

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
September 11, 2017**

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

Chair Kurt Johnson called the monthly Board of Supervisors' Meeting for September to order at 7:00 PM. Kurt noted that all officers were present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jon Olson made a motion to accept the Agenda as printed. Mike Ruhland seconded the motion, which subsequently passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

After Clerk Sandra Lee Olson read the minutes of the August meeting, Mike Ruhland made a motion, which was seconded by Jon Olson, to accept the minutes as read. A unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion/

Peter Olson read the Treasurer's Report for the month of August. After he had completed his report, Mike Ruhland made a motion to accept the monthly report as presented. A second to the motion was offered by Jon Olson, and the motion was carried with a unanimous vote. The first page of the report is printed below. The entire report was placed 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	\$ 50,015.42
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	\$ 77,852.69
Total of CDs and Savings				\$ 31.25	\$ 92,016.76	\$ 92,048.01
Total of all accounts with checks outstanding (Cash Accounts and CDs)				\$ 31.30	\$ 104,252.38	\$ 127,868.11
Receipts						
7/5/2017	SLC Tax Apportionment	\$27,957.13				

Sandra Lee Olson read the Clerk's Report for the month ending on August 31, 2017. Jon Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Ruhland and passed with a unanimous vote. Her report was placed on file with other documents from the meeting.

Incoming Correspondence

1. Frontier Communications...monthly phone and internet service for \$69.2
2. South Ridge School...request for donation toward the fifth-grade trip to Wolf Ridge
3. International League of Cities...directory membership
4. St. Louis County Environmental Services Department...information on the proposed 2018 MSW Disposal Fee

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5. State of Minnesota...check for Disparity Aid Reduction (\$61.00)
6. St. Louis County...breakdown of taconite production distribution
7. Guardian Pest Control...spraying for cluster flies (\$161.06)
8. University of Minnesota...*Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange*
9. Couri & Ruppe...information on the Township Legal Seminar to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is on the website www.couriruppe.com (tab for Township Legal Seminar)
10. Arrowhead Water Conditioning...three invoices with a total due of \$54.75
11. Rodda Grading & Excavating...invoice for grading (\$924)
12. Lake Country Power...invoice showing a credit of \$76.44
13. Federated Co-ops, Inc...credit balance of \$878.71
14. Minnesota Association of Townships...*Minnesota Township Insider*
15. Minnesota Association of Townships Agency...consolidated coverage renewal invoice, declaration pages and notice of optional changes
16. Minnesota Expo to be held in St. Cloud on Wednesday, October 4, 2017
17. Public Employees Retirement Association...monthly reporting form
18. Lake Country Power...*Strictly Business*
19. Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State...2017 Minnesota Election Laws
20. Christy Olson...quote for painting the interior of the Town Hall
21. Jon Olson...invoice for insurance
22. Jim Witkowski...certificate of insurance
23. Alborn Fire Department...minutes from the July 26, 2017, meeting
24. MPCA...notice of wild rice protection from sulfate water
25. Census 2020...voluntary participation forms to be completed by the township
26. St. Louis County...summary of road inspection

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery
 - There is a headstone that is need of repair
 - The bench by Enlund's is in need of repair, as well
 - Jim Witkowski uncovered the markers
2. Roads
 - Road Foreman's Report
 - Peter Olson did take Rick McRae to look at the removal of branches that needs to be done. Rick has not gotten back to him about the project. Peter will contact Tim Anvid to see if he is interested in the branch removal project
 - Peter would like to go with Kurt to verify and mark the South Schelin turnaround
 - County Road Inspection Follow Up
 - There was a discussion on the expectations from the County.
 1. Gravel will be needed on Townline Road
 2. Tree overhangs will have to be addressed
 3. Letters for turnarounds should be sent to Gary Olson, Barb Solem, and Wally Kucza
 - Roadside mowing was completed by Jon Olson. He noted that there is a start of a washout on Nelson Road.

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- Town roads will need to be graded after the Lake Country Power has completed brushing. Some roads were not affected.
3. Town Hall
- Painting
 - Christy Olson submitted a bid to repaint the interior of the Town Hall. She will match the color of the closet and paint the entrance, main meeting area, bathroom, and voting booths using Sherwin Williams Pro Mar 200 paint. The total quote for paint, supplies, and labor is \$670. Jon Olson made a motion to accept the quote. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which subsequently passed with Jon Olson and Kurt Johnson voting yes and Mike Ruhland abstaining. A request was made to have the final bill broken down to reflect work and materials.
 - Guardian Pest Control did complete the fall spraying for cluster flies
4. Weed Control
- Mike reported that he did talk with Kristin Forgard and learned that wild parsnips is a concern this year. It causes burning to the skin. Another concern is tansy.

New Business

1. Donation for South Ridge Fifth-Grade Trip to Wolf Ridge
 - A motion was made by Jon Olson, seconded by Mike Ruhland, to authorize a disbursement to South Ridge Fifth Grade Trip to Wolf Ridge for environmental learning experience. The clerk will prepare the check, have it signed, and delivered before the end of the week. The motion carried unanimously.
2. International League of Cities
 - Jon Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Ruhland, to not participate in the International League of Cities. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.
3. Proposed 2018 MSW Disposal Fee
 - A motion was made by Jon Olson, seconded by Mike Ruhland, and passed with a unanimous vote to take no action on the Proposed 2018 MSW Disposal Fee
4. Couri & Ruppe's seminar to be held on October 7, 2017 at Cotton from 9 am to 4 pm
 - Kurt Johnson made a motion to allow township officers to attend the seminar. Those officers attending will receive the appropriate meeting rate and mileage. Jon Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Sandra Lee Olson will call in reservations for Kurt Johnson, Mike Ruhland, and Sandra Lee Olson.
5. Minnesota Association of Townships Agency renewal options
 - Kurt Johnson made a motion to renew the insurance at the current status. Mike Ruhland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Minnesota Expo in St. Cloud required no action because no one is able to attend.
7. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE)
 - Margaret Dunsmore of the Assessor's Office informed the Board that training is available online for supervisors that need to be trained. Mike and Kurt are both trained for the next LBAE to be held in 2018. Jon Olson is able to take the course online when he has the option. As in the past, he will receive the meeting rate for the training.

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Approval of Payroll/Claims

Kurt Johnson read the following Payroll claims into the record. Mike Ruhland made a motion to pay the Payroll as presented. Following a second by Jon Olson, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion, and the claims were submitted to the Treasurer for payment

4027. Payroll -----	\$74.84
4028. Payroll -----	\$74.84
4029. Payroll -----	\$230.78
4030. Payroll -----	\$92.35
4031. Payroll -----	\$322.55
4032. Payroll -----	\$149.68

Claims were read into the record by Kurt Johnson. Jon Olson made a motion to pay the Claims. Following a second by Mike Ruhland and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, the claims were submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

4033. Jon Olson -----	\$675.00
4034. Jon Olson -----	\$141.00
4035. Mike Ruhland-----	\$12.84
4036. Peter Olson -----	\$24.61
4037. Sandra Lee Olson -----	\$15.52
4038. Public Employees Retirement Association-----	\$114.90
4039. Jim Witkowski-----	\$325.00
4040. Arrowhead Water Services -----	\$54.75
4041. Rodda Grading and Excavating -----	\$924.00
4042. Lake Country Power -----	\$300.00
4043. Guardian Pest Control -----	\$161.06
4044. Frontier Communications -----	\$69.21
4045. Sandra Lee Olson -----	\$83.20

Officer Reports

- District 10 Meeting (Mike Ruhland)

Jon Olson made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Mike Ruhland and passed. Kurt Johnson declared the meeting closed at 8:38 PM

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of supervisors' Signature _____

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2017

October 2

November 1

December 4

2017 SLCAT Calendar

Unofficial