

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2005

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 Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents present were Kim Erickson, Matt and Harriet Kellner, and Jim and Dee Kneeland. Supervisor Don Triebwasser arrived later.

Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to revise the agenda to hear from Kim Erickson. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Erickson asked if the Board would adjust the rental rate of the hall for a birthday. The rate has been put up to \$75 and the request would be to have it put down to around \$25. Erickson left the meeting at this time and will be notified of the Boards decision.

Regular order of business was resumed.

The clerk read the minutes. Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve the minutes of the August 22nd town board meeting. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$5,260.39; disbursements \$4,310.73; total \$7,036.00
NON-LEVY RESERVE FUND: receipts \$996.83; disbursements \$4,500.00; total \$93,462.06
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$2,282.66; disbursements \$13,750.95; total \$21,335.31
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$1,607.00; disbursements \$971.19; total \$13,857.56
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$122.51; total \$3,740.74
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$5,103.55
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$1,084.35; disbursements \$267.53; total \$4,893.61
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$12,012.46; total \$8,940.43
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$34.76; disbursements \$0; total \$20,498.52
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$80.00; disbursements \$0; total (\$-6,239.38)
FDR FUND: receipts \$5,425.00; disbursements \$5,425.00; total (\$-1,500.00)
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$2,365.84; total \$954.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$16,770.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$43,726.21
BALANCE ON HAND:8/31/05 \$183,499.83

Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12626 through #12659, claims totaling \$11,691.11 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kellner's, Dr. C. Peterson's and Kneeland's have sent letters to the Board concerning the impending challenge to the vacating order of October 13, 1966 and would like to go on record opposing any petition to change that order. Kellner's and Kneeland's left the meeting.

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Triebwasser arrived at the meeting.

Correspondence was reviewed.

There was much discussion on having horse riding in the ice rink area. Consensus of the Board is that they don't think it is a good idea to use the ice skating rink as a horse riding area.

Olsen motioned, supported by Triebwasser to leave the wage schedule as is until the annual town meeting. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. A web master may also be brought up at the annual meeting.

Leppala informed the Board that check #12629 is missing and check #12660 was added to the claims list. A new claims list was presented to the Board.

HAVA: Help America Vote Act provides federal funding grants to acquire assistive voting machine for the disabled. Assistive voting machines must be available for federal and state elections by 2006, township elections by 2008. Priority for use of these funds is 1) for assistive voting systems, 2) for operating costs up to \$600 per precinct, 3) any remaining funds are available for purchase of optical scan precinct or central count tabulating machines.

Community Center: Olsen motioned supported by Triebwasser to get a sign that says "Overflow Parking". Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Leppala will check into the sign. Discussed clerk's computer. Olsen will look at the clerk's computer to see if he can get the programs needed installed. Leppala is ready to put the rust converter on the base of the building. Leppala requested landscape logs for the flower gardens on the south side of the building. Furnaces are to be put in September 15th. Olsen talked to K.F. Loosen as to when they can work on the roof. Loosen will call when they can get here.

Roads: The gravel pit sign needs to be put up. Triebwasser will put the sign up. Discussed the use of the gravel pit on Saturday's.

Discussed the error in the clerk's minutes of May 12, 2005. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Triebwasser to correct the minutes of May 12, 2005 to read "to transfer \$7,254.84 from the CPSSD (Cotton Proper Subordinate Service District) Fund to the General Fund and to transfer \$1,500 from FDR (Flood Damage Reduction) Fund to the General Fund." Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Flood Damage Reduction: The FDR Fund should not have a negative balance because the money for that invoice was received in December, 2004, before the FDR fund was created. Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen to transfer \$1,500 from the General Fund to the FDR (Flood Damage Reduction) Fund. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed the in-kind contribution for the Leuelling project. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to provide in-kind service in the form of 1000 yards of pit run for the FDR Leuelling project. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to issue check #12661 to Lee House Movers for \$266.00, #12662 to Porky's Building Supply for \$662.38, #12663 to Town &

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Country Electric for \$140.00, and #12664 to LaVerne Leuelling for \$106.50. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed the balance of the FDR Rands project. Ed Fick, MnDNR needs a statement from the Town on letterhead that all the work is complete and this is final request for reimbursement. Once Fick receives Amy Loiselle's report that the project is complete, final payment will be authorized.

Meetings: S. Nelson attended the HAVA meeting. CPSSD meeting - September 20th, Curt Sparks and Andrew MacArthur are to attend, Town Board meeting - September 27th, St. Louis County Township Officers meeting - September 28th, MAT District 10 meeting - September 29th in Grand Lake Township, St. Louis County Township Officers Awards Banquet - October 7th in Eveleth.

T. Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to leave the birthday rental at \$75. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussed township sign. Terry Nelson will check with Terry Faith, Wood Butcher.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to send the centennial t-shirts and sweatshirts to the hurricane victims. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Triebwasser that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date