

**COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**June 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 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. Residents present were Jean Magney, Dan Kieffaber, Dave and Brenda Stark, and town assessor Rick Vidmar.

The clerk read the minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as read. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney did not feel her questions were answered at the last meeting, the Board said things have not been decided. There were questions on the numbers for the land acquisition for the SSD. Treasurer Leppala went over the numbers for the land acquisition. Discussed if calcium chloride was harmful and requested the material safety data sheet (MSDS). Leppala gave Magney a copy of the MSDS.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Certificates of Deposit: Clerk wanted to confirm that \$26,358.05 out of Non-Levy Fund and \$24,249.42 out of Fire Truck Fund.

MAT Summer Short Course is Friday, July 27, 2007 at Wendigo Center in Grand Rapids. Training for certification for the Board of Appeal & Equalization for Will Deyo. Clerk and Treasurer will learn what information is public and what's not. Dennis Olsen will have to see if he is able to attend. The other four board members plan to attend.

Community Center: Cosgriff repaired a leak in the fuel oil line for the furnace. Discussed getting quotes for updating the electric work in the community center. Leppala will request detailed quotes from a few companies. Jim Lippitt adjusted the office door frame.

CPSSD: USDA - Special funding for sewer projects. Waiting for the survey and applicant information.

Roads: Terry Nelson met with Bryan Tracy and Dave Stark concerning a culvert and ditching on S. Strand Lake Road by Evergreen Lane. Tracy Excavating is doing work in the area and can put in the culvert and do the ditching while they have the equipment there. Clerk polled the board for approval to do the ditching and install a 28' arch culvert. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Clerk talked to Roxanne Richards to have her move her mailbox until the road work is completed and it has been done. Dave Stark brought in a letter from Fred Zorn giving permission to clean out the overgrown natural drainage ditch from the south side of South Strand Lake Road into the woods on his property. This will allow for proper drainage for the culvert. Tracy will contact Gopher One. Dave Stark discussed problems with the telephone man in the past as far as doing the locate work for wires on S. Strand. Terry Nelson had Tracy drop a load of gravel on Kauppi Lake Road. Clerk will talk to St. Louis County Land Dept. regarding the clearing on S. Strand Lake Road. The dust control has been placed on the township roads.

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Local Assessor: Clerk read the letter sent to Cotton Township assessor Rick Vidmar requesting he attend the town board meeting. The Board feels the extra work put in by the township totaling \$269 should be part of the assessor's contractual obligation and therefore subtracted from his invoice of \$1,800. Vidmar apologized for the extra work and agreed to have the \$269 taken off his invoice. Dave Stark had questions for the assessor. The Board suggested that Vidmar have an answering machine that works and he make sure he returns calls. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve check #13440 for \$1,534 to Rick Vidmar for assessing payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson received a call asking if the township gravel pit will be open this summer. Clerk was asked the same questions. At this point the gravel pit will be closed.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo 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