

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 8, 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 Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Will Deyo, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents and guests were Jeff Musburger, Paul Preston, Craig Kinsley and Constance Johnston.

The clerk read the minutes. Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve the April 9th meeting minutes with the correction that it was the 2008-2009 renewal for Combination On-Sale/Off-Sale Liquor Licenses for Wilbert, Inc. d/b/a Wilbert Café & El Toro Lounge. Terry Nelson aye, Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$6,493.95; total \$(-8,618.63)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$1,112.63; disbursements \$0; total \$90,087.52
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$4,300.00; disbursements \$0; total \$32,046.25
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$484.20; disbursements \$1,690.55; total \$10,626.67
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 \$0; total \$6,878.17
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$16.21; total \$4,603.26
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,863.92
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$24.46; disbursements \$0; total \$13,249.14
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$30.00; disbursements \$0; total \$4,925.40
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$(-50,246.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$5,951.29
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$8,200.71
BALANCE ON HAND: 4/30/08 \$128,152.13

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD \$27,039.26; interest 299.99, current value \$27,339.25
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD \$24,876.13; interest \$275.99; current value \$25,152.12
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD \$51,915.39; total \$ \$575.98; current value \$52,491.37

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

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve and sign the claims list for claim #1379 through #13798 and #3335, claims totaling \$5,181.69 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Residents and guests: Jeff Musburger is a board member at Ellsburg Township and is interested in the flow of Cotton's meeting and would like to just sit in.

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Fire Dept: Tabled and clerk will ask VFD to attend the June meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Community Center: Sandi Nelson requested the use of the community center for a benefit for her grandson on June 8, 2008. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to donate the use of the hall for the benefit June 8, 2008. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Discussed the roof of the community center. Debbie Leppala will get estimates to repair and replacement of the roof. The 4-H club is looking for someone to take over the gardens in the park. Discussed the getting a janitors sink and removing the 2 small hot water heaters and get one larger one. Leppala has painted the floor and sanded and varnished the cabinet and picnic table in the warming shack. The door on the west side of the warming shack needs to be replaced. Leppala got new lock and keys for the gravel pit.

Paul Preston arrived at the meeting. Preston wants to vacate a portion of a platted road that is on paper only. Under state statute 164.07 the town board has the right to vacate a town road. The petition to vacate the road was filed with the clerk. Within 30 days the town board must set a date for a road hearing. The commissioner of natural resources must be served notice by certified mail at least 60 days before the public hearing. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo the public hearing for the proposed road vacation be set for August 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the community center. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads: Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve and sign the Tracy Excavating contract (2). Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk will send contract for Tracy to sign. The new date for the road review is May 22, 2008. Discussed having the gravel pit open for residents a few days in the summer. Discussed the estimate from St. Louis Cty. Public works for road signs. Would like the clerk to contact Public works and ask if new signs have the reflectivity needed.

Craig Kinsley and Constance Johnston arrived at the meeting. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to accept a 10 year lease for \$1.00 a year totaling \$10.00. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. The 2008 fire contract and 10 year lease was signed. The VFD will get their own insurance starting July1, 2008. Discussed the state fire aid forms.

Meetings: St. Louis Cty. Township Officers; Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo that there will not a second board meeting in May through September and if a second meeting is needed the clerk will post accordingly. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Reviewed the Strand Lake Properties preliminary plat. Review the wood ash distribution. Have been waiting to hear from the Scheer's Lumberjack Show.

Leppala informed the town board that check #13798 is void and check # 13799 issued for \$200 for the Imprest Fund. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Will Deyo to change the August town board meeting be changed to Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to increase the clerk's wage by \$1.50 an hour. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Terry Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Will Deyo aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date