

New Haven Township

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2008 NEW HAVEN ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Jeff Eastman called the 2008 Annual Meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Eastman then welcomed the attendees.

Mary Andrist nominated David O'Brien for moderator of the Annual Meeting. Don Baker seconded and the motion carried.

Mike Hassler motioned to accept the 2008 agenda and Gary Haugen seconded. The motion carries.

Clerk Eastman read the 2007 minutes. Don Baker motioned to accept with Dave Klann seconded. The motion carries.

Jerry Haugen motioned to waive the reading of the checks Klann seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURES REPORT

Robert Owens presented the status of the 2007 annual finances. He gave reports on Planning and Zoning, General Fund, Road and Bridge, and CD's (see attached). Andrist motioned to approve with a second by Baker. The motion carries.

RURAL FIRE REPORT

Brian Hervey spoke on the state of the Rural Fire Association. He explained our dues are based on valuation of Township real estate which is over 2 billion dollars. The 2008 dues will be \$25,440 a 17% increase over 2007. Hervey then read statistics from the past year which included the 31 calls for New Haven. Klann motion to accept the dues and fire report. Haugen seconded it and the motion carries.

ROAD REPORT

Mike Wood opened the road report. He explained where we rocked roads, replaced culverts, where he cleaned out ditches and tree removal. Denny Beyer also added that any one with road concerns should contact us before spring road inspection. John Meyers said that we have the best road man we have ever had with Mike Wood. O'Brien also praised the condition of the roads.

QUARRY REPORT

O'Brien stated we received \$3755.93 from rock royalties. New Haven also made \$5460 in land rent.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

O'Brien started off the Planning and Zoning report with high praises going to Ann Fahy for her first 2 months on the job. Ann Fahy, the P & Z Administrator then gave a brief history of her background. Fahy then gave the 2007 summary. There were 24 building permits, 5 new homes, 5 metes and bounds splits, 8 septic permits, and 3 conditional use permits. Fahy has also organized the computer, files and is scanning all Township documents to computer files. She also stated her office will have new summer hours Monday - Tuesday 3-6 pm and Wednesday - Thursday 7-10 am.

TOWNSHIP QUESTIONS

2008 Budget Vote

The levy for Road & Bridge for 2007 payable in 2008 was \$135,000 and the General fund was \$60,000. Klann moved to keep the General fund at \$ 60,000 for 2008 payable in 2009. Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Klan the moved to keep the Road & Bridge at \$135,000 with \$15,000 dedicated to a separate road repair fund. Andrist seconded the motion and the motion carries. Robert Lindahl explained that there hadn't been a major road re-grade since 1950.

Official Newspaper

Lindahl moved to keep the official newspapers the News-Record Zumbrota and the Rochester Post Bulletin. Klann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Township Bank

Baker moved to keep the Township Bank the Bank of Pine Island. Andrist seconded the motion and it carried.

Gopher Bounty

Klann moved to keep the gopher bounty at \$1.50 for pocket gophers and .50 cents for streakies. Haugen seconded the motion and it carried.

Cemetery's

Dave Klann from Center Grove presented a report on the state of the cemetery. Klann said Center Grove didn't need any assistance for operation but would like a donation for the perpetual fund. Baker moved to give \$1,000 dollars reserving the right for Center Grove to request additional funding if needed. Lindahl seconded the motion and it carried.

Alvin Bruce gave a brief report on the state of Orthello Cemetery. Lindahl asked Bruce how many years it would take to get the cemetery up to snuff. Bruce said 2 to 3 years. Sue Matson asked for the

maximum for donation of \$2,500. Haugen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rick Keane gave a brief statement on the state of the St. Michael and thanked the Township for their support. He stated \$5800 on maintenance and this included the \$2,500 from the Township last year. Andrist moved to give \$2,500 to St. Michael. Baker seconded and the motion carried.

Township Officers Wages

The Township Board members declined any wage increase.

Chloride Application

Klann moved to keep the patron portion of the Chloride application the same at a 50/50 split. Bruce seconded the motion and it carried.

2010 Annual Meeting

Andrist motioned to change the time of the Annual Meeting to 3 pm and ending at 5 pm and election time from 5pm to 8 pm. Matson seconded the motion and it carried.


Open Discussion

Don Baker asked for an Elk Run update. O'Brien stated we just signed another annexation agreement. Lindahl asked about the 50%increase in the Township farm land. O'Brien explained how they figured it.

Adjournment

Andrist motioned for adjournment and Meyer seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey G. Eastman- Clerk