

MINUTES

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

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

wChair Mike Maish called the monthly Board of Supervisors' meeting to order at 7:07 with all officer present except Supervisor Jon Olson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Sandra Lee Olson read the minutes of the June 1 meeting. Two typographical errors were corrected during the reading. Following a motion by Kurt Johnson to accept the minutes as read, Mike Maish seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. After the chair and clerk signed the documents, they were laced on file with other items from the June meeting.

Treasurer Peter Olson read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending on June 30, 2015. Kurt Johnson made a motion to accept the report as read—subject to audit. The motion was seconded by Mike Maish and passed with a unanimous vote. While the entire report was placed on file with other records from the meeting, the first page is shown below:

New Independence
Treasurer's Report
Presented to Board at the July 2015 Meeting
July 6, 2015
For June 1 through June 30, 2015

Cash Accounts						
	Statement Date	Interest	Previous Balances		Current Balances	
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx3050 (Primary)	Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.07	\$	13,499.74	\$	7,335.22
Wells Fargo Business Checking xxxxxx1054 (EFT)	Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ -	\$	5,328.68	\$	5,328.68
	Total Balance for Checking Accounts		\$	18,828.42	\$	12,663.90
Wells Fargo Business Savings xxxxxx6624	Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 1.33	\$ 7.86	\$ 53,661.12	\$	53,662.43
	Total Balance for Cash Accounts	\$ 1.40	\$ 7.86	72,489.54		66,326.35
Investments-CDs						
	Statement Date	Interest	2015		Current Balance	
			Interest	Previous Balance		
Wells Fargo CD1 xxxxxx8954 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 9.88	\$ 57.95	\$ 25,847.81	\$	25,857.69
Wells Fargo CD2 xxxxxx8962 (matures 8/20/2018)	0.17% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 9.88	\$ 57.95	\$ 25,847.81	\$	25,857.69
Wells Fargo CD3 xxxxxx0801 (matures 11/28/2019)	0.35% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 7.46	\$ 43.77	\$ 25,092.53	\$	25,099.99
Wells Fargo CD4 xxxxxx0845 (matures 11/28/2019)	0.35% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 7.46	\$ 43.77	\$ 25,092.53	\$	25,099.99
Wells Fargo CD5 xxxxxx0868 (matures 11/28/2016)	0.25% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 5.34	\$ 31.35	\$ 25,156.48	\$	25,161.82
Wells Fargo CD6 xxxxxx0876 (matures 11/28/2017)	0.35% Online Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$11.85	\$ 69.45	\$ 25,345.54	\$	25,357.39
	Total of All CDs	\$51.87	\$ 304.24	\$ 152,382.70		\$ 152,434.57
				Current Savings Total	\$	53,662.45
				Current CD Total	\$	152,434.57
				Investment Total	\$	206,097.02
	Total of All Accounts (with checks/deposits outstanding)			\$ 224,872.24		\$ 218,760.92
Deposit Made During June						
There were no deposits made during June						

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Sandra Lee Olson presented the Clerk's Report for the period ending on June 30, 2015. As part of her report she noted that a check was written for \$3 more than it should have been. To make an adjustment, the check written for July will be written for \$3 less. Her report is listed below:

Town of New Independence		Cash Balance Statement			7/5/2015
As of 7/5/2015		Clerk's Report for July 2015			
Fiscal Year: 2015					
Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance	
General Fund	\$102.89	\$10,988.32	\$23,326.66	(\$12,235.45)	
Road and Bridge	\$21,617.55	\$2,827.38	\$42.56	\$24,402.35	
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	\$13,853.68	\$23,369.22	\$12,646.90

This report does not agree with the bank because check number 3575 (Michael Maish--non 1099) was written and cleared for \$85.23 instead of \$82.23. An adjustment will be made for mileage on his July mileage check.
Another error occurred in CTAS that did not include a \$1.00 disbursement on check number 3574 (Sandra Lee Olson--non 1099). There will be no adjustment to that error. The summary of the check was for \$300.76 and should not have included the additional \$1 disbursement for 100-41941-201.

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

1. Rodda Grading and Excavating...billing for grading township roads (\$1,261.50)
2. Frontier Communications...invoice for phone and internet service (\$63.86)
3. St. Louis County (SLC) Planning and Development Department...notice of new Duluth office location at the SLC Government Services Center, 320 West 2nd St., Suite 301
4. Lake Country Power...monthly power bill (credit of \$88.57)
5. Public Employees Retirement Association...monthly reporting form
6. St. Louis County Fair...certificate recognizing the township's donation
7. SLC Auditor...materials for clerk training (4 hours credit)
8. Westermann...statement showing a zero balance
9. Titan...catalog of equipment

Approval of Payroll/Claims

Payroll: Claims #3581-#3585 are related to the General Fund. After they were read into the record, Mike Miah made a motion to pay the payroll as read. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous vote. Claim #3586 is related to the Road and Bridge Fund. Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the claim. Following a second by Mike Maish and a unanimous vote, the payroll claim was submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

3581.	Kurt Johnson -----	\$196.45
3582.	Michael Maish -----	\$261.94
3583.	Jon Olson-----	\$74.84
3584.	Peter Olson-----	\$121.61
3585.	Sandra Lee Olson-----	\$465.74
3586.	Michael Maish -----	\$37.42

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Claims were read into the record by Mike Maish. Kurt Johnson made a motion to approve the claims. That motion was seconded by Mike Maish and passed by a unanimous vote. All claims were submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

3587. Public Employees Retirement Association -----	\$198.60
3588. Lake Country Power -----	\$200.00
3589. Michael Maish (non 1099)(check will be written for \$3 less)	\$54.63
3590. Michael Maish (contractual)-----	\$525.00
3591. US Treasury-----	\$615.83
3592. Minnesota Department of Revenue -----	\$690.79
3593. Rodda Grading and Excavating -----	\$1261.50
3594. Kurt Johnson -----	\$23.00
3595. Schneiderman's Furniture-----	\$150.00
3596. Frontier Communications -----	\$150.00
3597. Michael Maish -----	\$175.00

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery

- The Cemetery Work Day was held before Memorial Day and the area is in good condition. Mike did note that several old gas cans will be removed. A discussion was also held regarding the need for grass seed in a few areas. Mike will purchase the seed and apply it after he completes a mowing.

2. Roads

- The roads have been graded once. Mike drove the township roads and removed several trees that were infringing on North Johnson. The plan is to grade the township roads approximately every 5 weeks. Rodda will coordinate the grading with Alborn's grading.

3. Town Hall

- Furniture for the Town Hall
 - Storage unit has not been purchased
 - The oak table from Schneiderman's was brought to the Town Hall by Mike and Kurt. A check for \$150 was issued to Schneiderman's for the table and seven chairs. Mike will reassemble the table in the near future.
- Blacktop sealant
 - Jon was not at the meeting so Kurt volunteered to contact blacktopping companies about sealing the cemetery driveway and the Town Hall driveway.
- Water conditioner for iron removal
 - Kurt also offered to contact a company about an iron removal system.

4. Fire Hall Addition

- The meeting was held on June 9, 2015, regarding the proposed addition for the Alborn Fire Department. Because all comments made at the meeting were in favor of the addition, Mike Maish made a motion to spend money to assist with the Fire Hall addition. A contract was delivered to the Alborn Town Board so they could review the terms. Under the contract, New Independence will issue \$100,000 toward the Fire Hall addition. If the joint powers agreement is discontinued, Alborn will repay the

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- \$100,000 with no interest. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.
5. Department of Treasury
 - Letter sent on July 6, 2015, addressing the check for overpayment (\$477.31)
 6. August meeting Date
 - A reminder was given that the next Town Board meeting will be held on August 17 instead of August 3.

New Business

1. Posting for Right-of-way Mowing
 - The clerk will post for quotes for the mowing the right of ways on township roads. Quotes will be reviewed at the August 17th meeting.
2. Federated Co-ops
 - Kurt Johnson informed the Board that Federated Coops is offering a summer fill of LP at \$1.99/ gallon if it is ordered by the end of July. Mike Maish made a motion to fill the LP tank under the lower rate. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote...Sandra Lee Olson will contact Federated Coops for a fill of LP prior to the deadline.

Officer Reports

- MAT Short Course (Mike Maish?)

Mike declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:22 after a motion was made for adjournment by Kurt Johnson, a second by Mike Maish, 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

August 17	October 5	December 7
September 14	November 2	

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