

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
October 2, 2017**

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

Chairperson Kurt Johnson called the monthly Board of Supervisors' Meeting to order at 7:02 pm with all offices present—Supervisors Kurt Johnson, Jon Olson, Mike Ruhland; Treasurer Peter Olson; and Clerk Sandra Lee Olson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jon Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Ruhland, to accept the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Minutes of the September meeting were read by Clerk Sandra Lee Olson. Mike Ruhland made a motion, which was seconded by Jon Olson, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Following the reading of the Treasurer's Report for the month ending on September 30, 2017, Mike Ruhland made a motion to accept the report. Jon Olson offered the second and the motion carried with a unanimous vote. The first page of the Treasurer's Report is shown 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 September 30, 2017		\$ 9,760.26	\$ 9,872.26
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx3050 (Primary)			Online Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 0.20	\$ 31,150.10	\$ 27,076.24
			Total Balance for Checking Accounts		\$ 40,910.36	\$ 36,948.50
Wells Fargo Business Savings xxxxxx6624			Online Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 0.35	\$ 14,195.68	\$ 14,196.03
			Total Balance for Cash Accounts	\$ 0.55	\$ 55,106.04	\$ 51,144.53
Investments-CDs						
			Statement Date	Interest/ Penalty	Current Balance	Current Balance
WF CD1 xxxxxx8954 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%		Online Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 9.98	\$ 26,111.41	\$ 26,121.39
WF CD2 xxxxxx8962 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%		Online Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 9.98	\$ 26,111.41	\$ 26,121.39
WF CD6 xxxxxx0876 (matures 11/28/2017)	0.55%		Online Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 11.99	\$ 25,661.82	\$ 25,673.81
			Total of All CDs	\$ 31.95	\$ 77,884.64	\$ 77,916.59
			Total of CDs and Savings	\$ 32.30	\$ 92,080.32	\$ 92,112.62
			Total of all accounts with checks outstanding (Cash Accounts and CDs)	\$ 32.50	\$ 132,990.68	\$ 129,061.12
Receipts						
9/11/2017	State of Minnesota	General Fund	\$61.00	(included in total)		
9/18/2017	St. Louis County 2016 Taconite Production	General Fund	\$112.00	(included in total)		

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Following the Clerk's Report, which was presented by Sandra Lee Olson, Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Mike Ruhland. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. While the entire report was placed on file with other documents from the meeting, the balances for the Funds are shown below. They represent cash balances after all checks have cleared. Both the Treasurer's Report and Clerk's Report agreed.

General Fund	\$21,452.65
Road and Bridge Fund	\$14,834.79
Sowle Cartway Bond	\$ 500.00
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Total Cash Balance	\$36,948.50

Incoming Correspondence

1. Lake Country Power...invoice showing a balance due of \$14.93. A check was sent last month but received after the billing date.
2. Federated Co-ops
 - Monthly statement showing a credit of \$878.71
 - Propane safety information
 - Information on upcoming heating season prices and pre-buy program
3. PERA...electronic version of *PERAphrase*
4. Phil Chapman/St. Louis County...voting equipment grant application information
5. City of Hoyt Lakes...vacancy notice for an Ambulance/EMT Director
6. St. Louis County...Comprehensive Land Use Plan
7. Couri & Ruppe...confirmation of registration
8. St. Louis County...Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Proposals Application
9. Minnesota Revenue...notice of in-services
10. Frontier Communications...monthly internet and phone service for \$69.21
11. Alborn Fire Department...minutes of the August 30 meeting
12. Website Listing...offer to be included for an \$85 charge

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery
 - Nothing to report since the last meeting
2. Roads
 - Road Foreman's Report
 - Tree delimiting project: Peter has not been able to make contact with Tim Anvid. There is a quote from Rick McCrae to remove the tree limbs. Jon Olson made a motion to accept the quote from Rick Mc Crae. Following a second by Mike Ruhland and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, Peter was authorized to offer the contract to Rick McCrae
 - Gravel needs: There is a small wash out on Nelson Road that will require attention. Bob Rodda suggested gravel be hauled onto Townline Road, Nelson Road, and Salo Road. Kurt Johnson made a motion to adjust the amounts suggested by Rodda to the following: Nelson Road—80 yards, Salo Road—100 yards, Townline Road—100 yards, and ditch Nelson Road to prevent additional washout problems. Mike Ruhland offered a second to the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote in favor. Peter will make the necessary contacts.

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- County Road Inspection Follow Up
 - Letters of authorization will not be sent by the Township. Kurt understood that the County would send them.
- 3. Town Hall
 - Painting of the interior of the Town Hall was completed.
 - Mike Ruhland will hang the boards that were taken down during the painting process
 - The ceiling tiles in the entry need to be put in place.
- 4. Weed Control
 - Nothing to report since the last meeting
- 5. Couri & Ruppe's Seminar
 - Mike Ruhland and Sandra Lee Olson will attend the Legal Seminar on October 7, 2017 at Cotton from 9 am to 4 pm. Meeting rate and mileage will be paid

New Business

1. Pre-buy Program for LP
 - Kurt Johnson made a motion to transfer the credit balance to the pre-buy program. Jon Olson offered a second to the motion, which subsequently passed with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. Clerk Sandra Lee Olson will contact Federated Co-ops to make the transfer.
2. Voting Equipment Grant Application
 - Jon Olson made a motion not to participate in the Grant Application for updated voting equipment. Mike Ruhland made a second to the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.
3. Comprehensive Land Use Plan
 - Jon Olson made a motion to take no action for or against the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A second by Kurt Johnson and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.
4. Website Listing
 - Jon Olson made a motion not to participate in the website listing offer. Kurt Johnson offered a second to the motion, which was accepted by a unanimous vote.
5. Snowplowing
 - Kurt Johnson made a motion to have Jay Tremblay do the snowplowing at the Town Hall. Jon Olson offered a second and the motion was accepted with a unanimous vote. Kurt will contact Jay.
6. Flag Pole
 - A discussion was held on displaying a flag in front of the Town Hall. Mike Ruhland will check on lighting protocols and report back to the board.
7. Transfer of EFT Funds
 - Clerk Sandra Lee Olson asked for authorization to transfer money from the EFT account at Wells Fargo to the township's checking account at Wells Fargo. Kurt Johnson made a motion to transfer money so that the only the minimum amount is left in the EFT account, which does not earn any interest. Jon Olson offered a second to the motion, which was accepted by a unanimous vote. The clerk will transfer the money.

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Approval of Payroll/Claims

The following Payroll items were read into the record by Kurt Johnson. Following the reading of claims, Jon Olson made a motion to pay the claims as read. Mike Ruhland seconded the motion, which was accepted through a unanimous vote. The claims were submitted to the treasurer for payment

4047. Payroll -----	\$74.84
4048. Payroll -----	\$74.84
4049. Payroll -----	\$145.00
4050. Payroll -----	\$46.17
4051. Payroll -----	\$322.55
4052. Payroll -----	\$74.84

The following Claims were read into the record by Kurt Johnson. Upon completion, Mike Ruhland made a motion to pay the claims as read. Jon Olson offered the second to the motion, which was accepted through a unanimous vote. The claims were submitted to the treasurer for payment

4053. Peter Olson -----	\$21.94
4054. Sandra Lee Olson -----	\$15.19
4055. Christy Olson -----	\$350.00
4056. Christy Olson -----	\$300.00
4057. MATIT -----	\$1619.00
4058. Public Employees Retirement Association -----	\$96.90
4059. Minnesota Revenue -----	\$40.49
4060. US Treasury -----	\$359.37
4061. Frontier Communications -----	\$75.00

Officer Reports

No officer reports were given.

Having no additional business to bring to the Board, Kurt asked for a motion for adjournment. Mike Ruhland offered the motion; Jon Olson offered the second; and a unanimous vote in favor of adjournment followed. Kurt adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of supervisors' Signature _____

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2017

October 2

November 1

December 4

2017 SLCAT Calendar (not available at this point)

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