

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Supervisor Will Deyo, Supervisor Ken Meinke, Supervisor Jamie Bowden, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Residents and guest present were Arrlette Krog, Jean Magney, Ann Keiffaber, Tim Winter, and Bob Rodda.

Arrlette Krog, Civic Club president, discussed the Cotton entrance sign on the north bound lane of Hwy 53 that states 'Home of the MN State Fiddle Championship & Festival'. The Civic Club is having the sign refurbished with vinyl. Discussed having an entrance sign placed on north and south bound Hwy 53. Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to spend \$300 to have the existing Cotton entrance sign refurbished with the vinyl by Gene Rands. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The clerk read the minutes. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to accept the June 11th meeting minutes as read. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$4,463.12; total \$(-10,548.09)
NON-LEVY REVENUE: receipts \$877.96; disbursements \$24,000.00; total \$63,511.00
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$7,860.45; total \$(1,838.60)
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$750.90; disbursements \$1,243.90; total \$9,425.21
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$269.92; total \$6,802.56
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$2,064.31; total \$0
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$2,064.31; disbursements \$81.04; total \$6,491.57
FIRE FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$20.53; total \$7,241.52
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$1.81; disbursements \$0; total \$(-24,394.87)
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$24,060.00; disbursements \$0; total \$9,501.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$27,754.98
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$40,003.27
BALANCE ON HAND: 6/30/09 \$77,609.48

INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

NON-LEVY REVENUE FUND: CD current value \$28,219.99
FIRE TRUCK FUND: CD current value \$25,962.40
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: CD's current value \$54,182.39

Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The Fire Truck Certificate of Deposit was cashed-in on July 3, 2009 and the Non-Levy Revenue Certificate of Deposit was rolled over for 8 months at 2.5%.

The Treasurer presented the claims list. Will Deyo motioned, Ken Meinke to approve and sign the claims list for claim #14234 through #14267 and debit #709-1, claims totaling \$17,417.60

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and debit #709-2 to pay the Bills For Payment. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jean Magney presented a copy of information received on chloride. Jean Magney discussed the continued concern for the ATV's on South Strand Lake road. Could a speed limit sign be put up? Also discussed the sign erected by the DNR and if an ordinance could be written to keep ATV's off the township road. The DNR will be contacted regarding the sign and the ATV's on the road.

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Post Office lease: Have not heard back from the U. S. Postal Service. Tabled.

CONTINUUM

Community Center: The furnaces have been cleaned. Received two new 100 cup coffee pots. Discussed purchasing new ceiling fans for the hall. Jamie Bowden motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to purchase four (4) new ceiling fans for the hall area. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads: The dust control on the township roads was done but Rose Lake road was not finished. Will Deyo will contact Larry Horning and ride with the driver to finish the dust control on Rose Lake road. Bob Rodda discussed the Kauppi Lake road project. This project could run as high as \$38,000 to raise the road bed. One suggestion was to do half of the project a year for two years. Must get at least two estimates on the project.

Gravel pit: The town gravel pit will be open July 25th from 8:00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m. for pit-run gravel with loading and hauling available.

Meetings: Township Officers – Ken Meinke, Jamie Bowden, Debbie Leppala and Sandi Nelson. MAT Summer Short Course is July 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

Music Festival: Tim Winter discussed the approval by the St. Louis County Planning Commission of the music festival to include food and liquor sales with many conditions and he would like to know what is needed at the township level for a liquor license. Winter was informed the process at the township level is that the application paper work would come from the St. Louis County Auditor's office for Board approval, the township fee of 20% of the county license fee received, and a resolution approved and signed by the town board of supervisors. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to approve a resolution to support issuance of an on sale intoxicating liquor license to Tim Winter when and if the application comes from the St. Louis County Auditor's office and the fee of 20% of the county on sale liquor license fee has been paid to the town. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Fiddle Contest/Festival: The ad in the Fiddle Championship booklet is paid by the Chronicle and will be put on the Bills For Payment in August.

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Groundskeeper: The letter from Norm Peterson requesting a raise was discussed. Will Deyo motioned, supported by Ken Meinke to increase Norm Peterson's wage to \$9.00 an hour beginning July 1, 2009. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Will Deyo motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden to issue check # 14268 for \$500 to St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed that Lakeland Recreation has not paid for the work done on the well in October of 2008 or for his share of the electric toward the water in 2009. There is an agreement that he would pay half of the electric and repairs. Is he in breach of contract? Will this need to go to the town attorney? Jamie Bowden agreed to help write a letter.

The history book 'Good Old Days' will be put on the Bills For Payment in August. Will Deyo will sell history books, cookbooks and postcards at the Fiddle Festival.

As there was no further business, Ken Meinke motioned, supported by Jamie Bowden that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Will Deyo aye. Ken Meinke aye. Jamie Bowden aye. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date