

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Will Deyo, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson.

Reorganization was conducted. Oaths of Office have been taken by the newly elected, re-elected and the appointed board members. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo that in keeping with past practices of rotating the position of board chair, that Terry Nelson be chair of the Town Board for the next year as it is his last year of his term. Will Deyo aye. Dennis Olsen aye. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo that in keeping with past practices, Will Deyo be vice-chair of the Town Board for the next year. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the designated depository and investments for Cotton Township be kept at American Bank located 8401 Unity Drive, PO Box 415, Mountain Iron, MN 55768. Dennis Olsen aye, Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED. When published notice is required, the designated papers are Mesabi Daily News in Virginia and Cotton Chronicle. Meeting posting places are: the township bulletin board outside the Community Center, The Wilbert Café, and Cotton SuperAmerica. The Cotton Volunteer Fire Department 2008 contract was signed. Terry Nelson has the AWAIR plan. A meeting schedule was presented. Any changes to that schedule will be posted on the designated bulletin boards. Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Ginger Kinsley was appointed as deputy clerk and Linda Tuhkanen was appointed as deputy treasurer. Committees and boards served on by the Town Board members: Dennis Olsen - building supervisor, web master, Cotton Planning Review Board supervisor, Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., wastewater project supervisor, dump project supervisor; Terry Nelson – road supervisor, AWAIR supervisor, Cemetery Committee, Cotton Chronicle, Cotton Parks & Rec; Will Deyo – Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., investment committee; Debbie Leppala – investment committee, Parks & Rec, Cotton Chronicle; Sandi Nelson – Cotton VFD Fire Fighters Relief Assoc., Cotton Chronicle, Parks & Rec, investment committee.

The clerk read the minutes. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve the March 12th meeting minutes with the correction that the CPSSD fund balance is (\$-50,246.74). Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$27.06; disbursements \$5,674.05; total \$(2,124.68)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$834.50; disbursements \$0; total \$88,974.89
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$4,059.83; disbursements \$0; total \$27,746.25
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$500.00; disbursements \$1,253.32; total \$11,833.02
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,319.94
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$100.00; total \$6,878.17
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$501.99; total \$4,619.47
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,863.92
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$26.13; disbursements \$0; total \$13,224.68
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$30.00; disbursements \$0; total \$4,895.40
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (\$-50,246.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$5,477.52

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$7,529.36

BALANCE ON HAND: 3/31/08 \$130,401.55

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$26,700.20; interest \$339.06, current value \$27,039.26

FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$24,544.20; interest \$311.93; current value \$24,876.13

TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD \$51,264.40; total \$ \$650.99; current value \$51,915.39

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the claims list for claim #13731 through #13765, claims totaling \$7,862.26 to pay the Bills For Payment. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Assessor: The contract (2 copies) and certificate of insurance was received from Andy Plesha. Plesha will wear a name tag and have business cards made to leave at residents. The contracts were signed and one returned to Plesha.

Community Center: Debbie Leppala reported on work that needs to be done in the warming shack including sanding and varnishing the cabinet and picnic table and paint the floor. The new office chairs and smoke receptacles have arrived.

Roads: Received the signed contract back from Rodda Grading. Discussed the Tracy Excavating proposal. Clerk will get clarification from Tracy. Road Review was set for May 3, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Discussed dust control on the township roads. The lock at the gravel pit is gone.

Meetings: St. Louis Cty. Township Officers; Will Deyo, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. MAT Short Course: Will Deyo and Sandi Nelson. At the Short Course, Deyo reported on the reflectivity of signs and that there is not a signing program at this time. Clerk talked to Kent Lunda, St. Louis Cty. Public Works and he will check S. Strand Lake road and Kauppi Lake road and contact the clerk with his suggestions on signs. Discussed information learned regarding fire departments that are incorporated. The VFD should carry own insurance. Discussed the fire truck fund and the lease on the property. When a supervisor is an election judge, they must sign an affidavit of official interest in claim. Clerk also learned more on the breakdown of the homestead credit.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to grant the request for renewal of 2008-2009 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Curtis Convenience Stores, Inc. d/b/a SuperAmerica located in Cotton. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to grant the request for renewal of 2008-2008 Combination On-Sale/Off-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for Wilbert, Inc. d/b/a Wilbert Café & El Toro Lounge in Cotton. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

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The Board will not be donating to the St. Louis County Fair.

The ballot for Lake Country Power was returned. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to have direct auto pay for Lake Country Power and Arrowhead Communication. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve check #13766 for \$365.65 to the JPG Communication for the web site and domain name. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED. This will come out of the Chronicle Fund. JPG has been sending the invoice to Dennis Olsen and needs to send the invoice to the towns address.

As there was no further business, Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date