

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were, Chair Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Don Triebwasser, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. CPSSD project coordinator Bridget Chard was also present. Bob Rodda arrived later.

The clerk read the minutes. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve the minutes of the December 8th town board meeting as read.. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$29,130.35; disbursements \$5,414.69; total \$13,160.74

NON-LEVY RESERVE FUND: receipts \$991.49; disbursements \$0; total \$101,742.18

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$14,453.77; disbursements \$1,326.00; total \$29,932.57

CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$2,617.41; disbursements \$918.07; total \$14,877.76

CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$845.45; disbursements \$0; total \$4,477.81

CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$634.16; disbursements \$0; total \$5,808.90

PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$880.16; disbursements \$0; total \$5,280.93

FIRE FUND: receipts \$9,963.10; disbursements \$22,971.00; total \$8,338.50

FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$3,038.94; disbursements \$0; total \$23,639.85

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$1,700.82; disbursements \$0; total (\$-4,158.70)

FDR FUND: receipts \$23,933.00; disbursements \$23,933.00; total \$0

CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,201.26; total (\$-2,718.06)

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$88,188.65

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$55,764.02

BALANCE ON HAND:12/31/05 \$211,799.71

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12767 through #12805, claims totaling \$14,719.91 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The three new bulletin boards are very nice but the one outside of the hall is not big enough and clerk requested a fourth one. The Board said to order one more bulletin board.

Community Center: New breaker was picked up for the garage. Asked if the roof has had any leaks. Have not seen any leak yet.

Roads: Discussed having gravel crushed by St. Louis County. Supervisors do not feel the town needs to have gravel crushed this year. Received the new contract from St. Louis County Public Works contract for snow plowing with an increase to \$510 per mile. Contract on file in the safe. Discussed have testing done at the gravel pit.

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CPSSD: Discussed the NAWA contract. Will have separate contracts, one for design, one for construction, etc. NAWA will have a design contract sent to the town board to sign after reviewed by town attorney Andy MacArthur. Discussed the site for the wastewater facility for treatment and disposal. George and Terry Nelson have land that could be used for the facility. The town board would offer to purchase 5 acres of land at a fair market value. George and Terry Nelson will sign 'Rite of Entry' so environmental review and soil testing can be done. Mark Liner, NAWA, is the engineer assigned to the Cotton project. Surveys have not all come and need to be returned by everyone in the CPSSD. Discussed certificate of indebtedness, revenue bond etc. Bridget will send a list of documents needed.

FDR: The Minnesota DNR - Waters has informed Cotton that the Rands grant project has been paid in full. Clerk will send a letter to Northland Constructors requesting a receipt that the Town has paid in full for the project. Clerk will send a letter to Rands that the FDR grant funding has been paid in full and any balance due is between Rands and Northland Constructors.

Meetings: CPSSD Special Meeting - T. Nelson, D. Olsen, D. Triebwasser, D. Leppala and S. Nelson; Township Officers - D. Triebwasser and S. Nelson; MN Dept. of Commerce - D. Triebwasser. Future meetings: CPSSD Special Meeting Continuance January 18; SLC Board of Appeals & Equalization January 19; SLC Township Officers January 25; SLC Meth Meeting January 30; CVFD Relief Assoc. February 7.

JOBZone: Discussed a possible JOBZone project. Issues to look into is wastewater, water and 3-phase power. Don Triebwasser must talk to the town attorney, Andy MacArthur, regarding JOBZ property. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to accept the resolution #06-51, Business Subsidy Policy and Criteria with amendments. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to have a public hearing February 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm for the Business Subsidy Agreement. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk to publish.

Minnesota Extension Service has accepted an application to land apply wood ash product as a liming agent and nutrient source at 7688 Gray Road. Analyses show the wood ash is considered suitable for agricultural use.

Bob Rodda stopped at the meeting and was given a letter requesting he submit a proposal/contract for grading township roads.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve check # 12806 for \$200 to Dennis Olsen for the Imprest Fund. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tax Forfeit Land: St. Louis County Land Dept. is proposing the sale of State Tax Forfeited land located in Cotton Township. If township interested in acquiring this land, must complete form LD. Withhold.9/02 to withhold the property. The town is not interested in this piece of property. The Land Dept. is requesting input of classification to a piece of tax forfeited land near Kauppi Lake. Clerk asked to write a letter to the Land Dept. requesting this land be classified as non-conservation.

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AEOA Foundation Fund requesting contributions toward all the services they provide. As the services are not in the Cotton area the township will not contribute at this time.

The Board of Audit/Budget meeting set for February 25, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. to be held consecutively.

As there was no further business, Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date