

**COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING – Unapproved Version  
July 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Ken Meinke, Supervisor Jamie Bowden, Supervisor Tim Randall, Treasurer Debbie Leppala, Deputy Clerk Ginger Kinsley, and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Also present were Jean Magney and Hannelore Dethloff.

Jamie Bowden motioned, supported by Tim Randall to accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as mailed. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$5,271.65; total \$(-10,525.37)  
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$797.60; disbursements \$100.00; total \$89,611.46  
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$351.00; total \$4,680.20  
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$239.77; disbursements \$1,547.42; total \$6,430.96  
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$329.44; total \$7,002.90  
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23  
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$84.20; total \$6,437.08  
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$48.78; total \$7,595.39  
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$25.24; disbursements \$0; total \$8,235.62  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$90.00; disbursements \$591.44; total \$10,163.63  
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$1,152.61  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$8,323.93  
BALANCE ON HAND: 6/30/10 \$141,049.10

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT:

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$25,000.00; interest \$157.53; current value \$25,157.53

Jamie Bowden motioned, supported by Tim Randall to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer presented the claims list. Tim Randall motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14625 through #14657 and debit #710-1 claims totaling \$15,589.28 and approve debit #710-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**Correspondence**

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY OFFICES**

AUDITOR: Election Clerk Training, Notice of Primary Election, memory cards for M100 and AutoMark.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 2010 Annual Report to DEED for dumpsite.

SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD: Contribution request. \*

ST. LOUIS CTY. ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS: Minutes and map.

MN DEPT. OF HEALTH: Notice of water grants available.

MN DEPT. OF LABOR & INDUSTRY: Approved plumbing plan.\*

COTTON AREA BASEBALL CLUB: Renewal of sign at baseball field.

COTTON POSITIVE OPTION FOR YOUTH: Thank you.

RODDA GRADING & TRACY EXCAVATING: Invoices for road review.

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SHELTON EXCAVATING: Certificate of liability insurance.

NORTHERN STATE BANK: CD interest statement.

KEITH NELSON: Invitation to campaign rally.

LORRIE JANATOPOULOS: Thank you.

LIGHTHOUSE NURSING: Brochures.

ARROWHEAD ATV CLUB: ATV information.

COTTON CHRONICLE

BIOSOLIDS DIGEST

NEWSLINE

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PROAV

*E-MAIL*

ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR: Property tax apportionment summary.

NTS: Rick Crum plans to pull monitoring well at dump site July 12.\*

STATE AUDITOR: E-Update, Pension Division Newsletter, and Volunteer Fire Relief Association Investment Report Card.

JEAN MAGNEY: Dumping in County sand pit.

JASON MEYER: Regarding Jean Magney's email.

KEITH NELSON: Regarding Jean Magney's email.

*\*AGENDA ITEM*

Residents and guests: Jean Magney stated that Jason Meyer from the St. Louis Land Dept really came through for the people on S. Strand Lake Road. There had been some dumping of TVs and computers in the sand pit on the road and it has been cleaned up. Resident are still pursuing a water access for fires on S. Strand Lake Road and has sent a follow-up letter to Commissioner Keith Nelson. Discussed if the local DNR office slated to close and that response time to a wild fire will be longer because they will have to come from Eveleth or Cloquet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Well: Received plumbing plan permit # PLB1005-00173 from MN Dept of Labor & Industry. Have setup Petersen Well Drilling, Tracy Excavating and Electric Systems to put in the new water line and move the pressure tank for Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Tracy Excavating has removed all the tree stumps except one at the corner of the garage. Sent a certified letter to Rick Helander and have not had a response from him regarding the new water line and him being disconnected from the town well.

Monitoring wells: Received an email from Rick Crum, Northeast Technical Services (NTS), they plan to be in Cotton to remove the monitoring wells Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. After this gets done and we receive the proper papers for the site it will be up on the market.

**CONTINUUM**

Community Center: Debbie Leppala is waiting to hear from St. Germain's regarding when they will be making repairs on the vestibule. Gardens around the building look good.

Roads: Have not heard from Dustcoating as when they will start. Bob Rodda sent a proposal to mow the township roads for \$950. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Tim Randall to accept Rodda Grading and Excavating proposal to mow the 12 miles of township roads totaling 24 miles of mowing for \$950. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED. Ken Meinke signed the proposal will call Rodda to get started.

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Meetings: St. Louis County Assoc. of Township Officers – Ken Meinke, Jamie Bowden and Sandi Nelson. Discussed the MAT Short Course.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jamie Bowden motioned supported by Jamie Bowden to approve the following election judges and alternates for the August 10, 2010 Primary Election: Doris Dedina, Curtis Kolm, Debbie Leppala, Lowell Lund, Blanche (Sally) Meinke, Pat Meyer, Terry Nelson, Delores Randall, Rosanne Triebwasser, Linda Tuhkanen, Janis Wendell and Sandi Nelson. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. **ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.** Clerk will be publish the notice of the Public Accuracy Test of the HAVA AutoMark and M100 voting machines set for August 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Tim Randall to approve check #14658 for \$500 contribution to St. Louis County sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. **ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

Fiddle Festival: Parks and Rec sells the drippy beef sandwiches and Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson will be doing the shopping for that. Clerk asked if any of the supervisors would like to volunteer for Parks and Rec. Tim will talk to Norm about putting up the fencing around the center.

Discussed the tax apportionment summary received, the tax forfeit land sale on S. Strand Lake, break-ins around the area and the clerk getting a ex-officio notary stamp.

As there was no further business, Jamie Bowden motioned, supported by Tim Randall that the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. Tim Randall aye. **ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

Approved:

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Town Chair

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Date