

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Will Deyo, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Guests present were Don Ketola and Andy Plesha.

The clerk read the minutes. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve the February 13th meeting minutes as read. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$5,023.09; total \$3,522.31
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,405.56; disbursements \$37,626.97; total \$88,140.39
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$23,686.42
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$1,214.30; disbursements \$1,539.16; total \$12,586.34
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,319.94
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,978.17
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$302.55; total \$5,121.46
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,863.92
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$26.16; disbursements \$0; total \$13,198.55
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$4,865.40
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$37,626.97; disbursements \$0; total (\$-50,246.77)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$40,272.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$44,491.77
BALANCE ON HAND: 2/29/08 \$132,453.39

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$26,700.20; interest \$339.06, current value \$27,039.26
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$24,544.20; interest \$311.93; current value \$24,876.13
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD \$51,264.40; total \$ \$650.99; current value \$51,915.39

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the claims list for claim #13700 through #13728, claims totaling \$7,124.36 to pay the Bills For Payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Ketola expressed his interest in being Cotton's assessor. He discussed his qualifications, gave the names of contact people to call as references. Don would give Cotton a copy of the flash disc for the record. The board of supervisors thanked Don for coming to the meeting. Ketola left the meeting.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Community Center: Discussed the increase in fees for the hall rental. Rent ½ day (4 hours or less) from \$35 to \$45; full day from \$50 to \$60; kitchen use fee from \$25 to \$30; resident show-

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ers/funerals from \$25 to \$30; non-resident showers/funerals from \$50 to \$60; non-resident weddings or dances from \$225 to \$250; non-resident anniversary/reunion/graduations/birthdays/reception only from \$125 to \$150. Effective July 1, 2008. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to change hall rental fees as read. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to purchase a janitor sink and 2 keyhole smoking receptacles. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Debbie Leppala will check on two office chairs and work on getting estimates for a new roof.

Andy Plesha arrived at the meeting and discussed his interest in being the local assessor for Cotton. He worked as a county assessor for 6 years and works for St. Louis County Public Works as a right-away agent. Cotton would be his only township. Plesha left the meeting

Assessor: Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to hire Andy Plesha as Cotton's assessor for the 2009 contract year. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads: Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the grading contract with Rodda Grading and Excavating. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Gravel permit will be printed.

Meetings: St. Louis Cty. Township Officers; Will Deyo, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to change regular Town Board meeting starting time from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to change April town board meeting from Thursday, April 10 to Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen that the Meadowlands Ambulance donation be \$1,500. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve the MN Benefit Group Life Plan for \$405 and issue check #13729. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve the Board attend the MAT Short Course. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board of Appeals and Equalization is set for May 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. Must have two trained board supervisors to have a quorum for this meeting.

As there was no further business, Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date