

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Will Deyo, Supervisor Ken Meinke, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Resident Sally Meinke was present.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to accept the November 13th meeting minutes as read. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$9,392.81; total (-\$13,221.62)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$767.27; disbursements \$200.00; total \$119,208.96
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$4,728.35; total (-\$7,626.08)
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$138.00; disbursements \$1,250.94; total \$8,914.75
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$66.74; total \$6,184.90
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$5,796.10; total \$1,667.32
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$333.98; total \$4,948.74
FIRE FUND: receipts \$11,456.00; disbursements \$6.78; total \$19,062.41
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$30.37; disbursements \$0; total \$16,451.64
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,909.07
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (-\$50,246.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$12,391.64
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$21,775.70
BALANCE ON HAND: 11/30/08 \$123,670.58

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD current value \$27,841.14
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD current value \$25,613.86
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD current value \$53,455.00

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Treasurer presented the bills for payment. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14001 through #14035 and debit #33312, claims totaling \$31,831.59 and approve debit #44412 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Meinke inquired if any more information has come in from Ulland Brothers regarding the use of the town pit. Ulland did return the key to the pit but no information has been received as far as the testing they are doing or when they will be putting in the bid for Comstock Lake Road.

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Community Center: Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to donate the use of the community center for the March 14, 2009 benefit for Bill Kinsley. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. There will be a planning meeting here December 16th for the benefit.

Roads: Discussed a road signing program to include new 911 signing. Ken Meinke and Debbie Leppala will look into further with Cotton Fire Chief, DNR Firewise and St. Louis County. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Ken Meinke that since the township has done extensive work on Kauppi Lake and S.Strand Lake roads this will be the start of Cotton's road signing plan. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Terry Nelson received a call SLC Publics Works regarding the gravel dropped from the fall road re-view and the grading that did not get done.

Park & Rink: Leppala presented the applications for rink attendants. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve Kate Kinsley, Wynn Kinsley, Kat Harpster, Sara Simek, Amanda Chapman, and Amber Schneider as rink attendants. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The AWAIR safety meeting with the rink attendants is set for December 16, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Meetings: MN Association of Townships Annual Conference and Meeting; Debbie Leppala, Sandi Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates of Deposits are up for renewal January 2, 2009. Leppala has checked with American Bank and they have 2.85% for 6 months and 3.4% for 7 months. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to renew the CD's for 7 months at 3.4%. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The U.S. Census Bureau annually contacts Cotton on any boundary changes that may occur, under the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) consolidation program St. Louis County would communicate with the information and the township would no longer be responsible for the BAS materials in the future. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to designate St. Louis County as Cotton's official Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) respondent. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The form was completed and returned to St. Louis Cty Planning & Development Dept. Duluth.

The MPCA Wastewater Solutions: Workshop Survey was completed and returned.

Discussed St. Louis County Association of Township Officers Lobby Day on February 10, 2009. Ken and Sally Meinke will take the bus to the Capitol in St. Paul to visit legislators. The bus will be at Cotton at 8:00 a.m.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to issue check #14036 to Norman Peterson for \$32.36 to reimburse for the purchase of a broom. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board requested Leppala open an account at L&M Supply in Virginia for the township.

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Will Deyo requested a listing of the meeting for 2009. Clerk will prepare that list. Terry Nelson will pick up new metal stools for the kitchen.

The Cotton Fire Fighters Relief Association meeting is January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Ken Meinke that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date