

MINUTES

**Town of New Independence
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
New Independence Town Hall
August 17, 2015**

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

Chair Mike Maish called the Board of Supervisors' Meeting to order at 7:03 pm with all officers present—Supervisors Kurt Johnson, Mike Maish, and Jon Olson; Treasurer Peter Olson; and Clerk Sandra Lee Olson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the clerk read the minutes of the July meeting. Kurt Johnson made motion to accept the minutes as read with corrections. Mike Maish seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer Peter Olson present the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2015. Mike Maish made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented—subject to audit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

As part of her Clerk's Report, Sandra Lee Olson told the Board that on July 28, 2015, she transferred \$2,000 to the regular checking account to preserve the minimum balance needed. She also noted that there was a difference between the Clerk's Balances and the Bank's balance and she will continue to work to balance the two records.

Incoming Correspondence

1. St Louis County (SLC) Auditor...2015 Election Laws
2. Couri & Ruppe...information on the upcoming Township Legal Seminar to be held on October 3, 2015, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
3. SLC Auditor...Tax Apportionment check for \$27,407.58
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4. PERA...monthly reporting form
5. Federated Co-operative...invoice showing summer fill and credit balance of \$377.33
6. SLC Auditor...invoice for yearly maintenance charge on AutoMark for \$180.00
7. SLC Planning and Community Development Department...information on the SLC Comprehensive Water Management Plan Amendment
8. Minnesota Revenue...notice of 2016 Certified Town Aid total is \$1,120 with the first payment on July 20, 2016 and the second payment on December 26, 2016
9. SLC Auditor...Township Levy form which is due by September 15, 2015
10. Minnesota Association of Townships...invoice for on-site registration for Mike (\$60)
11. Alborn Town Board...proposed agreement revision for the Joint Powers financing for the fire hall addition as it pertains to New Independence's contribution. Jon Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Kurt Johnson, to accept the revisions suggested by Alborn's legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payroll/Claims

Following the reading of the payroll claims by Chair Mike Maish, Kurt Johnson made a motion to pay the payroll as presented. Mike Maish offered a second to the motion, which then passed by a unanimous vote. The following payroll claims were submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

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3598. Kurt Johnson-----	\$130.97
3599. Michael Maish-----	\$93.55
3600. Peter Olson-----	\$121.61
3601. Sandra Lee Olson-----	\$351.35

A check that was written in July was held over and was distributed to its recipient Jon Olson at the August meeting.

3583. Jon Olson-----	\$74.84
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Claims were read by Chair Mike Maish. He then offered a motion to pay the claims as read. Jon Olson seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed. The following claims were submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

3602. Kurt Johnson-----	\$11.50
3603. Peter Olson-----	\$48.30
3604. Michael Maish-----	\$525.00
3605. Public Employees Retirement Association-----	\$139.20
3606. St. Louis County Auditor-----	\$180.00
3607. Minnesota Association of Townships-----	\$60.00
3608. Sandra Lee Olson-----	\$118.30
3609. Town of Alborn-----	\$8502.75

Unfinished Business

1. Cemetery

- Kurt was notified that there will be a burial (Lois Anderson Dass) at the New Independence Cemetery next Friday.

2. Roads

- Mike reported that Rodda graded the roads last week.
- The end of South Schelin was not graded
- Gravel was hauled on Nelson and Kosonavich Roads. Gravel will be put on North Johnson in the near future. South Johnson needs gravel. West Schelin has not yet been addressed.
- Floyd Olson is doing the turn arounds on township roads.
- One additional grading will be done during September and one in October.

3. Town Hall

- Furniture for the Town Hall
 - Storage unit for township records has not been purchased.
 - Kurt assembled the conference table purchased from Schneiderman's.
- Blacktop sealant
 - Kurt will contact a contractor to blacktop the Town Hall parking lot and the Cemetery parking area.
- Water conditioner for iron removal
 - Jon will check on options for iron removal.

4. Fire Hall Addition

- Treasurer Peter Olson presented options for financing New Independence's portion of the fire hall addition. Basically, the Wells Fargo banker suggested taking money

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from the savings first and then take additional funds, as needed, from the CDs with the lowest interest rate. Kurt Johnson made a motion Mike Maish to go with the recommendations of the banker. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Department of Treasury

- Sandra Lee reported that the check for overpayment (\$477.31) was correct. The check was deposited into Wells Fargo checking.

New Business

1. Right-of-way Mowing

- One quote was received for the mowing of right of ways on township roads. Jon Olson offered a quote of \$675 plus the cost of insurance. Mike Maish made a motion, which was seconded by Kurt Johnson, to hire Jon Olson to mow the township right of ways. The motion passed with Maish and Johnson voting in favor of the motion and Olson abstaining.

2. Couri & Ruppe seminar

- Mike made a motion, which was seconded by Jon Olson, to pay mileage and meeting rate for any officer attending the workshop offered by Couri & Ruppe. Officers may attend the seminar on September 19 or October 3.

3. Levy Certification

- The clerk asked the Board for verification on the 2016 Levy set at the Annual Meeting. If additional money needs to be levied, a special meeting has to be held soon. Mike Maish made a motion to levy the amount set at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Kurt Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Direct Deposit Authorization

- The Town Board of New Independence has not participated in the direct deposit option available. Clerk Sandra Lee Olson requested that the Board authorize her to complete paperwork for direct deposit. Kurt Johnson made a motion to participate in the direct deposit program. Jon Olson seconded the motion, which was subsequently passed by a unanimous vote. The clerk will complete the paperwork for direct deposits to be applied to the EFT account set up at Wells Fargo.

5. Spraying the Town Hall

- Mike Maish suggested that the Board consider spraying the Town Hall again this year for cluster flies. Kurt Johnson made a motion to contact Guardian Pest Control. Jon Olson seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote. Mike will make the arrangements for the spraying.

Officer Reports

There were no officer reports.

At 8:23 pm, Kurt Johnson offered a motion for adjournment. After a second to the motion by Mike Maish the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted for approval on _____

Clerk's Signature _____

Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Signature _____

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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

Unofficial