

New Haven Township

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March 13, 2005

The Clerk, Jeff Eastman, called the 2005 New Haven Township Annual Meeting to order at 1:00 pm on March 8th 2005. The Clerk welcomed all citizens attending and called for a moment of silence for those who have given their lives so that we all can enjoy the freedoms we have today. After a few remarks about the past year in New Haven Township Eastman asked for a motion to appoint a moderator. Mary Andrist moved to appoint Dave O'Brien as the Annual Meeting moderator. Robert Lindahl seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed.

The Clerk read the 2004 Annual Meeting minutes and a motion to accept was made by Dale Hayward then seconded by Walt Kohlmeyer. The motion carried.

The Clerk for the absent Treasure Robert Owens who was sick gave the Treasures report. But not before Howard Glamm read a letter from the Treasure recapping the trials and tribulations of computerizing the Township's General Fund Account (see enclosed letter and Treasures report). Don Weis motion to accept the Treasures report as read with a second by Arnold Stafford. The motion carried.

Howard Glamm gave a report on the 2005 fire contract with Pine Island Fire Department. There was an increase of 15.7% over the 2004 contract to \$16,093. The reason for the increase according to Glamm was due to the fact that we didn't see an increase last year and also their revenues off of gambling funds were down. Glamm went on to praise the great job the department does especially with a dual response to Oronoco. The efficiency of the department also allows for lower insurance rates for the Township patrons. The equipment and the administration are in very good shape. Glamm also has a booklet for any one interested in seeing the recap of the 2004 responses. Gene Zimmerman asked why the rural people have to pay for individual responses. Glamm responded by saying the individuals insurance company should be including the fire department's fee in their settlement. Zimmerman also asked why it took over 5 months for the Pine Island Fire Department to bill him for a call to his residences. Glamm didn't have an answer but will pass along this concern to the fire chief. Robert Lindahl asked why Oronoco gets all the 911 calls before the Pine Island fire Department. Glamm stated it was do to the county dispatcher and politics. A motion was made to accept the fire report and contract by Walt Kohlmeyer. There was a second by Arnold Stafford. The motion carried.

Denny Beyer started the Road and Bridge report by handing out the 2004 Fall road report that rates the Township roads by maintenance required to keep them in the best possible shape (see enclosed). There will be discussion later on that subject. Beyer talked about the 2004 chloride application and he explained it was not the smoothest of operation. He spoke on a new procedure for this year's application. Dave O'Brien continued the Road and Bridge discussion by stating there was major repairs made this last year. There was extensive grading, to Township roads do to the County Rd 3 project, there were new culverts put in and we were required to put in a by-pass lane for the Township quarry that cost us over \$5,000. In 2005 the Millering Bridge is scheduled to be redone because the federal funding is available. The Township has to put up \$20,000 for their share of the bill. In the next few years there are 4 other bridges in the Township scheduled for renovation at a cost of \$20,000 to the Township. This will be a lot cheaper to do it with federal help instead of paying it all ourselves.

Gary West gave a report on Planning and Zoning. West stated he started on June 15th and thanked Harold Searles for his help during the transition period. He then supplied the Township with the 2004 Planning and Zoning Annual Report (see enclosed). Total building permits were 36 for a total of \$2,088,000. He also updated the Township directory, computer system, and phone system.

Gerald Postier asked about the bridges we were about to renovate. He was wondering what the state and federal governments were going to pay. Bill Denny asked why were they going to cost so much. O'Brien said the state and the federal were picking up the bulk of the costs as the prices for new bridges has increased dramatically. Gene Zimmerman asked about improvements to 60th St NW. O'Brien stated we would talk about that later.

O'Brien than gave the quarry report. He said we received \$9,575.56. The quarry contract will be up in 2008 and hopefully we could cut a much better deal in that negotiation. Currently we only receive 25 cents per yard.

2005 budget levy was the next on the agenda. Dave O'Brien stated that the 2004 Road and Bridge budget was \$90,000 and hadn't been increased in 3 years. He proposed that Because of increased expenses and the new bridges we go to \$120,000. He said that it would only be an increase of 3% to the Township taxes. General Fund in 2004 was \$50,000 and proposed an increase to \$60,000 or a 1% increase in Township Taxes. Glamm spoke on how he sees the increases are needed to do the job and is well worth it. Walt Kohlmeyer motioned to increase the Road and Bridge levy to \$120,000. Dale Hayward seconded the motion. Discussion by Robert Lindahl who stated the Road and Bridge budget hadn't been increased in 3 years and thought it was time for an increase. The question was called and the motion carried. A motion to raise the General Fund to \$60,000 was made by Dale Hayward and Dave Klann seconded it. Robert Lindahl spoke about the increase and said that in 5 years when we have the bridges replaced we could look at cutting back. Howard Glamm agreed. Beyer stated that we could transfer funds for the General to the Road and Bridge if necessary. The question was called and the motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Stafford to keep the official newspapers the Zumbrota Record and the Rochester Post Bulletin. Walt Kohlmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion to keep Pine Island Bank the official Township bank was made by Don Baker and Harold Searles seconded it. The motion carried.

Dave Klann moved to keep the Gopher Bounty at \$1.00 for gophers and 25 cent for streakies. Don Weis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dave Klann approached the Township for a \$2,000 donation for Center Grove Cemetery. He also submitted a financial report for the cemetery (see attached). Virginia Jennison approached the Township for \$1,000 for Orthello Cemetery. Mary Andrist thanked the Township for past support and asked them for another \$800 for St. Michael Cemetery. She also stated that she would see to it that anybody who chose to be buried in St. Michael would be granted permission.

Lamond Bruce motioned to give Orthello Cemetery \$2,000 because of the extensive stonework that needs to be done. Harold Searles seconded the motion. Bill Denny stated he would like to see a financial report next year to see how the money was spent. The question was called and the motion passed. Arnold Stafford motioned to give Center Grove Cemetery \$2,000 and Gene Zimmerman seconded it. The motion carried. Mary Andrist made a motion to give St. Michael's Cemetery \$800 and Walt Kohlmeyer seconded it. The motion was passed.

O'Brien opened the discussion on chloride application. He wanted the citizens to pay more money from the citizens. Lamond Bruce said that wouldn't be fair to the people living on gravel roads. Mike Hassler said there have been complaints on watered down chloride. O'Brien stated that is out of our control but we have found someone else to bid the project. Lamond Bruce motioned to keep the fee at \$50 and John Meyers seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Discussion ensued about the Beyer plan to have people prepay for chloride by purchasing the flags at the Town Hall. Gerry Postier asked if we charge more money for extra chloride. Beyer responded by saying we do. Dave Klann motioned to adopt the prepay flag program. Walt Kohlmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Township wages were discussed. Beyer and O'Brien were asked about other Townships pay scales and they said we were probably on the low end. Dale Hayward wants to increase the Supervisors pay to \$500 every 6 months and hourly wages to \$12 per hour. Dave Klann motioned to increase the meeting pay for the Board of Adjustments to \$60, Town Board members meeting pay to \$60 and hourly pay to \$15 per hour, Supervisor semi annual pay to \$500, the Treasures annual pay to \$2000, and the Clerks wage to \$3000. Dale Hayward seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion carries.

There was a motion by Lamond Bruce to have the 2006 Annual Meeting the same date (second Tuesday in March), time and place as this years meeting. Dale Hayward seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

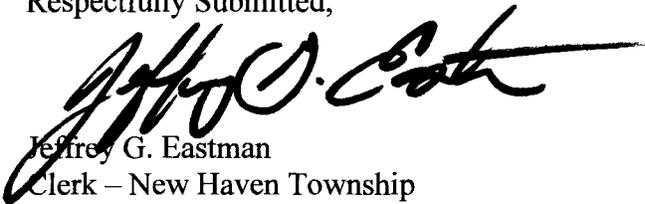
Alvy Bruce asked about the plugged bridge by his house and was told it was going to be fixed this spring.

Dave O'Brien asked about getting old photo's of past Board members for the Town Hall walls.

Gene Zimmerman asked about the repair and maintenance of 60th St NW. He would like to see it graded more. O'Brien said that Ames Construction should be held responsible for repair to the road according to there conditional use agreement.

Mary Andrist motion for adjournment and Dale Hayward seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey G. Eastman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffrey G. Eastman
Clerk – New Haven Township