

# *New Haven Township*

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Clerk Jeff Eastman called the 2007 New Haven Township Annual Meeting to order. Dale Hayward motioned to accept the 2007 Agenda as is and Jerry Haugen seconded the motion. The motion carries.

The Clerk read the 2006 Annual Meeting minutes. There was a question by Anthony Brock regarding Bill Denny's motion to send a petition to the County for the right to use our own rock on township roads. Robert Lindahl moved to accept the minutes after the Clerk reviewed the recording and amended the minutes. Dave Klann seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Dale Hayward moved to wave the check reading. Dave Klann seconded the motion and the motion carries.

Treasurer Robert Owens gave the Annual Financial Report for Planning & Zoning, MMDA, and General Fund Road & Bridge accounts and Certificates of Deposit (see attached). Gary West pointed out a typo. Al Prestigard asked about the \$20,000 payment from the Planning Department to the Township. Owens stated it was for rent. Prestigard motioned to accept the financial report with a second by Klann. The motion carries.

Brian Hervey gave the 2007 Fire Department Report. Hervey gave a run down on the number of calls that were made by New Haven (51). Hervey then explained how the Pine Island Fire Department comes up with the cost of fire protection for New Haven. The new cost of fire protection for 2007 will be \$21,810. Mike Hassler motioned to accept the 2007 Fire Report and Klann seconded. The motion carried.

Denny Beyer gave the Annual Road Report. Beyer stated the Township requested rock bids early this year so we could rock roads before the chloride. He then introduced our new road maintenance person as Mike Wood. Beyer went on to state the Millering Bridge would be completed this summer. He also spoke on the fact that some roads will need to be regarded and improved in the near future, which will cost around \$100,000 a mile.

Dave O'Brien gave the 2007 Quarry Report and stated it generated over \$6,000 in Rock Royalties. He added the whole farm generated over \$11,000 in revenue.

Gary West presented the Planning and Zoning Department Annual Report. He reported that revenues were down as was the home construction market. There were only 4 home construction permits in 2006.

O'Brien spoke on the future regarding of sections of township roads. Prestigard asked which roads were the most in need. O'Brien stated New Haven Road and Devil's Kitchen were two of the most likely. Jeff Eastman asked about the progress of the regarding of 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. by the County, Ames Construction, and MN DOT. O'Brien was to have a meeting with the principals. Klann asked about state financing for roads of which O'Brien stated there wasn't any. Klann then asked about starting these projects before we fall to far behind. O'Brien mentioned ear marking funds for future improvements. Anthony Brock asked if we do our own road inspection and do we choose what projects we do. He would also like the roads identified for the ear marked funds. Klann motioned to raise the Road and Bridge budget but withdrew the motion for later consideration. Lindahl asked about the Town Hall payment. O'Brien stated the monies are in place to pay of the Hall in January 2008. O'Brien spoke on the \$206,000 in Elk Run annexation money and he suggested putting into a CD to be used only for road construction. Lindahl would like to see this happen. Owens asked for guidance from the patrons on the subject.

The 2007 budget was next on the agenda. Klann moved for a \$135,000 Road and Bridge budget with \$15,000 dedicated to road improvements. The motion was seconded by Hayward. The motion carries. Don Baker moved for a \$60,000 General Fund allotment and Jerry Haugen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dave Klan motioned to keep the official newspapers the News Record of Zumbrota and the Rochester Post Bulletin. Hayward seconded and the motion carried.

Dale Hayward motioned to keep the Bank of Pine Island as the official bank. Don Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Klan motioned to keep the Gopher Bounty at \$1.50 for pocket gophers and .50 for streakies. Postier seconded and the motion carries.

Klan gave the Center Grove Cemetery report and also reported they were shorted \$500 last year. Harold Searles reported that Orthello Cemetery was in much better shape because of Bill Denny and Alvin Bruce's hard work. He would like \$2500. Mary Andrist gave the St. Michaels Cemetery report. She also stated that if the cemeteries go insolvent that would be the Townships responsibility to care for them, which could be a big expense. Andrist moved to give all cemeteries \$2500 and Klann seconded the motion. The motion carried. O'Brien and Beyer asked for annual cemetery statements and annual payments would be based on need. Baker so moved and Andrist seconded. Klann moved to amend the motion to include a requirement of the cemeteries to include a perpetual care fund. Stan Wegman seconded the motion and it carried.

Andrist motioned to raise the Board wages to \$20 per hour and \$65 a meeting. Klann seconded and the motion carried.

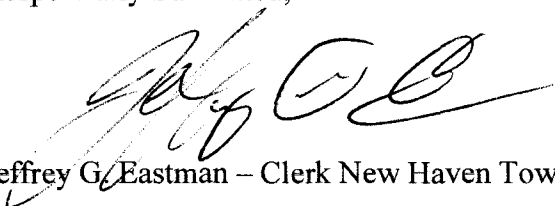
Chloride was the next on the agenda. Last years procedures were explained. O'Brien stated it cost the township over \$200 per person for application. Brock spoke on the benefits of chloride. He also questioned who had the authority to grade or not to grade through the chloride. O'Brien stated that would be up to the road maintenance person. Brock wants to have written policies and procedures in place and so moved. Baker stated that it should be up to the blade man. Jerry Postier said there were far too many variables to have written procedures. Andrist agreed. There was no second so the motion failed. Moving back to chloride Hayward motioned to split the cost 50/50. Klann seconded the motion. Brock stated that raising the rate would discourage the use of chloride. The question was called and the motion carries.

Hayward motioned to change the voting time to 3 pm to 8 pm. and leaving the meeting time from 1 pm to 3 pm. Haugen seconded and the motion carried.

Open discussion ensued and there was talk of saving some of the old chairs by Lindahl. The Board will discuss at a later meeting. Brock brought up the dumping of trash problem on 85<sup>th</sup> St. He offered some photographs of the dumping. He moved to post "No Dumping" signs. It was explained that the signs actually encourage dumping. Eastman suggested game camera's to help identify the culprits. Brock withdrew his motion. Hayward motioned to have the annexation monies put into a Certificate of Deposit with the interest rolling over. Klan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Andrist moved for adjournment and Hayward seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey G. Eastman – Clerk New Haven Township