

MINUTES

Town of New Independence Board of Supervisors' Meeting New Independence Town Hall November 2, 2015

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

Chairman Mike Maish called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with all officers present— Supervisors Kurt Johnson, Michael Maish, and Jon Olson; Treasurer Peter Olson; and Clerk Sandra Lee Olson. Sean Sundquist and Jay Tremblay were also in attendance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Sandra Lee Olson read the minutes of the October 5, 2015, Meeting. Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mike Maish offered the second to the motion, which was subsequently passed by a unanimous vote. In addition to the minutes of the October meeting, the minutes for the August meeting were given to all officers. Jon Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Maish, to accept the minutes as presented; the motion carried unanimously. Minutes were placed on file with other documents from the meetings involved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Peter Olson. The first page of that report is shown below. Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the report as read, subject to audit. Following a second by Jon Olson and a unanimous vote, the report was placed on file with documents from the meeting.

New Independence Treasurer's Report Presented to Board at the November 2015 Meeting November 2, 2015					
Cash Accounts					
		Statement Date	Interest	Previous Balances	Current Balances
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx3050 (Primary)	0.09%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 0.09	\$ 15,484.77	\$ 8,990.09
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx1054 (EFT)		Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ -	\$ 3,328.68	\$ 3,328.68
Total Balance for Checking Accounts			\$ 18,813.45	\$	12,318.77
Wells Fargo Business Savings xxxxxx6624		Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 1.36	\$ 53,666.51	\$ 53,667.87
Total Balance for Cash Accounts			\$ 1.45	72,479.96	65,986.64
Investments-CDs					
		Statement Date	Interest	Previous Balance	Current Balance
WF CD1 xxxxxx8954 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 9.57	\$ 25,887.04	\$ 25,896.61
WF CD2 xxxxxx8962 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 9.57	\$ 25,887.04	\$ 25,896.61
WF CD3 xxxxxx0801 (matures 1/28/2019)	0.35%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 7.23	\$ 25,122.14	\$ 25,129.37
WF CD4 xxxxxx0845 (matures 1/28/2019)	0.35%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 7.23	\$ 25,122.14	\$ 25,129.37
WF CD5 xxxxxx0868 (matures 1/28/2016)	0.25%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 8.17	\$ 25,177.68	\$ 25,182.85
WF CD6 xxxxxx0876 (matures 1/28/2017)	0.55%	Online Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 11.48	\$ 25,392.56	\$ 25,404.04
Total of All CDs			\$ 53.25	\$ 152,588.60	\$ 152,638.85
Total of all accounts with checks outstanding					\$ 218,625.49

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Following the reading of the Clerk's Report by Clerk Sandra Lee Olson, Jon Olson made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented. Mike Maish seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion was cast.

Town of New Independence		Cash Balance Statement			10/31/2015
As of 10/31/2015		Clerk's Report			
Fiscal Year : 2015		Presented at the November 2, 2015 Meeting			
Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance	
General Fund	\$102.89	\$32,398.72	\$49,593.15	(\$17,091.54)	
Road and Bridge	\$21,617.55	\$12,142.44	\$8,019.68	\$25,740.31	
Sowle Cartway Bond Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Perpetual Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total :	\$22,220.44	\$44,541.16	\$57,612.83	\$9,148.77	

Town of New Independence		Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1)								11/4
As on 10/31/2015										
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	\$102.89	\$29,398.72	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$46,071.23	\$521.92	\$3,000.00	(\$17,091.54)	\$199,386.79	\$182,295.25
Road and Bridge	\$21,617.55	\$12,142.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,019.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,740.31	\$6,919.99	\$32,660.24
Sowle Cartway Bond Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total :	\$22,220.44	\$41,541.16	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$54,090.91	\$521.92	\$3,000.00	\$9,148.77	\$206,306.72	\$215,455.48

Incoming Correspondence

1. Mike Ruhland...cost analysis to estimate the cost of increasing the benefit level in the statewide volunteer firefighter retirement plan administered by PERA
2. Jon Olson...proof of insurance to be submitted for reimbursement
3. Carlson Concrete Products...invoice for 15 foot steel culvert
4. Frontier Communication...invoice showing a credit of \$66.35
5. Lake Country Power...information about rebates can be obtained at lakecountrypower.coop
6. Rodda Grading and Excavating...invoice for \$2,470.25 to cover grading and picking up culvert

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7. Public Employees Retirement Association...monthly reporting form
8. Lake Country Power...monthly statement showing a credit of \$26.55 (a check for \$200 was sent last month)
9. State of Minnesota...MV Credit Agricultural check for \$138.79
10. SLCAT...minutes of the May meeting and information on the Annual Meeting which will be held in Alexandria.

Approval of Payroll/Claims

Payroll claims for the General Fund were read in to the record by the chair. Jon Olson made a motion to accept the claims as read. That motion was seconded by Mike Maish and passed by a unanimous vote. Claims 3647 to 3651 were submitted to the treasurer for payment.

3647. Kurt Johnson	-----	\$187.10
3648. Michael Maish	-----	\$187.10
3649. Jon Olson	-----	\$112.26
3650. Peter Olson	-----	\$290.01
3651. Sandra Lee Olson	-----	\$351.35

There was one payroll claim for the Road and Bridge Fund that was presented by Michael Maish. Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the claim as read. Jon Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and was submitted to the treasurer for payment.

3652. Michael Maish	-----	\$56.13
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The following claims were read by into the record by Mike Maish. Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the claims as read. Following a second by Jon Olson and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, the claims were submitted to the treasurer for payment.

3653. Peter Olson	-----	\$76.25
3654. Kurt Johnson	-----	\$13.80
3655. Michael Maish	-----	\$40.25
3656. Jon Olson	-----	\$147.00
3657. PERA	-----	\$193.20
3658. Carlson Concrete Products	-----	\$382.50
3659. Rodda Grading and Excavating	-----	\$2,470.25

One additional claim was paid at the meeting. During New Business, Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the second half of the fire contract. Mike Maish seconded the motion, which was passed by a unanimous vote.

3660. Town of Alborn	-----	\$8,502.75
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Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery
 - Mike filled the hole in the cemetery.

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- Kurt met with Smigels about cemetery lots. They are interested in obtaining two for themselves and purchasing two additional ones. Kurt asked them to submit a letter to the cemetery board with their request.
- 2. Roads
 - The culvert on South Schelin was removed.
 - The culvert on North Johnson was replaced.
 - Mike reported that all roads are in good shape for the winter.
- 3. Town Hall
 - Storage unit has not been purchased
 - Jon Olson purchased a new thermostat for the Town Hall because the unit was not working. After
- 4. Fire Hall Addition
 - Kurt reported that he attended the Joint Powers Meeting. The Alborn Town Board has hired an architect for the Fire Hall Addition. There is concern that the project might be more than the planned amount.
- 5. Signatures on the insurance form
 - The clerk requested that Mike sign the resolution for the insurance coverage so it could be sent in to MATIT.
- 6. Signature on Automatic Form
 - At a previous meeting, the Town Board authorized the automatic deposits of fund. Before that can be completed, the Treasurer needs to sign the form, which was completed at the meeting. The clerk will send the report into the County.
- 7. Waste Management
 - Jim Peal requested a meeting with New Independence. Mike met with him and discussed the money that offered by Tom Schlotec and Voyageur when he owned the operation. In addition, Mike suggested that Waste Management contribute to the community through a donation to the Fire Hall Project. Mike will meet with Jim in the future to discuss these issues.
- 8. Fire Contract
 - Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the Town of Alborn the second half of the fire contract. Mike Maish seconded the motion and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion was cast.

New Business

1. Firemen's Retirement
 - The clerk will get a copy of the resolution off the website and have it for the next meeting.
2. MAT Annual Meeting in Alexandria
 - No officers are interested in attending this year.

Officer Reports

1. St. Louis County Association of Townships—Michael Maish
2. Joint Powers Meeting—Kurt Johnson

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At 8:26 pm, Mike adjourned the meeting following a motion by himself, a second by Jon, and a unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Signature _____

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2015

December 7

St. Louis County Association Township Officers' Meeting (7:00 PM Meeting Time)
2015

Unofficial