

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2009

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 Will Deyo, Supervisor Ken Meinke, Supervisor Jamie Bowden, Treasurer Debbie Leppala, and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Resident and guests present were Jean Magney, Ann Kieffaber, Dick Wallin, and Bob Rodda.

The clerk read the minutes. Jamie Bowden motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to accept the November 12th meeting minutes as read. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$6,645.87; total (\$-6,689.80)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,103.70; disbursements \$0; total \$79,046.98
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,598.08; total (\$-8,955.26)
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$856.60; disbursements \$1,276.14; total \$8,685.23
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$150.00; disbursements \$89.62; total \$6,841.83
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$475.00; total \$6,299.59
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$9.11; total \$8,560.74
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$56.35; disbursements \$0; total \$5,025.32
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$40.00; disbursements \$0; total \$12,031.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$2,206.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$10,093.82
BALANCE ON HAND: 11/30/09 \$122,263.55

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD current value \$28,408.48

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer presented the claims list. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14398 through #14425 and debit #1209-1 claims totaling \$21,531.83 and approve debit #1209-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Ann Kieffaber asked if Commissioner Keith Nelson had contacted the Town Board regarding the water access on S. Strand Lake Road. Commissioner Nelson's office had left a message to put him on the agenda. Commissioner Nelson informed the clerk he planned to stop at the township meeting on his way to Rochester. Ann Kieffaber stated Commissioner Nelson did phone Jean Magney and said he would be contacting the town board and the fire chief. When talking to Magney, Commissioner Nelson wondered if it was possible to run a pipe below the frost line along the property line from the lake to the road. Dick Wallin, resident of Strand Lake, wanted to make sure the town board is on record of support of this effort. Will Deyo read the letter of support sent to Commissioner Nelson. Ken Meinke talked to fire chief Kinsley and was told there would be no problem running a line horizontally, vertical is the problem.

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Correspondence was reviewed. Copy on file in the township office.

OLD BUSINESS

Well: Jamie Bowden gave an update on the well. Petersen Well Drilling, Electric Systems, and Rick Helander all met and tried to do a tracer line which only went 11 feet. The water line runs from the well northeast approximately 12 feet then turns left and runs west to the end of the garage where the line is T'd with one running to Helander's property and the other to the pressure tank in the garage. Discussed running a waterline directly from the well to the pressure tank. This will be tabled until April.

AWAIR meeting is set for December 16 at 3:30 p.m. for all the rink attendants, groundskeepers, and town board.

Cotton Town Dump Project: Clerk talked to Mark Elliot, MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), regarding the pulling of the monitoring wells on the property. Northeast Technical Services (NTS), placed the wells and Elliot has a call into Rick Crum at NTS. Elliot hopes to get this worked out with Rick Crum and get back to the clerk.

CONTINUUM

Community Center: Discussed the bookshelves for the community center. Will Deyo discussed the Senior Citizens paying for the bookshelves. Adam's Pest Control, Inc has exterminated inside and out of the community center.

Roads: Bob Rodda discussed the teeth for his grader, the chloride on the roads, and that he may have to charge more on his contract. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to send the letter requesting St. Louis Cty. Public Works to sand icy township roads as needed and to bill accordingly. Gave Rodda a copy of his last contract. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS & REC: The Cotton Volunteer Fire Dept. and Norm have started flooding the ice rink.

Meetings: MAT Educational Conference and Annual Meeting – Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to change the Town Board meeting starting time to 4:00 p.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed sending a copy of the unapproved minutes to the supervisors when the clerk types them up.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden that the Board of Audit Meeting and Budget Meeting be set for February 13, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Cotton Fire Fighters Relief Assoc. meeting is January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall.

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Discussed the Chronicle subscription rate. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to raise the cost of a year's subscription of the Chronicle to \$12.00 a year. There was much discussion on the receipts, disbursements, and levy funds of the Chronicle. What would it take for the Chronicle to be self-sustaining? What about raising the cost of advertizing? Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen will be training Jamie Bowden, Debbie Leppala, and Sandi Nelson on inserting items on the web site.

Andy Plesha, Cotton assessor, informed clerk that St. Louis Cty Assessor's office stated that the homestead code was not copied into the new assessment record for some of the Cotton area so some of the truth & taxation notices were incorrect. This meaning some parcels did not receive the taconite credit. This will be corrected in the tax billing statements.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden that the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date