin Lake Rd. He said that pothole corners would be a four way stop. He said that they are going to put an additional blinking light there also. More discussion on the MDOT project. Hodges asked why the township couldn't put weight restriction signs up on township roads. He said that is up to the road commission and a road would really have to warrant it. He did say that we could put a sign saying "No Through Trucks". Paladino said that Starvation Lake Rd is in such a mess and it's been going on for so long. Hodges said that it's been going on for at least 14 years. Kathy McCullen said that it's become a safety issue. Rogers said that he wishes he had an answer but the county road commission has no money and that they are broke. Paladino asked if there was any headway on the culvert on Ford Road and were they going to do anything this fall yet. Rogers said yes that they are going to try to and that it is absolutely on their agenda. Hodges asked if they have any plans for Twin Lake Rd from Barnhardt Rd to Blue Lake Township. Rogers said no. He said that that is something that he would like to address with the township advisory committee and that if we want to have road improvements we'll have to pay for them. He said that there are some townships that are paying 100% of the projects in their townships. Hodges said that those townships have road millages. We don't. Rogers said that some of them have millages but not all of them. She said that we're trying to get local roads improved first before we start putting money into county roads. Short discussion followed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Committee Reports - Planning & Maintenance - Trustee Bondy was not present to give a report. Hodges did mention that something should be done with the entrance of the north driveway of the cemetery. She said that we could discuss it at the next meeting. Fire Board - Minutes from the October 4th Fireboard meeting were presented. Copy on file. Road Commissioners meeting - Everything was discussed when John Rogers had the floor. Liquor Enforcement - No reports were received.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Casto presented the monthly reconciliation report for the month of September. The report showed that there was \$358,081.52 in the various bank accounts and \$100.00 in the petty cash fund. Bank statements for the Tax Account had not been received in time to give a report. Casto said that we have a CD for the township that will

mature later this month. Hodges said to look for the best rate and renew it. M/Paladino S/Hodges to accept the treasurers report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business - (A) Price for a hand truck for the township - Hodges said that she had prices from \$28.00 to \$51.00. Short discussion. M/Casto S/Paladino to purchase the hand truck for \$51.00 because of the thicker tires. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Open bids for snowplowing - Hodges said that only one bid each was received, one for around the township hall and parking lot and one for the road accesses. Hodges said that she had put the notices in both the Kalkaska Leader and the Penny Stretcher for two weeks. The bids received were from McCullen Excavating for \$2,185.00 for the plowing & shoveling at the township hall and \$965.00 for the two road accesses at Manistee Lake. Short discussion. M/Casto S/Paladino to accept the bids from McCullen Excavating in the amount of \$2,185.00 for around the township hall and \$965.00 for the two road accesses at Manistee Lake. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Paladino yes and Casto yes. Neubecker absent and Bondy absent. Motion carried.

New Business - (A) Approval of the election workers for the November 7th General Election. M/Hodges S/Casto to approve the list of election workers for the November 7th election. All in favor. Motion carried. (B) Post for basement - Hodges said that the company that we purchased the new file cabinets from suggested that we make sure that the weight is not too much for the floor. She said that she contacted the builder and he said that it probably would be best if we put a metal post in the basement to give more support for the floor. She'll get more information on it but also said that it is something that should be done. (C) Buck Lane Trash - Hodges said that North Country Sanitation called and said that they were going to pick up their dumpster that they placed on Buck Lane because Mrs. Eckhorn who originally told them that they could put the dumpster on her property said that the people that used the dumpster had absolutely no respect for her property and that they (Eckhorns') have decided to fence in their property. Short discussion followed. Hodges said that she would mention it to the supervisor since he has spoke with Mr. Eckhorn in the past.

Approval of Bills - M/Paladino S/Casto to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Hodges yes, Casto yes and Paladino yes. Neubecker absent and Bondy absent. Motion carried. Checks #10260 thru #10286 in the amount of \$16,680.75 were issued for payment.

Citizens Comments - No comments

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mary Hodges
Coldsprings Township Clerk