

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
April 6, 2015**

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

Chairperson Mike Maish called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and noted that all officers were present—Supervisors Kurt Johnson, Mike Maish, and Jon Olson; Treasurer Pete Olson; and Clerk Sandra Lee Olson

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the clerk read the minutes of the March meeting. A correction was made during the reading—205 was corrected to read 2015. Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Mike Maish and passed by a unanimous vote before being placed on file with other records for the meeting.

Treasurer Peter Olson presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March. Mike Maish made a motion, which was seconded by Jon Olson and accepted through a unanimous vote in favor of accepting the report.

Sandra Lee Olson presented the Clerk's Report, which included the Cash Balance Statement. She also told the Board that a service charge was added, which she will notify Wells Fargo again and ask for the charge to be removed. Jon Olson made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report—subject to audit. A second was offered by Kurt Johnson and the motion passed with unanimous approval

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

1. Lake Country Power...notice of District 7 meeting to be held on April 7, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at South Ridge
2. Federated Co-ops...bill for \$11.19 (The account was credited for the service charge of \$0.50). The bill reached them after the due date.
3. St. Louis County Auditor...check in the amount of \$2,328.68 for 2014 Tax Forfeit Land Sales
4. University of Minnesota...Minnesota Roadway Maintenance Training and Demo Day, May 13 2015, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN
5. A&H Company...services for mandated sign requirements
6. Alborn Fire Department...minutes from the February 25, 2015 business meeting
7. St. Louis County Assessor...information on the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, which will be held on May 6, 2015, 6:00-7:00 pm
8. Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground...catalog for playground equipment
9. Frontier Communications...monthly phone and internet service billing (\$55.50)
10. Brookston Baseball...request for donation
11. International League of Cities...add for membership and directory listing notice
12. Federated Co-ops...newsletter for the propane patrons of Federated Co-ops (*The Regulator*)
13. St. Louis County Association of Townships...minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting, reservation form for Annual Meeting, and By Laws
14. Public Employees Retirement Association...newsletter *The PERAphrase*

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15. St. Louis County/Planning and Community Development Department...notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing, Thursday, April 16, 2015, 11:00 am, Northland Office Center, 307 First Street South, Virginia, MN
 16. Lake Country Power...monthly power statement showing a credit of \$95.87
 17. St. Louis County/Planning and Community Development Department...information on the St. Louis County Draft Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan
 18. Minnesota State Retirement System...notice of change in record keeping
 19. Northeast Service Cooperative...information on Minnesota DEED Border-to-Border Grant Program
 20. St. Louis County Environmental Service Department...2015 Solid Waste Tipping Fees
 21. Michael Maish...mowing quote
 22. St. Louis County...solid waste fee
 23. Rodda...grading quotes for the 2015 season
 24. DNR...information on the designated trout stream
 25. St. Louis County/Wayside Corner...liquor license application
 26. Titan Tractor...catalog
 27. Area Fitness Center...biweekly correspondence on the project

Approval of Payroll/Claims

The claim for Karppinen Construction was approved at the March meeting but was written at a later date. Mike Maish made a motion to acknowledge the check was drafted. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.

3532. Karppinen Construction-----\$2,600.00

Payroll: Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept and pay the payroll as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mike Maish, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed. Some of the claim and check numbers were changed from those included on the agenda. The new numbers are listed below:

3533. Kurt Johnson-----\$149.68
3534. Michael Maish-----\$290.00
3535. Jon Olson-----\$74.84
3536. Peter Olson-----\$121.61
3540. Sandra Lee Olson-----\$351.35

Claims: Jon Olson made a motion to accept and pay the claims as presented. Kurt Johnson offered a second to the motion, which then passed by unanimous vote. Some of the claim and check numbers were changed from those in the original agenda. The new numbers are listed below:

3537. US Treasury-----\$487.27
3538. Minnesota Revenue-----\$470.79
3539. Public Employees Retirement Association-----\$170.20
3541. Sandra Lee Olson-----\$104.59
3542. Lake Country Power-----\$250.00
3543. St. Louis County Auditor-----\$60.00
3544. Frontier Communications-----\$55.50

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3545. Kurt Johnson -----	\$13.80
3546. Michael Maish -----	\$44.85

Donations from Annual Meeting: The motions and approval were later in the meeting but listed here for ease in tracking finances.

3547. South Ridge All-Night Grad-----	\$250.00
3548. South Ridge PTSO -----	\$250.00
3549. South Ridge Band -----	\$200.00
3550. St. Louis County Fair-----	\$100.00
3551. South Ridge Elementary Football -----	\$250.00
3552. Brookston Baseball-----	\$250.00

After bills are paid tonight and deposits made, the balances (not including the \$250 check written to Brookston Baseball) will be:

- General Fund ----- (\$3871.69)
- Road & Bridge ----- \$24402.35
- Sowle Fund ----- \$500.00

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery

- Kurt received a check and request for three plots for the Bill and Nancy Blom family. Mike Maish made a motion to accept their request. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion was cast. Kurt will check with the family as to the plots desired. A certificate will be sent after the check is deposited.
- Date for cemetery work will be set at the May meeting.

2. Roads

- Mike will get quotes from contractors for work to be done. He will also drive the roads to determine road needs.
- Rodda did send a quote for grading the township roads. Kurt Johnson made a motion to continue with Rodda for road grading. Jon Olson seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion.
- A discussion was held on West Schelin, which needs to be widened. Gravel is also needed on North Johnson and Nelson Roads. No motions were made.

3. Town Hall

- Furniture for the Town Hall
 - Mike located a storage unit at Sam's Club but it is not fireproof. The Board members felt that the unit should be fireproof so a safe will be purchased.
 - The conference table from Schneiderman's is still going to be purchased.
- Bathroom remodel
 - The check was sent to Karppinen Construction so the process will begin soon.
- Blacktop Sealant
 - Jon Olson will make arrangements for the sealing at the Town Hall and Cemetery.

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4. Joint Powers

- Mike contacted Dale Larson during the meeting to verify when both boards could meet for a Joint Powers Meeting. A meeting will be posted for April 13 at 7 PM at the Alborn Town Hall to discuss the Fire Hall expansion.

5. Items from Annual Meeting were presented to the Board.

- Levy for 2016—0% increase was approved at the Annual Meeting.
 - General Fund----- \$40,153
 - Road and Bridge Fund ----- \$8,000
 - Total 2016 Levy ----- \$48,153
- Donations from the Annual Meeting were presented to the Board. Jon Olson made a motion to accept the suggestions from the Annual Meeting. Mike Maish seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion was cast. The following organizations will receive checks in the amount noted.
 - South Ridge All-Night Grad----- \$250.00
 - South Ridge PTSO ----- \$250.00
 - South Ridge Band ----- \$200.00
 - St. Louis County Fair----- \$100.00
 - South Ridge Elementary Football --- \$250.00
 - South Ridge Nature Club ----- \$0.00

Jon Olson made a motion to also donate the following amount to Brookston Baseball. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which then was passed by a unanimous vote.

- Brookston Baseball----- \$250.00

6. Annual Board of Appeal & Equalization

- Set for May 6, from 6-7 pm

7. Department of Treasury check for overpayment (\$477.31)

- The clerk will continue to try to discuss this issue with the Department of Treasury after April 15. Prior attempts have meant extremely long waits on the phone.

New Business

1. Mowing

- One quote was received for the 2015 mowing.
- Mike Maish will mow the Town Hall for \$60/mowing, the new cemetery for \$45/mowing, and the original cemetery for \$70/mowing. A certificate of insurance was included.
 - Jon Olson made a motion to accept the quote from Mike Maish for the 2015 mowing. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion. The motion did pass with the supervisors voting in the manner noted: Johnson—yes; Maish—abstain; and Olson—yes.

2. International League of Cities

- Kurt Johnson made a motion not to participate in the publishing. Mike Maish seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote in favor of not participating.

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3. Liquor License for Wayside
 - Jon Olson made a motion to approve the liquor license application for Wayside Liquor. Mike Maish offered a second, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.
 4. SLCAT Annual Meeting
 - Jon Olson made a motion to pay meeting rate, mileage, and dinner cost for officers attending the SLCAT Meeting. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.

Officer Reports

- MAT Short Course (Mike Maish)
- SLCAT Meeting (Mike Maish)

Mike Maish asked for a motion for adjournment which was offered by Kurt Johnson, seconded by Jon Olson, and passed unanimously. Mike, then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Signature _____

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2015

May 4	July 6	September 14	November 2
June 1	August 3	October 5	December 7

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

April 22	Annual Meeting	
	5:30 PM Meet and Mingle	
	6:00 PM Meeting	
	6:30 PM Meal	
May 27	Regular Meeting	Greenwood Town Hall