

**COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**August 10, 2005**

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, Chair Terry Nelson, Supervisor Don Triebwasser, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Also present were Bridget Chard, Barb Leuelling and Kerry Solomonson arrived later.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to revise the agenda to the Treasurer's Report, Bills For Payment, and to hear from Bridget Chard. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$35,267.19; disbursements \$4,493.94; total \$6,086.34  
NON-LEVY RESERVE FUND: receipts \$15,204.37; disbursements \$0; total \$96,965.23  
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$17,597.19; disbursements \$7,585.66; total \$32,803.60  
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$2,724.72; disbursements \$3,314.36; total \$13,221.75  
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$1,031.48; disbursements \$261.77; total \$3,863.25  
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$773.81; disbursements \$0; total \$5,103.55  
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$827.91; disbursements \$63.23; total \$4,076.79  
FIRE FUND: receipts \$12,817.11; disbursements \$20.44; total \$20,952.89  
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$3,031.75; disbursements \$0; total \$20,463.76  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$2,153.03; disbursements \$0; total (\$-6,319.38)  
FDR FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (\$-1,500.00)  
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$20,000.00; disbursements \$7,167.00; total \$3,320.04  
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$111,428.56  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$22,906.40  
BALANCE ON HAND:7/31/05 \$210,455.05

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

Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12580 through #12625, claims totaling \$39,226.21 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bridget Chard, SSD Coordinator, discussed the NAWE PER and Supplement at length. There are some discrepancies between the original PER and the Supplement. Chard will talk to Judy at NAWE to clear up the problems with the numbers. Copies of the PER & Supplement have been made-up for the work group, will be sent out to them, and encourage them to read the information to discuss at the CPSSD meeting set for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Discussed looking into other engineering firms. Township officials need to be able to get the straight facts when working on large projects like this before spending money they can not afford.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to change the CPSSD meeting to Monday, August 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. and change the Regular Board meeting to Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Regular order of business was resumed

The clerk read the minutes. Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen to approve the minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup> town board meeting. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Barb Leuelling gave a short update of the Flood Damage Reduction grant project on their property. Leuelling gave Leppala current bills to be sent to Ed Fick, MnDNR.

Olsen will get second quote on furnaces.

Community Center: Triebwasser motioned supported by Terry Nelson to approve Sonny Lorentzson as a security person for August 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Olsen will get second quote for parking lot stripes. The signed proposal was returned to K.F. Loosen for roof repair. Triebwasser has the supplies to work on the well.

Roads: Township roads are looking good. Terry Nelson will drive the roads to check mileage. Dave Stark call Terry Nelson to let her know what good shape South Strand Lake Road is in. Jean Magney called to ask what the plan is for the right-of way on South Strand Lake Road. Clerk explained clearing the right-of-way will assist the snow plowing. It is too late to have roadsides mowed. Olsen will talk to Barry on the 700 gallons that should not have been on Town's invoice.

Parks & Rec: The concession for the Fiddle Festival made approximately \$370. Jim Lippett won the paddle boat raffle. Olsen said volleyball tournament went well but would like to have a entry fee next year.

Meetings: Discussed the HAVA meetings August 30 in Duluth and August 31 in Clinton. Every polling place must be equipped with assistive voting machines beginning with the November 2006 elections. Federal funding has been provided to assist this effort and grants are available. State law requires each county working with towns, cities, and school districts to create and adopt a local election equipment plan. MAT Legal Seminar is on the same date as the town board meeting, check your calendars. Suggested that the annual meetings be continued in March to September to see how the budget is doing and if any large expenses come up.

T. Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to give St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad \$500 and to be put on the Bills in September. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kerry Solomonson arrived at the meeting. Discussed noise problems around the lake. Discussed using the ice rink as a horse riding area.

Town Board requested clerk to send a letter to Georgette Richardson regarding her property next to the town river property.

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Clerk will put CTAS on computer for the claims. Discussed office hours.

As there was no further business, Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

Approved:

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Town Chair

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Date