

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
May 9, 2016**

Chairman: Michael Maish
Vice Chairman: Kurt Johnson
Supervisor: Jon Olson
Treasurer: Peter Olson
Clerk: Sandra Lee Olson

The May meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 pm by its chair, Mike Maish. Mike noted that Supervisors Mike Maish and Kurt Johnson along with Clerk Sandra Lee Olson were in attendance. Treasurer Peter Olson arrived after the meeting was in session. Supervisor Jon Olson did not attend the May meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Sandra Lee Olson read the Treasurer's Report. Kurt Johnson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Maish to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected. The EFT and Basic Checking amounts were reversed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk's Financial Report was not available due to computer malfunction. She did, however, include a summary of reports and requests that had been completed since the April meeting:

- April 5, 2016: Request for legal ad (LBAE) sent to Voyageur Press
- April 5, 2016: Posted for LBAE to be held on April 20, 2016
- April 5, 2016: Posted for Joint Powers to be held on April 11, 2016
- April 5, 2016: Returned license application to Wayside
- April 20, 2016: Posted for mowing

The following items of Incoming Correspondence were presented to the Board:

Written Correspondence

1. PERA...monthly Salary Deduction Report Form
2. St. Louis County...Draft of ATV Ordinance
3. PERA...*The PERA* phrase
4. South Ridge School...request for donation for band program
5. SLCAT...minutes of the April 27 meeting
6. Jay Tremblay...invoice for snowplowing (\$380.00)
7. South Ridge School...National Honor Society request for donation
8. South Ridge School... High School Prom request for donation
9. SLC Environmental Services Department...information on 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collections
10. Alborn Fire Department...minutes from the March 30, 2016 meeting
11. Frontier Communications...monthly phone and internet service (\$63.59)
12. Federated Co-ops...invoice for propane delivery (\$286.77 deducted from prepaid account)
13. Voyageur Press...invoice for legal notice about Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (\$53.64)
14. Federated Co-ops...monthly statement showing a credit of \$33.86
15. Lake Country Power
 - notice of Annual Meeting held on April 28, 2016
 - monthly statement showing a credit of \$155.64
16. St. Louis County...second half of 2015-2016 Snowplowing (\$1,977.51)

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17. Jim Witkowski...mowing quote for the 2016 summer season

- Town Hall—
- Old Cemetery—
- New Cemetery—

18. Local Stewardship Project...information on protecting township rights

Approval of Payroll/Claims

The following claims were presented from Annual Meeting. Mike Maish made a motion, which was seconded by Kurt Johnson to pay the claims as presented with verification being made for the amount for Tester-Niemi Post. If the amount is not \$350, the clerk will report back to the Board at the next meeting to issue a corrected check amount. The motion carried through a unanimous vote.

3725. Brookston Legion Ball -----	\$150.00
3726. Brookston Youth Baseball -----	\$150.00
3727. South Ridge All-Night Grad Party-----	\$250.00
3728. South Ridge PTSO -----	\$200.00
3729. South Ridge Band -----	\$100.00
3730. South Ridge Soccer -----	\$200.00
3731. South Ridge Nature Club -----	\$350.00
3732. Tester Niemi Post -----	\$350.00

The Payroll was read into the record. Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the payroll with a change made to the payroll for Jon because he was not at the meeting and to the payroll for Mike to include the fire meeting held on April 11. Mike Maish seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously, and the following amounts were paid to Board members:

3733. Payroll -----	\$299.36
3734. Payroll -----	\$392.91
3735. Payroll -----	\$149.68
3736. Payroll -----	\$145.00
3737. Payroll -----	\$493.51
3738. Payroll -----	\$37.42

The following Claims were read into the record. Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Mike Maish seconded the motion, which was passed by a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. The amount for PERA did not need to be changed because the change in meetings offset each other.

3739. Mike Maish -----	\$77.63
3740. Kurt Johnson -----	\$16.10
3741. Sandra Lee Olson -----	\$409.49
3742. PERA -----	\$192.50
3743. Jay Tremblay-----	\$60.00
3744. Jay Tremblay-----	\$380.00
3745. Frontier Communications -----	\$63.59
3746. Voyageur Press -----	\$53.64

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3747. St. Louis County Public Works Department -----\$1,977.51

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery
 - The cemetery deeds for John and Diana Bonneville are ready to be mailed.
 - Kurt reported that the cemetery is in good shape. There are stumps that need to be cut down.
2. Roads
 - Rodda has graded North and South Schelin.
 - A discussion was held on South Schelin and the dead end sign. No action was taken.
 - Mike was authorized at the April meeting to make arrangements for the 2016 summer work that needs to be completed. He reported the following actions were taken:
 - Floyd Olson will supply and haul gravel for the 2016 season.
 - Bob Rodda will grade
 - Rick McRae was contacted about brushing
3. Town Hall
 - Nothing to report on the Town Hall
4. Fire Hall Addition
 - Mike attend the meeting

New Business

1. Donation requests were received from South Ridge Honor Society and the High School Prom. Mike Maish made a motion not to send money to either of the groups because a statute needs to be attached to donations. The Board did not know of a statute that could justify a donation to either of these groups. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.
2. Mowing
 - A mowing quote was received from Jim Witkowski. He agreed to purchase the necessary insurance before starting any mowing. His quote was the only one received and reflected the same amount as was paid last year. Town Hall will \$65/mowing; the old portion of the cemetery will be \$75/mowing; and the new part of the cemetery will be \$45/mowing. Mike Maish made a motion to hire Jim Witkowski for the 2016 mowing season. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote in favor of hiring Jim Witkowski.
3. St. Louis County Association of Township Officers
 - The Annual Meeting will be held May 25. Officers are encouraged to attend. Mike was the only officer planning to attend. He will bring a gift as requested by SLCATO.

Officer Reports

- Fire Hall Addition Meeting: Mike Maish
- Lobby Day: Mike Maish
- SLCATO: Mike Maish
- Joint Powers: Kurt Johnson

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At 8:38 pm, Mike declared the meeting to be adjourned following a motion for adjournment by Kurt Johnson, a second by Mike Maish, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Signature _____

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2016

June 6, 2016	September 12, 2016	December 5, 2016
July 11, 2016	October 3, 2016	
August 1, 2016	November 1, 2016	

**St. Louis County Association Township Officers' Meeting (7:00 PM Meeting Time)
2016**

May 25, 20165:30 PM Annual Meeting & ElectionCotton Community Center
June 30, 2016MAT Summer Short Course IN THE "PM"Black Bear—Carlton
August 2016MAT District 10 MeetingTBA
September 21, 2016	10:35 AM MAT Fall L&RSt. Cloud Holiday Inn