

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:37 p.m. in the community center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Will Deyo, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents present were Floyd Randall, Tim Randall, Jean Magney, Sue Syria, Bob Rodda, and Don Triebwasser.

Reorganization was conducted. Oaths of Office have been taken by the newly elected, re-elected and the appointed board members. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo that in Keeping with past practices of rotating the position of board chair, that Dennis Olsen be chair of the Town Board for the next year as it is his last year of his term. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Dennis Olsen abstain. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo that in keeping with past practices, Terry Nelson be vice-chair of the Town Board for the next year. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. Terry Nelson abstain. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that the designated depository and investments for Cotton Township be kept at American Bank located 8401 Unity Drive, PO Box 415, Mountain Iron, MN 55768. Dennis Olsen aye, Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Bank signature cards will be signed at the May town board meeting. When published notice is required, the designated papers are Mesabi Daily News in Virginia and Cotton Chronicle. Meeting posting places are: the township bulletin board outside the Community Center, The Wilbert Café, and Cotton SuperAmerica. The Cotton Volunteer Fire Department 2007 contract was signed. AWAIR plan is a work in progress. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to stay with the current Bronze Plan of the group life insurance with MN Benefit Association and to take Don Triebwasser off and add Will Deyo to the plan and to issue check #13374 for \$405. Dennis Olsen aye, Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. A meeting schedule was presented. Any changes to that schedule will be posted on the designated bulletin boards. Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and in the months of May through September there is a second meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Ginger Kinsley was appointed as deputy clerk and Linda Tuhkanen was appointed as deputy treasurer. Committees and boards served on by the Town Board members: Dennis Olsen - building supervisor, web master, Cotton Planning Review Board supervisor, Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., wastewater project supervisor, dump project supervisor; Terry Nelson – road supervisor, AWAIR supervisor, Cemetery Committee, Cotton Chronicle, Cotton Parks & Rec; Will Deyo – Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., investment committee; Debbie Leppala – investment committee, Parks & Rec, Cotton Chronicle; Sandi Nelson – Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., Cotton Chronicle, Parks & Rec, investment committee.

The clerk read the minutes of the March 8th meeting. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the March 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 \$6,775.71; total \$(-8,910.25)

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: receipts \$1,340.88; disbursements \$0; total \$103,599.00

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$5,000.00; disbursements \$30.12; total \$14,080.01

CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$1,154.20; disbursements \$5,942.54; total \$11,582.55

CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$4,524.06

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 \$378.18; total \$3,965.11
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,470.55
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$11.74; disbursements \$0; total \$6,920.34
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$386.13
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$435.25; total (\$-83,947.53)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$7,506.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$13,561.80
BALANCE ON HAND: 3/31/07 \$75,573.17

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$25,658.73; interest \$339.54; total \$25,998.27
FIRE TRUCK: CD \$23,606.04; interest \$312.38; total \$23,918.42
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD \$49,916.69

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 #13330 through #13373, claims totaling \$10,807.48 to pay the Bills For Payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney had questions concerning the CPSSD debt and how it has been paid. The Board discussed the debt of the CPSSD, the process of paying the bills as they come in, the grant funds received by St. Louis County for the CPSSD, and the difference between having a deficit in this fund and the balances of the town as a whole.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Lakeland Recreation: Rick Helander's payment plan for the balance owed will be revised for the first payment to be due May 1, 2007.

Community Center: The switch for the pop machine will be tabled as Leppala is waiting for the electrician. Discussed the PA system for the community center. Olsen will check with National AV Supply and S. Nelson will check with Perpich TV.

CPSSD: Clerk disbursed Opinion Poll Results. Received 21 polls and one letter. Discussed a work meeting for the Cotton Proper Subordinate Service District. Clerk will check with the attorney and consultant for May 12 or 19. Jean Magney suggested the board have a good financial feasibility study before the work meeting so people will understand the costs. Letters will be mailed to the CPSSD members for work meeting.

Roads: The Board reviewed work estimates from Rodda Excavating and Tracy Excavating. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve the work estimate of Tracy Excavating for gravel hauling etc. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. St. Louis Cty. Land Dept. Road Improvement Permit for S. Strand Lake road was tabled. Terry Nelson will be meeting with residents from S. Strand Lake

Road and get their views on the road project. Clerk will check with ARDC on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee In-Kind Grant Program for transportation planning.

Harland Averill resigned as town groundskeeper. Terry Nelson will write-up a job posting. Clerk will post and publish in the Cotton Chronicle. Applications must be in by May 8th.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to change the May Board Meeting from May 10 to May 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board will not fund the St. Louis County Fair Board this year.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to renew the 3.2 liquor license for Curtis Convenience Stores dba Cotton Super America. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Received a notice of St. Louis Cty. Board of Commissioners public hearing at the Cotton Community Center April 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the smoke free workplace policy.

Clerk was given the approval to the use the Chronicle software to put together a class reunion booklet.

Treasurer presented a claims history sheet as a duplicate check was made and check #13347 needed to be void.

Jean Magney read a letter she would like to go on record. Six areas of concern are: 1. Setting the levy. 2. SSD 3. Election procedures. 4. Free and independent press. 5. Open meeting requirements. 6. Timely sharing of information. Magney's letter was discussed. Clerk explained election procedures. The annual meeting could be continued to another day. There are requirements that must be handled at the annual meeting. Jean Magney will meet with the town clerk and Terry Nelson.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date