

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 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 guests were Sally Meinke, Jean Magney and Lucia Magney.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to accept the August 6th 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 \$0; disbursements \$3,174.68; total \$3,984.34
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$2,351.34; disbursements \$0; total \$116,179.20
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$17,280.02; total \$23,866.70
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$340.80; disbursements \$1,283.02; total \$10,203.76
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$154.47; total \$6,307.40
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$7,405.44
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$778.00; disbursements \$489.34; total \$5,367.06
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$15.71; total \$6,488.42
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$31.20; disbursements \$0; total \$16,359.69
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$6,411.46
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total (\$-50,246.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$3,501.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$22,397.24
BALANCE ON HAND: 8/31/08 \$163,743.96

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD current value \$27,642.57
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD current value \$25,431.17
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD current value \$53,073.74

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.

Treasurer presented the bills for payment. Clerk Nelson stated the Univar payment was almost half of what the Board planned on spending on the dust control for the roads. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to approve and sign the claims list for claim #13895 through #13906 and debit #3339 & #4449, claims totaling \$17,625.11 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney asked when Cotton receives funds from the county for the timber sales. Clerk answered that the county gives the town a levy payment twice a year and timber and tax forfeit land sales was included with the payment received in July of this year and was \$22,308.39.

Correspondence was reviewed.

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OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up regarding the noisy neighbor. Commissioner Keith Nelson will keep up with what is happening. Sheriff Litman stated that Deputy Sheriff Bruce Patterson will be looking into the problem. Regarding response time to 911 calls Sheriff Litman stated that the nearest patrol would be responding to Cotton whether it is north or south.

CONTINUUM

Community Center: Leppala discussed the foam insulation for the roof. The manufacturer of the insulation is coming up to Cotton to look to see if the foam can be sprayed right over the existing insulate board on the inside of the roof. If the insulate board must be removed the work cannot be done until next spring. If they need to wait until spring the quote would stay the same. The walls should not need to be insulated. Discussed installing a floor sink and changing the hot water heaters. Will Deyo motioned supported by Terry Nelson to install an 80 gallon hot water heater and mob sink with faucets. Take the cost out of the Capital Projects fund. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.** Debbie Leppala asked the Board if the hall could be donated for a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Frank and Janis Wendell's granddaughter. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to donate the hall use on October 12th. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Park: Fencing in the park needs to be replaced. Debbie Leppala will look into chain link fencing. Dinehery Fence was mentioned. One of the tarps from the park needs to be repaired

Roads: Discussed the S. Strand Lake Road project. The new culvert may be too short, check to see if extenders and rip rap could be placed on the ends. It looks like more matting could be used. Bob Hedberg, St. Louis County Land Dept. called and asked if the town would be requesting an easement for this property of this project. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo to contact the St. Louis County Land Dept. regarding an easement of land for the S. Strand Lake Road project. Set a fall road review for September 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings: Township Officers Board of Directors Meeting – Sandi Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

PERA: Wants to go paperless and work on the internet. Sandi Nelson will be the authorized individual besides the treasurer.

Levy: Sent in the levy form to St. Louis County Auditor. Discussed the township funds.

Township Officers: The survey was filled out and returned. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Will Deyo to approve two board members attend the St. Louis County Association of Township Officers annual banquet and issue check # 13925 for \$40.00. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

MAT District Meeting will be in Greenwood Township on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. The MAT Annual Meeting and Conference is November 20-22 in Alexandria. Room reservations should be made as soon as possible.

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Election Judges: Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Ken Meinke that the Clerk have another election judge training. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Will Deyo that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date