

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 12, 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 Don Triebwasser, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Guests present were Jim West, KBM, and Ron Smith, Skeeterz Eatery.

The clerk read the minutes. Olsen motioned, supported by Triebwasser to approve the minutes of the April town board meeting with the correction, that the motion was second by T. Nelson to revise the agenda. T. Nelson aye. Triebwasser aye. Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$5,287.63; total (\$-18,621.42)

NON-LEVY RESERVE FUND: receipts \$2,163.52; disbursements \$0 total \$79,932.70

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$225.52; total \$27,344.14

CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$873.40; disbursements \$1,064.24; total \$16,344.35

CEMETERYOLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$2,493.54

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$4,329.74

PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$525.00; total \$3,252.11

FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$8,156.22

FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$28.51; disbursements \$0; total \$17,373.89

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (\$-8,492.41)

FDR FUND: receipts \$78,897.00; disbursements \$78,897.00; total \$0

CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,071.85; total (\$-1,071.85)

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$81,962.43

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$87,071.24

BALANCE ON HAND:4/30/05 \$142,693.61

Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. T. Nelson aye. Triebwasser aye. Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Triebwasser motioned, supported by Olsen to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12474 through #12496, claims totaling \$8,086.80 and April payroll of \$2,652.83 to pay the Bills For Payment. T. Nelson aye. Triebwasser aye. Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Smith, Skeeterz Eatery & Pizza, introduced himself and explained the business plan that he and his son, Marc, have in Cotton. There are plans to expand the building in the future. Discussed the frontage road. Smith would like to serve wine and strong beer and requests the approval of a liquor license. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve and sign Resolution #05-45 and the request from St. Louis County for a license for a On-Sale Wine with Authorization to Sell Strong Beer to Skeeterz Eatery, Inc., d/b/a Skeeterz Eatery & Pizza. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. The fee of 20% of the St. Louis County fee has been paid to the Town of Cotton. Smith discussed building senior housing on the town river property.

Jim West, KBM, Sustainable Environmental Processes for Waste Products. West discussed options for community wastewater systems including harvesting nutrients from the wastewater. KBM saw the need for a unique collections system/treatment system that would collect the wastes, treat it in a manner which would significantly enhance the water whereby the water could be returned to the watershed with minimal degradation of the watershed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

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Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to transfer \$7,254.84 from the General Fund to the CPSSD (Cotton Proper Subordinate Service District) Fund. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to transfer \$1,500 from General Fund to the FDR (Flood Damage Reduction) Fund. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Herb Tuhkanen talk to Floyd Randall regarding the well. Triebwasser said he will help Tuhkanen when he digs for the water line from a well.

Civic Club would like to attach eye-bolts to the garage for a tarp over the stage for the Fiddle Festival. Discussed painting stripes in the paved parking lot. G. Nelson will do the work.

Hall rental fee were tabled to the May 24th Board meeting. Suggested residents allowed to use the hall free of charge, 1 time per year, per household. (Suggested having a deposit of the normal rent and return it if there is no problem, for the resident free use.) The orange chairs and three tables in the garage may be used by Cotton residents free of charges.

Treasurer would like to open an account with Dalco for cleaning supplies. Board said to fill out the paper work.

Discussed the township roads and the road review. The roadside edges of the Moberg Road need to be pulled back onto the road. East of 7364 Cemetery Road is a large tree that is being undermined by taking material. Terry Nelson will write to Rodda regarding his concerns. Olsen motioned, supported by T. Nelson to approve the 2005 Road Review as presented. T. Nelson aye. Triebwasser aye. Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Herb Tuhkanen has been awarded the gravel hauling for the road review and he will contact Rodda. New gravel permits to be made up: \$1.00 per yard for pit run, \$6.25 for the class 5. Ulland is interested in purchasing a 6,000-7,000 yards of sand from the town and they will test for sand in the pit. Discussed gravel pit hours and attendants. Contractors may be given a key for the gravel pit if they provide a certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000 with town listed as additionally insured.

Meetings attended by the Board other than the Regular Town Board Meeting include: Township Officers - Triebwasser, Olsen, Leppala and S. Nelson; MAT Short Course - T. Nelson and Leppala; CPSSD - T. Nelson, Triebwasser, Leppala, S. Nelson; PERA Workshop - Leppala and S. Nelson.

T. Nelson motion, supported by Olsen to approve and sign the renewal for 2005-2006 3.2 % Malt Liquor License for Curtis Convenience Stores, Inc d/b/a Cotton Food-N-Fuel. Terry Nelson aye. Don Triebwasser aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen explained options for a website for Cotton Township. Olsen would keep up the website. Could have minutes, fire dept. info, gravel schedule, CPSSD info, links to local businesses for a fee. First year with setup fees is \$1,650 and \$770 the years after. Triebwasser motioned, supported by T. Nelson to subscribe to The JPG Group for a website and issue check #12507 for \$1,650. T. Nelson aye. Triebwasser aye. Olsen abstain. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. This will be taken out of the Chronicle Fund.

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Will give \$100 to Linda Tuhkanen for a retirement gift for her life long service to the town.

Leppala will take pictures of the Rands project now that the grant project is done and at Leuellings before their project begins.

Discussed the intersection and the construction that will take place this summer. Clerk will be pursuing the safety issue.

As there was no further business, Triebwasser motioned, supported by T. Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Triebwasser aye. T. Nelson aye. Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date