

**COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**August 10, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Chair Don Triebwasser, Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents and guests present were LaVerne Leuelling and Bridget Chard.

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

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$32,117.18; disbursements \$11,213.49; total \$(-1,049.20)  
NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: receipts \$7,344.81; disbursements \$12.50; total \$91,318.39  
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$17,045.95; disbursements \$11,419.97; total \$25,383.33  
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$3,130.55; disbursements \$1,038.78; total \$15,512.87  
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$1,272.40; disbursements \$236.30; total \$3,752.84  
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$729.28; disbursements \$0; total \$4,766.89  
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$729.28; disbursements \$139.75; total \$3,944.62  
FIRE FUND: receipts \$11,910.24; disbursements \$24.03; total \$18,789.32  
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$3,004.40; disbursements \$0; total \$3,855.21  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$1,944.81; disbursements \$0; total \$(-1,891.62)  
FDR FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$0  
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,421.25; total \$(-76,959.79)  
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$79,228.90  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$25,506.07  
BALANCE ON HAND: 7/31/06 \$98,840.09  
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS: \$48,000.00

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

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve and sign the claims list for claim #13032 through #13064, claims totaling \$25,552.93 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to issue check #13065 to Streblow Piano Service for \$85.00 for tuning the piano. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to issue check #13066 to the Cotton Volunteer Fire Dept. for \$12,000 for the first half of the fire dept. contract. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Fiddle Festival: This was the first year to have craft booths on Friday. It was slow but is hoped to pickup. Saturday went very well. People seemed to enjoy the lumberjack shows. The Cotton Volunteer Fire Dept. assisted in filling the water tank for the log rolling. The volleyball tournament and the canoe, shoe and bicycle race had a good turnout. The AEOA shuttle carried approximately 230 passengers.

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The Washington DC trip was passed on to the next township available to go.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Bob Rodda called the clerk stating the diesel price increase and would need \$1.00 more an hour. The raises the contract price to \$72.00 an hour for grading township roads. Discussed why Lake Country Power had to dig up Cemetery Road. Clerk is waiting for a call back on that. Iron Oaks Fencing will be looking at the gravel pit and submitting an estimate. HardDrives tabled.

CPSSD: Discussed certificate of indebtedness and self-funding. The pipeline easements were discussed. Chard has talked to Judy Weber, ICO, and she will present an easement request to their board of directors. They will need to be compensated. Discussed pipeline right-of-way. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to have LaVerne Leuelling, Northern Lights Surveying, put together legal descriptions and maps for the pipeline easement properties. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Letter to be sent to the landowners was reviewed. The letter will be sent with a short overview of the last meeting and invite them to the meeting September 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the cost and how to pay for the SSD. Clerk heard from Senator Tomassoni and Representative Sertich that they would see what they could do but have not heard from them since. Discussed bond financing and other funding sources. Chard will continue to search for grants. Clerk will contact St. Louis Cty. Auditor regarding special levy for the SSD. Will have to set-up a rate hearing. Special levy must be into the county auditor by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Chard will get back to Triebwasser with financing information.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to change the regular board meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to change the starting time of the regular board meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the winter meetings, starting in October. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meetings attended other than town meetings: St. Louis County HAVA Election Equipment Training - Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. MAT Short Course - Don Triebwasser, Terry Nelson, Debbie Leppala, and Sandi Nelson. Discussed the MAT Short Course and Legal Seminar.

Debbie Leppala will pick up the new optic scan counting machine from the Auditor's office. Must have a public testing of the new equipment and it must be published in an accredited paper. Clerk has invited surrounding townships to an election training August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cotton Community Center. Clerk will look into using 4 judges for the elections. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve the following election judges and alternates for the State Primary in September: Doris Dedina, Ginger Kinsley, Curtis Kolm, Debbie Leppala, Connie Lippitt, Pay Meyer, Terry Nelson, Sandi Nelson, and Janis Wendell. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussed the Lanyk Electric bill for the wiring for the new water pump. Board informed treasurer to bill Lakeland Campers for half of the Lanyk Electric work which would be \$427.50.

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As there was no further business, Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser 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