

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. in the community center, 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. Residents and guests present were Jean Magney, Peter Wood and Jason Meyers.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to revise the agenda to discuss the S. Strand Lake road project. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Jason Meyers, land manager for the south area of the St. Louis Cty. Land Dept. introduced himself and would like to clarify what the Board wants done on the road. The Township must pay St. Louis Cty. Land Dept. for the timber removed on the tax forfeit land along the road. St. Louis Cty. Land Dept. will work with the township on this project to clear along the tax forfeit land. Gene Becker, St. Louis Cty Land Dept was suggested to flag the area and give timber cost estimate. Dennis Olsen explained that safety is the over all goal of this road project for the township. The Board discussed clearing 25-30 feet from the road centerline. The Board has no plan to change the footprint of the road. Jean Magney, resident of S. Strand Lake road, stated that widening or straightening the road would encourage speeding and the residents would just like to see brushing. Peter Wood, Wood Forest Products, Inc., discussed that clearing is better than brushing the sides of the road as brushing grows in much faster and is more costly than clearing. Peter puts up signs when he is working, chips the trees he takes down and would leave the white pine, red pine and maple trees. Peter will charge \$500 for his work, which is not full price, as Cotton is a neighbor but that would be for selected clearing on 30-33 feet from center. Peter must do this work by the middle of September. Jason Meyers stated that there is an easement process after the roadwork is done.

Regular order of business was resumed.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to accept the June 26th 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 \$8,982.53; total \$(-29,100.35)

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: receipts \$1,755.57; disbursements \$2,350.50; total \$131,456.39

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$3,964.65; total \$6,608.59

CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$770.60; disbursements \$1,013.23; total \$10,898.03

CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$425.00; disbursements \$311.48; total \$4,637.58

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$5,485.97

PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$3,792.21

FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$5,009.27; total \$1,461.28

FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$76.92; disbursements \$0; total \$31,271.16

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$40.00; disbursements \$0; total \$493.53

CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$625.95; total (\$-86,405.98)

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$3,068.09

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$22,257.61

BALANCE ON HAND: 6/30/07 \$92,015.64

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 Terry Nelson to approve and sign the claims list for claim #13439 through #13476, claims totaling \$26,564.38 to pay the Bills For Payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney discussed S. Strand Lake leaving Cotton township.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The USDA Rural Development survey for special funding for sewer projects was filled out with Will Deyo listed as the contact person.

Community Center: The estimates that have been received by the electric companies vary by thousands of dollars. Will have to get all the companies on the same page as far as what work the Board wants done. Leppala will contact Lanyk and Deyo will contact Electric Systems and API. Debbie would like to purchase 7-8 bags of cedar mulch.

CPSSD: A letter was received by Jean Magney July, 10, 2007 regarding her June 6th letter not being read at the CPSSD Public Hearing. Only letters addressed to the public hearing can be read at the hearing. The land acquisition numbers were available at a later meeting because the numbers were asked about earlier. Will Deyo voiced his opinion about Jean Magney's accusations.

Roads: Terry Nelson informed the Board that the ditching was done and the culvert repaired on S. Strand Lake road. Discussed the clearing of the right a way on S. Strand Lake road on tax forfeit land. Clerk should contact Jason Meyers, St. Louis Cty Land Dept., and to get an estimate and flag the area to 30 feet from the centerline. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve the proposal from Rodda Grading for cutting grass along the roadside for \$850.00. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Terry Nelson called Rodda Grading and informed them the proposal was approved. Need to purchase culverts, only have one left.

Fencing at the gravel pit was repaired. St. Louis Cty. Sheriff's Dept. have been in the area frequently. Cost to repair the fence and posting the signs was \$1,188.00.

Discussed the upgrading the township insurance. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign Resolution # 07-61 Approving Replacement Cost Coverage from the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to allow Anthony Gielen to park on town property across from his home at 7135 Comstock Lake Road for the weekend July 28, 2007. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Fiddle Festival: The AEOA shuttle bus has been setup for Saturday, August 4, 2007 for \$256.00. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve the ad for \$125.00 in the Fiddle Contest booklet. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Parks & Rec will be picking up the food for the festival.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to cancel the July 24, 2007 Town Board Meeting. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:33 p.m the resolution 07-60 was read.

**RESOLUTION DENYING DISSOLUTION OF
COTTON PROPER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Cotton Township received a petition requesting establishment of a Subordinate Service District for the purpose of providing wastewater treatment and management services to a portion of the Township which was approved by Resolution No. 04-43, and which was certified on February 15, 2005 ; and

WHEREAS, the Township established the District and has expended funds in an effort to establish wastewater treatment and management services as requested by the original petition; and

WHEREAS, the Township received a petition from at least 75% of the affected property owners requesting dissolution of the district on the 8th day of February, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the petition was verified within the required thirty days, and a Public Hearing date was set for the 23rd day of June, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cotton Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Township held the Public Hearing on June 23, 2007 relative to the proposed dissolution and heard testimony from affected property owners and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all legal requirements for the Public Hearing were met; and

WHEREAS, the Township is required to act on the proposed dissolution within thirty days from the date of the Public Hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Supervisors of Cotton Township has reviewed the information and input received at the Public Hearing as well as the advice from Consultants and has determined that Dissolution of the Cotton Proper Subordinate Service District would not be appropriate at this time for the following reasons;

1. Township money has been expended based upon the original petition, and the District should remain in place so that the Township has the option of charging these costs against the District at some point in the future.
2. It appears that certain property owners within the District still desire wastewater treatment services. Retaining the District will prevent future duplication of costs in reconstituting the District in the event that a Project or any portion of a Project does go forward.
3. Having an established subordinate service district in place would benefit the Township in the event that it decides to seek grant funding.
4. A pre-existing District would protect the Township from any future changes in law that may inhibit the ability of the Township to deliver wastewater services.
5. The existing District can serve as a management tool to inspect and manage existing systems or to serve as a funding mechanism for necessary repairs and maintenance costs.

Based upon the above, testimony of citizens at the public hearing, and other information provided to the Town Board of Supervisors, the Town of Cotton hereby denies the petition for dissolution of the Cotton Proper Subordinate Service District.

Passed this 12th day of July, 2007

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to pass resolution **07-60 RESOLUTION DENYING DISSOLUTION OF COTTON PROPER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT.** Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to hire the lumberjack show for the fiddle contest 2008. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Suggested to get plastic containers for town records. Need to get someone to cut the broken limb on the tree in front of the Community Center.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to get a load of sand and a trophy for the volleyball tournament at the fiddle festival. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Will Deyo motioned, supported Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

_____ Date