

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 14, 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. Residents and guest present were Liz Treher, Jean Magney, Lucia Magney and Dennis Olsen.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to accept the April 9th meeting minutes with the correction that the residents name is John Olstad. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$6,504.32; disbursements \$8,239.63; total \$(-137.37)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,749.98; disbursements \$0; total \$85,036.77
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$13,412.18
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$762.70; disbursements \$1,488.63; total \$10,403.67
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$7,072.48
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$2,064.31
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$75.64; total \$4,427.26
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$7,262.05
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$9.90; disbursements \$44,000.00; total \$(-24,398.55)
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$70.00; disbursements \$1,200.00; total \$7,822.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$9,096.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$55,003.90
BALANCE ON HAND: 4/30/09 \$124,382.39

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$28,036.79; interest \$183.20; current value \$28,219.99
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$25,793.86; interest \$168.54; current value \$25,962.40
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD's \$53,830.65; interest \$351.74; current value \$54,182.39

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke 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 Jamie Bowden to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14167 through #14201 and debit #509-1, claims totaling \$37,417.26 and debit #509-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Residents and guests: Dennis Olsen thanked the town board for changing the time of the meetings. Olsen is the web master and the web site was discussed. Jamie Bowden has had requests to have calendar events on the web site.(benefits, rummage sales, community ed etc.) Jean Magney requested that the agenda be put on the web site.

Correspondence was reviewed.

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Leppala discussed having the furnaces cleaned. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to stay with Cosgriff for the furnace cleaning. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Leppala presented signature papers from American Bank, all board members signed the papers.

Jean Magney has questions regarding signs in the right-of-way on Strand Lake road. The MN Association of Townships attorney stated it was a liability to put a sign in the ROW.

CONTINUUM

Community Center: R-Tech contract was signed for the foam insulation. Leppala installed two smoke alarms & CO detectors in the community building. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden that Leppala purchase plants for the community center. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads: Rodda requested a change in the grading schedule. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to add grading in July to Rose Lake and McKay roads. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Ken Meinke informed the Board that the road sign on S. Strand Lake road has been replaced and that 4 culverts were thawed by St. Louis County Public Works. Dennis Olsen stated that Rodda has graded Cemetery road twice already, if he would have waited a couple of weeks before he started, it would have been better. Olsen told the Board if they have any questions on the Cemetery road just give him a call. Olsen also asked if the town has been notified yet regarding dust control. Olsen informed the Board that he feels doing the dust control has help keep the material on the roads. Discussed the road review and the project on Kauppi Lake road. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to approve the Road Review as presented and Kauppi Lake road project will be handled separately. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed opening the ditch on Zorn's property.

Gravel pit: the sign has been put up at the gravel pit. Discuss having a liability disclaimer with the gravel permit. Required conditions must be written up.

Park: The redwood in the park needs to be restrained. The groundkeepers will do the work. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to have the park equipment and pavilion be stained and painted. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The fence company will be stopping by to fix the rail that is down.

Meetings: MAT Short Course - Will Deyo, Ken Meinke, Jamie Bowden Debbie Leppala, and Sandi Nelson; Special School meeting: Jamie Bowden. Township Officers – Ken Meinke, Will Deyo and Sandi Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

November elections: Jean Magney sent a comparison of March vs November township election. Information from the MAT Information Library was printed out and given to the Board. There is not a way to go back to a March election once you go to a November election. This is something

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to be brought to the annual meeting and if approved it would go on the next year's ballot as a question. There was more discussion.

Post Office lease: Tabled for a corrected lease.

Paving: Reviewed estimates received. This is an expense the town can't afford at this time.

Assessor: Tabled as assessor did not bring the contract.

Expectations & Ground Rules: Document that Jamie Bowden put together because there was not anything in writing as a guide. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to put this on record and new town officers be given this guide information. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed the donor form from Iron Range Research Center. Someone brought information into Ironworld to be put in the township information and they need a donor form to go with this information. Will Deyo motion, supported by Ken Meinke to sign the donor forms for Iron Range Research Center. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MAT Summer Short Course: Pre-registration all 5 board members.

Ken Meinke informed the Board that he will be out of town August 2-9 for a family reunion.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date