

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 13, 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 Jean Magney and Peter Wildberger.

The clerk read the minutes. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to accept the July 9th 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 \$35,783.70; disbursements \$12,819.15; total \$12,416.46
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,910.52; disbursements \$0; total \$65,421.52
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$22,122.41; disbursements \$3,516.60; total \$16,767.21
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$2,723.28; disbursements \$1,276.45; total \$10,872.04
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$1,005.70; disbursements \$441.32; total \$7,366.94
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$1,508.52; disbursements \$0; total \$8,000.09
FIRE FUND: receipts \$12,421.07; disbursements \$44.88; total \$19,617.71
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$29,190.86; disbursements \$0; total \$4,795.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$2,081.40; disbursements \$0; total \$11,583.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$108,747.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$18,098.40
BALANCE ON HAND: 7/31/09 \$168,258.54

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$28,219.99; interest \$188.49; current value \$28,408.48

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden 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. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14269 through #14305 and debit #809-1, claims totaling \$34,423.64 and debit #809-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney thanked the Board for putting the information on ATV's in the Chronicle, seems to have helped.

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Fiddle Contest/Festival: The new entrance sign was put up on the northbound lane of Hwy 53. Clerk spoke to Don Triebwasser on placing an entrance sign on his property for the southbound land and Don said he would look at what the Town has in mind and decide. Crafters took up all the space in the hall so there was not eating space or space to have the table at the south door to sell cookbooks. The Parks & Rec made \$320.

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Lakeland Recreation: Jamie Bowden discussed the letter she wrote. Lakeland has not responded to the last three invoices sent and has a delinquent balance of \$621.14 which will increase with the next quarter electric due. The letter was approved by all supervisors and will be mailed.

Post Office lease: Still have not heard back from the U. S. Postal Service. Clerk will try to get a different contact.

CONTINUUM

Community Center: The dusk to dawn light is in need of repair. Leppala will ask Norm Peterson to replace it. Bob Rodda left a message and license # of a pickup doing circle spins on township roads. The St. Louis Cty Sheriff's office was called and the Sheriff talked to the vehicle owner.

Roads: Rodda Grading and Excavating sent a proposal for mowing the township roadsides for \$900. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to accept Rodda Grading and Excavating proposal to mow the township roadsides for \$900, sign the two proposals and send a copy to Rodda. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. Mr Rodda left a message that there were a couple of trees down and the groundkeepers did take care of them. Jean Magney asked if there were water tankers still taking water out of Stand Lake for the road project. The road project has been completed.

Kauppi Lake road project: Will Deyo asked, could Tracy Excavating spread 4-5 inches on the first 500 feet and put the project on hold at this time because of lack of finances. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to contact Tracy Excavating to bring in and spread two runs of class 5 gravel for about 4 inches on the first approximately 500 feet on Kauppi Lake Road and keep it under \$1000. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Leppala took pictures of the DNR sign on Three Lakes road, #49, and it is very confusing. The sign is talking about the state designated trails. Leppala talked to the DNR CO about kids riding ATV's on township roads and he said he would go out to S. Strand Lake road and check on the ATV's.

Gravel pit: Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to allow Jay Racek to use the gravel pit for Firearms Safety Class field exercise in September. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meetings: St. Louis Cty Planning Commission Meeting - Will Deyo, Jamie Bowden, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. MAT Summer Short Course - Will Deyo, Ken Meinke, Jamie Bowden, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

Cotton Dump Project: Connie Christenson, St. Louis Cty. Planning, Community Development Division met with Will Deyo, Jamie Bowden and Debbie Leppala at the dump site on Cty Hwy 52. The site was cleaned up in 2000-2001 with a grant in excess of \$200.00 from St. Louis County and State. One of the conditions of the grant was to develop the land and bring the property

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back on to the tax rolls. Because the economy and housing and development is down at this time it would be hard to find a developer. To close this out at this time the town should write a letter to DEED that at point and time and in this economy it is not financially feasible to develop it and Christenson thought the state would be receptive to that. Leppala said Christenson would go through her file for any other information that the town may need.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to change the September Town Board meeting from the 10th to Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 5:30 PM. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Ice Rink: Norm Peterson and Dennis Olsen sent suggestions to improving the rink area: Remove the sand from the volleyball court, level the entire area and place plastic sheeting along the perimeter and up the sides of the boards, spread soil along the perimeter of the boards to hold the plastic sheeting in place. Leppala will talk to Norm Peterson and get the information as to how to get this done and the cost. The Supervisors can be poled if need be to get the project started. Debbie Leppala discussed that she will work with Norm and Sirley Peterson in the Park to take out gardens that have not been kept up.

Sandi Nelson would like to see a dialog started with St. Louis Cty. Independent School District #2142 regarding what will happen to the playground equipment, school and property when the school closes.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date