

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
August 7, 2017**

Chairman: Kurt Johnson
Vice Chairman: Jon Olson
Supervisor: Mike Ruhland
Treasurer: Peter Olson
Clerk: Sandra Lee Olson

Chairman Kurt Johnson called the monthly Board of Supervisors' Meeting to order at 7:00 pm with all officers present—Supervisor Kurt Johnson, Supervisor Jon Olson, Supervisor Mike Ruhland, Treasurer Peter Olson, and Clerk Sandra Lee Olson

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jon Olson made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mike Ruhland seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.

The minutes of the July meeting were read by the clerk. Mike Ruhland offered a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jon Olson offered a second to the motion, which then passed by a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. The minutes were placed on file with other documents from the meeting.

Peter Olson read the Treasurer's Report into the record. After he was completed, Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the report subject to audit. Mike Ruhland offer a second, and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. The first page of his report is shown below while the entire report was put on file with other documents from the meeting.

Cash Accounts						
			Statement Date	Interest	Previous Balances	Current Balances
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx1054 (EFT)			Online Balance as of July 31, 2017		\$ 3,756.94	\$ 31,714.07
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx3050 (Primary)			Online Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$ 0.05	\$ 8,478.68	\$ 4,106.03
Total Balance for Checking Accounts					\$ 12,235.62	\$ 35,820.10
Wells Fargo Business Savings xxxxxx6624			Online Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$ 0.36	\$ 14,194.96	\$ 14,195.32
Total Balance for Cash Accounts					\$ 0.41	\$ 26,430.58
Investments-CDs						
			Statement Date	Interest/ Penalty	Current Balance	Current Balance
WF CD1 xxxxxx8954 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%		Online Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$ 9.65	\$ 26,091.78	\$ 26,101.43
WF CD2 xxxxxx8962 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%		Online Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$ 9.65	\$ 26,091.78	\$ 26,101.43
WF CD6 xxxxxx0876 (matures 11/28/2017)	0.55%		Online Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$ 11.59	\$ 25,638.24	\$ 25,649.83
Total of All CDs					\$ 30.89	\$ 77,821.80
Total of CDs and Savings					\$ 31.25	\$ 92,016.76
Total of all accounts with checks outstanding (Cash Accounts and CDs)					\$ 31.30	\$ 104,252.38
Receipts						
7/5/2017	SLC Tax Apportionment	\$27,957.13				

Clerk Sandra Lee Olson presented her monthly Clerk's Report for the period ending on July 31, 2017. Her report was in agreement with the Treasurer's Report and was placed on file with other documents from the meeting.

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Incoming Correspondence

1. Reliable Insurance Agency...certificate of insurance for Rodda
2. Saint Louis County (SLC)...St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan –Initial Plan Workshops. The South County workshop will be Thursday, August 24, 2017, 1pm - 7 pm at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex, 4787 Midway Road, Pike Lake MN
3. SLC Auditor...Township Final Levy Certification Form for Taxes payable 2018. The form must be returned on or before September 30, 2017
4. Minnesota Revenue...notice of 2018 Certified Town Aid for New Independence Township will be \$1,083. Two equal payments will be made on July 20, 2018 and December 26, 2018.
5. American Legion Auxiliary...thank you note for donation toward fireworks
6. Federated Co-ops' Summer Fill Special...\$1.149/gallon
7. Federated Co-ops...invoice showing a credit of \$878.71
8. Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust (MATIT)...dividend check in the amount of \$605
9. Holden Duluth Agency, Inc.... certificate of insurance for Karppinen Construction LLC
10. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)...monthly reporting form
11. Lake Country Power...monthly statement showing a credit of \$147.29
12. State of Minnesota...Township Aid check in the amount of \$524
13. Rodda Grading & Excavating...grading of 5744 North and South and 5742 for a total of \$418.00
14. Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT)...notice of District 10 Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017, 5:30 PM Registration; 6:00 PM Meeting, at Grand Lake Town Hall in downtown Twig
15. Frontier Communications...monthly phone and Internet service for \$69.21
16. Alborn Fire Department...minutes for the June 28, 2017, meeting

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery
 - Kurt Johnson checked the cemetery recently and found it to be in good shape. There is a stone that needs to be reset. Kurt will check on the owner of that plot.
2. Roads
 - Road Foreman's Report
 - Peter did complete a monthly inspection of the roads and found them to be in good condition with the exception of North Schelin growing in, which will need to be addressed.
 - There was a complaint from a North Schelin resident that the road was rough and a vehicle went in the ditch. Peter contacted Rodda who graded the road.
 - County Road Inspection
 - Kurt Johnson met with the County because the road foreman was not able to meet as planned.
 1. Kurt reported that the main concern revolves around tree branches going over the road (Salo, South Schelin, North Schelin, and Township Road 5743).

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2. In addition, the County would like to see gravel put on the turnaround at the end of Townline Road
 3. South Schelin needs a better turnaround area and gravel
 4. North Johnson, South Johnson, and Nelson Roads were deemed to be ok at this point
 5. Peter Olson will drive over the roads to review the condition.
 6. Peter will make contact with Floyd to have a couple loads of gravel delivered to the turnaround on Townline Road
- South Schelin Road
 - Kurt asked for input from the County regarding the signage on South Schelin Road and was informed that the signage was appropriate.
3. Town Hall
 - Painting
 - No quotes were received from any contractors.
 - Guardian Pest Control
 - Sandra Lee Olson did contact Guardian Pest Control. The spraying for cluster flies usually is done about the middle of August.
 - Summer Propane Fill
 - Because the tank was at 80%, there was no need to ask for a summer fill on propane. Federated Co-ops will not come out when the tank is at 80%.
 4. Weed Control
 - Mike Ruhland gave a report based on the Short Course. He will touch bases with Kristin Forgard and inquire if there will be additional trainings.

New Business

1. Roadside mowing
 - A motion was made Mike Ruhland and seconded by Kurt Johnson to have Jon Olson mow the roadsides for the same fee as last year (\$675). The request for quotes was posted but no other quotes were received. In accordance with his agreement last year, Jon will submit his insurance cost for reimbursement. The motion carried with Kurt Johnson and Mike Ruhland voting in favor of the motion; Jon Olson abstained from voting.
2. District 10 Meeting
 - The District 10 Meeting will be held on August 24, 2017, at Grand Lake Town Hall. Mike Ruhland will attend the meeting and pick up the newest manual from Minnesota Association of Townships. He will receive meeting and mileage for the meeting.
3. St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Meeting
 - None of the officers are able to attend the SLC Comprehensive Land Use Meeting. It is being held on the same day as the District 10 meeting.

Approval of Payroll/Claims

After Kurt Johnson read the Payroll into the record, Jon Olson made a motion to pay the payroll as presented. Mike Ruhland offered the second, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

4012. Payroll -----\$149.68

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4013.	Payroll -----	\$74.84
4014.	Payroll -----	\$145.00
4015.	Payroll -----	\$322.55
4016.	Payroll -----	\$70.16
4017.	-----	Void
4018.	Payroll -----	\$46.17

After Kurt Johnson read the Claims into the record, Jon Olson made a motion to pay the claims, Mike Ruhland seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion.

4019.	Jon Olson -----	\$50.90
4020.	Kurt Johnson -----	\$11.77
4021.	Peter Olson -----	\$13.38
4022.	Sandra Lee Olson -----	\$17.73
4023.	Jim Witkowski -----	\$600.00
4024.	Frontier Communications -----	\$69.21
4025.	Rodda Grading and Excavating -----	\$418.00
4026.	Public Employees Retirement Association -----	\$104.40

Officer Reports

- Short Course (Mike Ruhland)
- Joint Powers Committee Meeting (Kurt Johnson)

Kurt Johnson asked for a motion for adjournment because all business had been completed. Following a motion by Mike Ruhland, a second by Jon Olson, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, Kurt declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of supervisors' Signature _____

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2017

September 11	November 1
October 2	December 4

2017 SLCAT Calendar

No meetings during the summer