

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
May 4, 2015**

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

Chair Michael Maish called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and noted that all Board members were present –Supervisors Johnson, Maish, Olson; Treasurer Olson; and Clerk Olson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Sandra Lee Olson read the minutes of the April 2015 meeting. Kurt Johnson made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Maish, to accept the minutes as read. A unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed.

Treasurer Peter Olson read the Treasurer’s Report for the previous month. Mike Maish made a motion to accept the report—subject to audit. Jon Olson seconded the report, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed. While the report contained several pages, the summary sheet is shown below:

Cash Accounts						
		Statement Date	Interest		Previous Balances	Current Balances
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx3050		Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 0.14		\$ 22,008.46	\$ 15,734.32
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx1054		Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ -		\$ 2,988.00	\$ 5,328.68
		Total Balance for Checking Accounts			\$ 24,996.46	\$ 21,063.00
Wells Fargo Business Savings xxxxxx6624		Online Balance as of March 31, 2015	\$ 1.33	\$ 5.17	\$ 53,658.43	\$ 53,659.76
		Total Balance for Cash Accounts	\$ 1.47	\$ 5.17	78,654.89	74,722.76
Investments-CDs						
		Statement Date	Interest	2015 Interest	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx8954 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 9.87	\$ 38.51	\$ 25,828.38	\$ 25,838.25
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx8962 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 9.87	\$ 38.51	\$ 25,828.38	\$ 25,838.25
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx0801 (matures 11/28/2019)	0.35%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 7.45	\$ 29.09	\$ 25,077.86	\$ 25,085.31
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx0845 (matures 11/28/2019)	0.35%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 7.45	\$ 29.09	\$ 25,077.86	\$ 25,085.31
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx0868 (matures 11/28/2016)	0.25%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 5.34	\$ 20.84	\$ 25,145.97	\$ 25,151.31
Wells Fargo CD xxxxxx0876 (matures 11/28/2017)	0.55%	Online Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$ 11.83	\$ 46.15	\$ 25,322.26	\$ 25,334.09
	Total		\$ 51.81	\$ 202.19	\$ 152,280.71	\$ 152,332.52
		Total of All Accounts (with checks/deposits outstanding)			\$ 230,935.60	\$ 227,055.28
Deposit Made during April						
4/13/2015	St. Louis County	2014 Tax Forfeit Land Sales		General Fund	\$2,328.68	

Sandra Lee Olson presented the Clerk’s Report for the month ending April 30, 2015. Her report included Cash Control Balances, which indicates the money that is available in the checking accounts, and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1), which indicates monies that are available in all accounts.

**Cash Balance Statement
As of 5/4/2015**

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$102.89	\$10,483.40	\$14,695.84	(\$4,109.55)
Road and Bridge	\$21,617.55	\$2,837.36	\$42.56	\$24402.35
Sowle Cartway Bond Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total:	\$22,220.44	\$13,310.76	\$14,738.40	\$20,792.80

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1)
As of 4/30/1015

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	\$9,483.40	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$13,488.36	\$207.48	\$1,000.00	(\$4109.55)	\$199,072.35	\$194,962.80
Road and Bridge	\$21,617.55	\$2,827.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,402.35	\$6,919.93	\$31,322.28
Sowle Cartway Bond Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	40.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total:	\$22,220.44	\$12,310.76	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$13530.92	\$207.48	\$1,000.00	\$20,792.80	\$205,992.28	\$226,992.28

Incoming Correspondence

1. Frontier Communications....monthly phone service(\$63.18)
2. St. Louis County (SLC)...information on St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance Draft 62
3. Federated Co-ops...monthly statement showing a zero balance
4. Lake Country Power...notice of Annual Meeting which was held on April 30, 2015
5. St. Louis County Association of Townships (SLCAT)...billing for Annual meeting dinner (\$20.00)
6. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)...*The PERAgraph*, March newsletter
7. Brookston Baseball...thank you note for donation for the youth baseball program
8. PERA...monthly reporting form
9. Lake Country Power...monthly power bill showing that \$21.46 is due by May 5. (A check was sent in April so there should be no amount due at this point)
10. SLCAT...agenda for the Annual Meeting and minutes of the March 25 meeting
11. Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT)...invoice for short course for Supervisor Maish
12. SLC...notice of public hearing on the SLC Comprehensive Water Management Plan Amendment to be held on May 14, 2015, in the Northland Office Center, 207 First St. South, Virginia, MN at 9:00 AM
13. Floyd Olson...quote for road materials
 - Class 5...\$150/load
 - Pit run...\$125/load
 - Top soil...\$150/load
14. Tester Niemi VFW Post...request for donation to be used toward fireworks for the July 4th celebration
15. Jay Tremblay...bill for snowplowing the Town Hall (\$150.00)

Approval of Payroll/Claims

Payroll claims were read into the record by Chair Mike Maish. Jon Olson made a motion to pay the payroll claims as presented. That motion was seconded by Mike Maish and passed with unanimous approval. The payroll was submitted to the treasurer or payment.

3553.	Kurt Johnson	-----	\$299.36
3554.	Michael Maish	-----	\$392.91
3555.	Jon Olson	-----	\$224.52
3556.	Peter Olson	-----	\$121.61
3557.	Sandra Lee Olson	-----	\$465.75

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Claims were read into the record. Following a motion by Mike Maish, a second by Kurt Johnson, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, the claims were submitted to the treasurer for payment.

3558. Public Employees Retirement Association-----	\$235.60
3559. Sandra Lee Olson-----	\$85.97
3560. Frontier Communications-----	\$63.18
3561. Michael Maish-----	\$92.58
3562. Minnesota Association of Townships-----	\$50.00
3563. St. Louis County Association of Townships-----	\$20.00
3564. Jay Tremblay-----	\$150.00

Two additional claims were paid as a result of motions during the meeting. Those claims were as follows:

3565. Jay Tremblay-----	\$60.00
3566. Tester Niemi VFW Post-----	\$200.00

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery

- Lots
 - A check was received from Bill and Nancy Blom for three lots. Certificates will be issued.
 - Another check was received from Ray and Mary Jo Anvid for one lot in the old section of the cemetery. A certificate will be issued to them.
 - Mrs. Schwartz deeded two lots to Fay and Rex Dahlman. She had already purchased the lots and requested that Rex be buried next to Fay.
- Clean-up day
 - Clean-up day was scheduled for May 12 at 5 pm. Floyd will do gravel on the Work Day. May 13th was set as the rain day.

2. Roads

- Mike reported that roads will be driven before the next meeting.
- Floyd will be contacted to haul gravel on township roads.
- The culvert on South Johnson will be checked. This culvert requires a permit from the DNR. Mike will handle the permit process.

3. Town Hall

- Furniture for the Town Hall
 - Storage unit for clerk records is still being sought. Mike will continue to look for a fire-proof safe for the records.
 - Kurt reported that the table from Schneiderman's is still on order.
- Bathroom remodel
 - A discussion was held on the bathroom remodel which has now been completed. Payment will be made once the bill is received.
 - Jon will check on a water softener for the town hall.
- Blacktop sealant
 - Jon will contact a contractor for this process.

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4. Joint Powers/Fire Hall Addition
 - Letters will be sent to voters about the proposed Fire Hall addition.
 - A request will be made to Rob Obey asking him to attend the meeting on June 9 at 7 pm
 - Board members thought it would be advantageous to have flyers available at the meeting
 - Jeff Berlin brought the address of the dealer in Mankato that work with the fire department in obtaining the side by side. A thank you letter will be sent.
5. Annual Board of Appeal & Equalization
 - The County set the date and time for May 6, from 6-7 pm
6. Department of Treasury check for overpayment (\$477.31)
 - Sandra Lee Olson has contacted the IRS numerous times about the check. Each time the wait is thirty to forty-five minutes. She will continue to try during May. If she is not successful, a letter will be written addressing the situation.

New Business

1. Annual Meeting Moderator pay
 - A motion was made by Kurt Johnson and seconded by Jon Olson to pay the moderator of the Annual Meeting sixty dollars. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Broadband Letter of Support
 - Jon Olson made a motion to pass a resolution of participation in the program being promoted by DEED, IRRRB, and Frontier. Under the agreement, the Town Hall would receive free service for two years. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. Tester Niemi VFW Post
 - Mike Maish made a motion, which was seconded by Jon Olson, to donate \$200 toward the fireworks display. The motion carried through a unanimous vote.

Officer Reports

- SLCAT (Mike Maish)
- NSEC (Mike Maish)
- Joint Powers (Kurt Johnson)

At 8:29 pm, Mike called for a motion for adjournment, which was offered by Jon Olson, seconded by Kurt Johnson, and passed by a unanimous vote. Mike declared the meeting closed.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Signature _____

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors' Meetings for 2015

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

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

May 27Regular Meeting.....Greenwood Town Hall

Unofficial