

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2006

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, Chair Don Triebwasser, Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Bob Rodda, grader operator, was also present. Wayne Soderlund, LaVerne Leuelling, and Herb Tuhkanen arrived later.

The clerk read the minutes. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to accept the minutes of the April 5th town board meeting with the correction that the 8 picnic tables were \$1,800. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$7,349.49; total \$(-8,158.33)
NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: receipts \$1,685.89; disbursements \$7.70; total \$107,137.98
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$2,583.35; total \$31,918.60
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$430.00; disbursements \$1,135.38; total \$13,770.29
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,529.66; total \$2,986.45
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$5,837.61
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$66.62; total \$3,467.63
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$684.80; total \$6,930.54
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$48.84; disbursements \$0; total \$23,815.85
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$14.30; total \$(-3,876.43)
FDR FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$0
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$28,695.13; total \$(-40,015.01)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$2,164.73
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$42,066.43
BALANCE ON HAND:4/30/06 \$155,232.41

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.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12920 through #12956, claims totaling \$39,183.36 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Rodda discussed township roads, pulling in the sides of the roads, where gravel is needed, and how often to grade. Rodda said he can grade the road going through the cemetery. Rodda said his son is mowing roads. Rodda was told to have a bid in for mowing by the next meeting, June 23rd. The Board and Rodda went over the 2006 road review. Rodda showed pictures of roads he has done.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Community Center: The Board agreed to put the old lawnmower and trailer up for bid. Advertise in the Cotton Chronicle for sealed bids to be in by Monday, June 26th and bids open at the board meeting Tuesday, June 27th. Discussed the new lawnmower and trailer, do need tie-downs for the deck of the trailer. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to allow Debbie Leppala

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to spend approximately \$200 on flowers for the community center and Sandi Nelson to purchase approximately \$25 on pansies from the 4-H. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Debbie Leppala will contact Lanyk Electric for an estimate to change lights from 8 foot to 4 foot. Leppala did not find the emergency lights discussed. George Nelson will look for emergency lights. There are some trees that need to be taken down on the community center property. Debbie Leppala asked if the furnaces should be cleaned and by whom. Board said Leppala should check on prices and set up furnace cleaning.

Roads: Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve the 2006 road review as presented. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Copy to be sent to Bob Rodda.

Wayne Soderlund, LaVerne Leuelling, and Herb Tuhkanen arrived at the meeting.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to suspend agenda to discuss variance for Cheryl Juusula. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Wayne Soderlund, LaVerne Leuelling, and Dennis Olsen, Cotton Planning Review Board, discussed that a variance is not what is needed at this time but the finance company is requiring a variance. In the variance Juusula did not stipulate that the variance is to replace the house. The Cotton Town Board is working on getting the non-conforming lots along the Whiteface River considered buildable. Unfortunately the request has not been taken up by St. Louis County yet. The review board wants the property to be treated as if it had 300 ft. Cotton may want to consider getting the land along the Whiteface River rezoned as 'urban area' with 2.5 acres, 200 feet frontage, setback 100 feet. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve that any Town Board member may attend the Board of Adjustment meeting May, 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Northland Building in Virginia. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to have Northern Lights Surveying survey the road, 66 feet wide, along the north side of the 5 acres of the property for the SSD facility. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Herb Tuhkanen asked how far along is NAWA on the design process of the SSD.

Road Review was discussed with Herb Tuhkanen, gravel hauler. Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve and sign contract for Tuhkanen Excavating for township road work. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Would like to have the gravel placed before the dust control is placed. Discussed dust control. Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to place calcium chloride dust control on 11.15 miles of township roads at \$.7249 cents per gallon and contract with Univar USA Inc. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk will phone and send letter and map to Univar USA Inc.

Parks & Rec: Talked about removing old picnic tables.

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Meetings: Township Officers - S. Nelson; ISD #2142 Cotton School - S. Nelson.

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve that any members of the town board that so desires may attend the Cotton School meetings. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussed the starting time of the first regular town board meeting on the second Thursday. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to change the first town board meeting of month to start at 6:00 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

State Tax Forfeit Lands: The Town Board is not interested in acquiring this parcel of land.

Cartway Petition: There is no new information.

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to borrow the microphone and skirt to Kelsey for the May township officers meeting. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date