

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2007

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. Dennis Tabbert, USDA Rural Development was present.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to accept the August 9th 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 \$635.50; disbursements \$3,069.96; total \$(-2,503.99)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,213.42; disbursements \$0; total \$121,812.07
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$1,321.00; disbursements \$6,609.11; total \$5,500.19
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$380.00; disbursements \$1,084.41; total \$12,111.25
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$139.22; total \$5,010.48
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,249.50
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$894.95; disbursements \$111.99; total \$5,328.43
FIRE FUND: receipts \$4,986.00; disbursements \$12,014.16; total \$7,022.77
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$15.75; disbursements \$0; total \$10,060.35
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$20.00; disbursements \$0; total \$2,619.68
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$135.52; total (\$-87,401.21)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$9,466.62
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$23,164.37
BALANCE ON HAND: 8/31/07 \$97,226.75

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS
NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$26,358.05
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$24,249.42
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD \$50,607.47

Three checks were lost and voided from the treasurer's accounting system making a difference of \$335.72 in the Balance on Hand between the clerk and treasurer. Clerk's balance is \$96,891.03. This will correct itself once the treasurer issues the new checks.

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 #13508 through #13536, claims totaling \$4,693.93 to pay the Bills For Payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed. Final levy sheets were sent to St. Louis County Auditors.

Dennis Tabbert of USDA Rural Development reviewed the loan and grant program available through Rural Development. It is actually a loan program with a grant component. Grant funding has become limited. Application package and checklist was left with the town board.

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Discussed the local assessor fee and his work assessment. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to issue check #13537 for \$1,800 to Rick Vidmar with a note stating he must enter all the photos on the St. Louis Cty. server and keep ATF's up to date. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Center: Have purchased plastic storage boxes for township files. Still working on the estimates from the electric companies. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to purchase 4 folding tables for the hall from Sam's Club. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads & Gravel: The clearing on the right-of-way along tax forfeit land on S. Strand Lake Road has been done. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve Jay Racek's Gun Safety Class at the town gravel pit. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed the price of pit run gravel. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to raise the pit run gravel price to \$2.50 a yard. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Prices of class 5 gravel will be looked into.

Meetings: Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to cancel the meeting on September 25, 2007. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The MN Association Of Townships District Meeting is September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Grand Lake Township. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to issue check #13538 for \$40 to St. Louis Cty Assoc. of Township Officers for the annual banquet. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Riversedge Crafts has donated a prize for the St. Louis Cty. Assoc. of Twp's annual banquet.

The Cotton Volunteer Fire Fighters Relief Assoc. forms have not been sent to the State and this could mean losing State funding.

The town board would like stage and bleachers for the Fiddle Festival stored behind the garage and have a tarp put over it. Terry Nelson will pick a tarp.

Terry Nelson signed an application for exempt permit for the Cotton Sports Boosters raffle. Copy on file.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to change the October Town Board meeting to Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve four board members attend the MN Assoc. of Townships Legal Seminar October 11 & 12. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Dennis Olsen motioned, supported Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 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