

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Terry Nelson, Supervisor Will Deyo, Supervisor Ken Meinke, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents and guest present were Jean Magney, Sally Meinke, Ann Kieffabler, DNR Conservation Officers Randy Hanzal and Andy Schmidt.

The clerk read the minutes. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the January 8th meeting minutes as read. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$2,116.43; disbursements \$7,807.53; total \$13,334.40
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,060.70; disbursements \$0; total \$121,751.29
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$1,627.80; disbursements \$2,247.84; total \$8,914.66
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$818.41; disbursements \$1,199.87; total \$11,548.38
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$46.08; disbursements \$0; total \$7,072.48
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$34.56; disbursements \$0; total \$2,384.49
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$34.56; disbursements \$370.18; total \$5,295.73
FIRE FUND: receipts \$706.62; disbursements \$0; total \$7,262.05
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$37.23; disbursements \$0; total \$19,520.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$92.17; disbursements \$0; total \$8,941.56
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (\$-50,246.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$6,574.56
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$11,625.42
BALANCE ON HAND: 1/31/09 \$167,196.02

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$27,841.14; interest \$195.65; current value \$28,036.79
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$25,613.86; interest \$180.00; current value \$25,793.86
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD's current value \$53,830.65

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer presented the claims list. Will Deyo inquired about the dues for St. Louis Cty. Association of Township Officers and the work that Petersen Well Drilling did. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14068 through #14099 and debit #209-1, claims totaling \$7,231.11 and debit #209-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney is concerned that snowmobiles that are driving on the shoulders of S. Strand Lake Road are going to tear up the erosion mats and disturb the grass that should be growing in the spring. Jean talked to the DNR officers on this and he asked if it was changed to a county road after the work was done. Magney was informed that S. Strand is still a township road. Jean has reviewed the snowmobile rules and it is apparent that the township could pass an ordinance confining the snowmobile to the road surface. Magney was informed that the township does not

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have law enforcement to carry out an ordinance. Jean read her suggested ordinance that she has written. Ken Meinke has trouble with the ordinance stating the snowmobilers should use the road surface and that could be interpreted that the four wheelers can use the road surface. Put a notice in the Chronicle to please stay off that section of the road. Ken would suggest a sign to keep off the ditched area that has been planted. Meinke will call Bob Hedburg from St. Louis County Land Department and ask them to place a sign because the snowmobiles are hard on the new erosion mats on S. Strand Lake road.

Jean Magney would like the interviews that she has written up to be proof read by the supervisors and treasurer. After that is done Jean will email the interviews to the Chronicle.

Correspondence was reviewed. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to donate \$100 to the Cotton School Alcohol and Drug Free Graduation Party. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.** The donation to be taken out of the community development fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Gravel Crushing: Ken Meinke has talked to Commissioner Keith Nelson and he said the funds are there to work on Highway 52 and construction would probably start in June. Keith Nelson said they will not be using a lot of gravel, they will tear-up and put-down (recycling) the material on the road. Ulland Brothers have heard regarding the bid for the work on Hwy 52. Discussed being included in the St. Louis County Public Works 2009 Gravel Crushing Program.

DNR Conservation Officers Randy Hanzal and Andy Schmidt arrived at the meeting. Hanzal had talked to Jean Magney on the phone and was in the area so he wanted to stop at the meeting. Hanzal discussed the snowmobile rules and regulations. Also discussed putting up a sign to keep snowmobiles and ATV's off the new seeding. Hanzal said signage may be the best way to take care of the problem. Terry Nelson asked about putting reflectors at the end of a township road at a boat landing. Hanzal stated that if it is township property, reflectors can be put up by the township.

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to be included in the St. Louis County Crushing Program to have 4,000 tons of modified class 5 gravel crushed in the MN Power Pit. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to send a letter to St. Louis County 911 Communications to check the addresses in Cotton township and let the town board know how many signs will be needed at \$11.00 a piece. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Insulating the roof: Debbie Leppala spoke to Jim Lippitt, he and two others will come in and remove the insulation the first week of April. Will have to get a dumpster from Norland. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to send the letter to R-Tech Insulation Inc. that the proposal of a 4 inch Spray Foam on ceiling, 3 inch Spray Foam on gables, and cover walls and floor at the price of \$20,311.00. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Terry Nelson has updated the AWAIR Loss Prevention Program and a copy to the Board.

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CONTINUUM

Community Center: Leppala purchased water filter for the kitchen faucet but needs a different. Leppala asked if the Board would like to rent out the riser. If someone would like to use them they can make a donation. Leppala will pick up a combination smoke-carbon dioxide detector.

Roads: Discussed sanding or scraping roads. Terry Nelson talked to St. Louis Cty. Public Works to scrape curves or other bad spots on S. Strand Lake, Kauppi Lake and Lily Lake roads.

Rink: Leppala said she heard a peewee hockey team may be started and Sports Boosters would cover the insurance. Leppala is working on the cost of keeping the ice rink going.

Meetings: Fire Fighters Relief Assoc: Will Deyo and Sandi Nelson. St. Louis County Association of Township Officers Meeting; Ken Meinke, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve Doris Dedina, Deita Deyo, Curtis Kolm, Lowell Lund, Pat Meyer, Linda Tuhkanen and Sandi Nelson as election judges and alternates for the township election March 10, 2009. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussed the janitor wages. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that Debbie Leppala wages for janitor to increase \$1.25 an hour. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussed the annual town meeting. Terry Nelson will discuss Cemetery and AWAIR, Sandi Nelson will discuss the Chronicle, Debbie Leppala will discuss Parks & Rec, Will Deyo will discuss clerk and treasurer being appointed, Ken will discuss S. Strand Lake road.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to change the March meeting to Monday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MnDOT will have a public meeting on the Cotton intersection (State Hwy. 53 and Cty. Hwy. 52) at the Cotton Community Center on March 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date