

New Haven Township

Olmsted County

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The 2004 Annual Township meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by New Haven Township Clerk Richard Pressnall.

A minute of SILENCE was observed by all present for those who gave thier life that we may have the freedom we all have in this great country of ours. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Clerk Pressnall made a few opening remarks and welcomed all those in attendance to our new town hall.

Motion by David O'Brien to moninate Gerald Postier as annual meeting moderator. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

Postier took charge of the meeting and thanked all those in attendance.

Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting was read by Pressnall. Motion by Dale Hayward to accept the minutes as read. Second by Bruce Moon. Motion carried.

Treasurer Robert Owens presented the treasurers report. See enclosed copy. Motion by Arnold Stafford to accept the treasurer's report^s read. Second by Donald Baker. Motion carried. Balance on hand December 31, 2003 \$222,494.02.

Howard Glamm gave a report on the Pine Island Rural Department. Expenses are up but the dues by the township will remain the same in 2004. \$13,136.00. The main problem for the fire department is the number of calls they get for the accidents on Highway 52. Many of those calls are never collected for. The department is looking at ways that they might be able to collect for these. Glamm feels that the cost of \$13,136.00 is a deal as it represents about \$10.00 per township person. Donald Baker asked how many calls does the department get? Glamm was unable to answer this question. Glamm presented the Pine Island Fire Department Booklet and stated most of these questions could be answered in the booklet. Motion by Donald Baker to accept Glamm's report. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

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David O'Brien gave the road report. It was a long dry summer and the grading when it is that dry does very little good. Several comments from the audience with reference to how rough their road was, and that maybe this year the township could grade them more often. O'Brien, weather dictates when grading can be most effective. The Millering bridge is on the top of the county's list of bridges for repair in 2004. Holms Bros Construction did the grading and snow plowing this past year. This was their first year in New Haven Township in that capacity and learning all the ins and outs of New Haven Township took a little time. Bill Denny asked when will the township roads get paved? Postier answered "When the money is available. No motion on this report.

Harold Searles (Planning and Zoning Department) reported that the department was started in 1994, and has a planning committee of five members. The Board of Adjustment is also made up of five members. The Town Board over sees the Planning and Zoning Department. Searles presented a report that lists the number of permits issued in 2003. See enclosed. Donald Baker asked? What size building needs a permit? Searles answered that permits are required for an addition that is greater than 120 square feet. Motion by Walt Kohlmeier to accept the report as presented. Second by Toby Reese. Motion carried.

Gerald Postier gave a quarry rental report by stating that the Township Board is not happy with the rental amounts and that the Olmsted County Engineer has stated that a turning lane is required where the driveway meets County Road #3. The farm land bids have been posted and rental agreements will be decided at the April 6, 2004 Town Board meeting.

The township budget was the next issue to be brought up. Toby Reese asked if there is any way of getting more money from the State of Minnesota? It was stated probably no as the State of Minnesota is having their own financial problems. David O'Brien stated that the township only gets so much from the property taxes. Bill Denny stated that it is time for the township to start to cut down expences.

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Glamm stated that more people in the township want more and more services which take more money--People want more services and also less taxes.

Postier proposed levies of \$50,000.00 General Fund which is an increase of \$7,000.00 over 2003 levi, and \$90,000.00 Road and Bridge Fund. Discussion, Discussion, and Discussion. Gavel down..Order Restored. Postier asks for a motion from the floor. Motion by Mary Andrist to increase this years levi to \$50,000.00. Discussion. Second by Arnold Stafford. Motion carried with some grumbling. Motion by Mary Andrist to Levi \$90,000.00 Road and Bridge Fund. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Hayward to keep the Township newspapers the same as last year. Rochester Post Bulletin and Zumbrota Shopper. Second by Arnold Stafford. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Baker to keep the township bank the same as last year--Pine Island Bank. Second by Walt Kohlmeyer. Motion carried.

Motion by Walt Kohlmeyer to keep the gopher boundy the same as last year. Discussion. Second by Toby Reese. Motion carried.

David Klann presented a letter from the Center Grove Cemetery Board. See Enclosed. Center Grove Cemetery Board is again requesting New Haven Township provide monetary funding for the cemetery in the same amount as last year. \$2000.00.

Motion by Donald Baker to fund \$2000.00 for the Center Grove Cemetery and to fund \$1000.00 for Othello Cemetery. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

Last year \$300.00 was given to St. Michael's Cemetery. Robert Lindahl asked if townships can give funding to a cemetery that is not open to the public? David O'Brien stated that he thought abandoned cemetery would have to be taken over by the township anyway, and that it was better to help out now than to have to take over later. Motion by Robert Lindahl to give \$800.00 to St. Michaels Cemetery. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

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Township Officers pay for 2004 was the next item of discussion. Dale Hayward asked the board if they were happy with the pay they were getting now? O'Brien stated that an increase was probably needed. Harold Searles said it was time for an increase for the Board members. Howard Glamm said he was satisfied with the pay where it was at. Motion by Dale Hayward to keep the same ^{pay} as it was last year-whatever it was. Second by John Meyer. Motion carried. 2004 pay the same as it was in 2003 for the township officers: 2003--\$10.00/Hour, \$40.00/Meeting, and \$300.00/Deim.

Dust abatement was the next topic to be addressed. The county will apply as they have done in the past with the chloride bids being taken towards the end of March. Olmsted county will apply and pay for the treatment to the county road free. Residents living on township roads had to pay for the treatment in the past. Richard Pressnall stated that he didn't think this was fair with the residents living on township roads. Motion by Bill Denny to leave the chloride method of payment the same as last year. Method in 2003 \$50.00 for 300 feet of treatment. Second by Robert Lindahl. Motion carried.

2005 Annual Meeting. Motion by Dale Hayward to keep the 2005 Annual meeting at the same time as was the 2004 Annual Meeting. Second by Donald Baker. Motion carried. The Annual Meeting date is set by State Statute--8 March, 2005. Time 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Annual Election to follow Annual Meeting. 3:00p.m.--8:00p.m.

Open Discussion:

Gerry Story stated that she would like better snow plowing in the future. ~~was~~

Toby Reese asked the snow plowing truck didn't have a wing on it? Nobody had a answer.

Gerald Postier stated that the township was really spoiled by Jim Wharton's years of excellent work for the township.

Bill Denny likes the way the township roads are, but the county has to do a better job with Olmsted County 105.

Bud Dunkel likes the way the roads are.

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Robert Lindahl--comment--Gerald Postier has been a good board member, and has given a lot of his time and effort for the good of the township.

Howard Glamm--Thanks for all the years of service to New Haven Township, Gerry we will miss you.

Donald Baker asked about renting the town hall. Committee was set up to address all the renting issues. Anybody interested in a certain date is to contact the township clerk.

Lamoyne Bruce said he understands that the township clerk has done an excellent job.

John Hoehne--comment--Very nice town hall, good job done by the town board members.

O'Brien presented a letter from Peter Tiede, Atty. See enclosed. Ref: Model Road Ordinance that has to be enacted only after elector approval.

See Enclosed: Adopting a Basic Town Road Administration Ordinance.

David O'Brien explained the purpose of this ordinance and why New Haven should adapt it. Motion by Harold Searles to adopt the Model Road Ordinance. No discussion. Second by Dale Hayward. Motion carried.

Howard Glamm brought up the issue of the road to the "Crows nest". This is about a 150 foot road in length that is hard for the township to maintain. He stated that there is a few possible solutions, ie 1. Close the road. 2. Minimum maintenance road. 3. Cartway.

LaMoynne Bruce spoke in opposition to doing anything with the road, as he has land that would be affected by any action taken by the board. Motion by O'Brien to work on this issue at a regular board meeting. Discussion. Second by Mary Andrist. Motion carried.

David O'Brien--Comment--Gerald Postier has helped a lot of previous board members. He has ran a very good meeting, we all owe a lot to Gerald Postier.

Gerald Postier--Comment--Thanks to all, Keep small government going.

Motion by Mary Andrist to adjourn meeting. Second by Arnold Stafford. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00p.m.

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The Annual Election of officers for the New Haven Township began with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Election Judges:

Robert Owens *Robert Owens Jr.*
Robert Lindahl *Robert Lindahl*
Howard Glamm *Howard Glamm*
Harold Searles *Harold Searles Jr.*
David O'Brien *David O'Brien*

Respectfully Submitted

**Richard A. Pressnall
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