

# *New Haven Township*

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## **Board of Audit Meeting February 14, 2017**

The Town Board met as the Board of Audit to review the financial records for the year 2016 kept by Treasurer Bob Figy and Clerk Dale Thomforde. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Board of Audit meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 5:30 PM by Chair Mary Andrist. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Denny Beyer and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Treasurer Bob Figy and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

The Board agreed that an audit of random disbursements, a selection of two claims from each month, would adequately represent the attention to detail and accounting practice for the township. The combined account of the General Fund/Road and Bridge Fund and the Planning and Zoning fund were audited in this manner. Each disbursement was matched to the claim receipt, check number, amount, payee, and month.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENT 1</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENT 2</b>
JANUARY	3654 ✓	3656 ✓
FEBRUARY	20265 ✓	3664 ✓
MARCH	20268 ✓	3669 ✓
APRIL	3674 ✓	3680 ✓
MAY	20279 ✓	3690 ✓
JUNE	3697 ✓	3701 ✓
JULY	3710 ✓	3715 ✓
AUGUST	3720 ✓	3725 ✓
SEPTEMBER	3736 ✓	3742 ✓
OCTOBER	3748 ✓	3750 ✓
NOVEMBER	3755 ✓	3757 ✓
DECEMBER	3767 ✓	3776 ✓

No anomalies were noted and the records appeared to be in order. Clerk Thomforde stated that the (City and Township Accounting System) CTAS balances matched every month with the bank statements.

Thomforde presented a 7-page New Haven Township Financial Summary for the fiscal year 2016 which will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. The first 6-pages are an annotated summary of revenues, expenditures, funds from CTAS, and includes the information that is

submitted to the Minnesota State Auditor. The last page is a financial summary of the bank accounts and levies for the last three years. After adjusting for the prepurchase of rock crushing, the Township came in \$14,461.32 under the budget set in early 2016.

Beyer made a motion that the audit is complete and accurate and to approve the financial summary, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0. All present signed the sheet stating that they had reviewed the New Haven Township Financial Summary. This summary will be posted on the website by the Clerk along with the Board of Audit minutes and distributed at the March Annual Town meeting.

Chair Andrist adjourned the meeting at about 5:56 PM.

Approved by the Board,

Attest,

Date:

Date:

Mary Andrist – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk

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## **Canvassing Board March 14, 2017 – Election Results**

The New Haven Canvassing Board was held at about 8:20 PM on March 14, 2017. Quorum requirements were met with Chair / Election Judge Mary Andrist and Supervisor / Election Judge Denney Beyer present. Also in attendance were Election Judge Leonard Koser, and Clerk / Election Judge Dale Thomforde.

Chair Andrist called the Canvassing Board to order. Beyer made a motion to certify the following election results:

### **Office of Town Supervisor for the term of 3 years**

Brian Hervey	32 votes
Write-in – Mike Frost	1 vote

### **Office of Town Treasurer for the term of 2 years**

Robert L. Figy	32 votes
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The motion was seconded by Andrist. The motion passed 2-0.

### **Additional Notes:**

A total of 893 registered voters were on the roster when polls opened at 5:00 PM.

A total of 35 registered voters signed the roster and cast ballots.

There were 0 new-voter registrations signing the roster and casting a ballot.

There was 1 absentee ballot requested with 1 ballot returned and accepted.

There were a total of 36 ballots cast (4% of registered voters).

There were 0 spoiled ballots.

There were 164 unused ballots.

Andrist adjourned the meeting at about 8:25 PM.

Approved by the Board,

Attest,

Date:

Date:

Mary Andrist – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

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## **Town Board Special / Reorganization Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017**

- 1. Call to Order:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special / reorganization meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 1:00 PM by Chair Mary Andrist. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Denny Beyer and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Treasurer Bob Figy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust, and Clerk Dale Thomforde.
- 2. Set Order of Agenda:** Beyer moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.
- 3. Comments from the current Chair:** Andrist commented that it has been an interesting last 12 months, the roads are much better this spring, and the Township is financially secure.
- 4. Review March 7 Regular Town Board meeting minutes:** Hervey moved to approve the minutes as written with a correction of the April 8 spring road inspection date. The motion was seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.
- 5. Review March 14 Annual Town meeting minutes:** Hervey moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.
- 6. Review March 14 Canvassing Board meeting minutes:** Andrist moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.
- 7. Consider any urgent spring road concerns:** None.
- 8. Reorganization:**

*Select new Town Board Chair* – Brian Hervey nominated Denny Beyer for Town Board Chair, seconded by Mary Andrist. The motion carried 3-0. Beyer at this point took over as chair of the meeting.

*Vice-Chair position resolution* – Andrist moved to adopt the *Resolution Creating a Vice-Chair Position on the Town Board #2017-08*, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Select Vice-Chair to fill in when Chair is absent* – Hervey nominated Mary Andrist, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.

*Select Rural Fire Board representative* – Beyer nominated Brian Hervey, seconded Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

*Designate supervisor to fill duties/positions created by the Town Board* – Hervey made motion to nominate Denny Beyer as the road authority and the building maintenance authority to handle

issues coming up between meetings. The motion was seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

*Adopt regular meeting schedule and alternate dates* – Thomforde presented a proposed meeting calendar for the next year, continuing regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, with the backup date being the third Tuesday. Andrist moved to approve the meeting calendar, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Approve cemetery contributions for 2017* – Andrist moved to continue to donate \$2,500 to each of the 3 cemeteries for maintenance and upkeep (\$7500 total). The motion was seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Approve 4-H project for 2017* – Hervey moved to approve a donation of \$500 for voluntary cemetery clean this year, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

*Adopt gopher bounty resolution* – Hervey moved to adopt the *Resolution Reestablishing a Gopher Bounty #2017-09*, setting the bounty at \$2.50 for pocket gophers and \$1.00 for striped gophers. The motion was seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

*Designate an official newspaper(s)* – Beyer moved to continue using the Post Bulletin and Zumbrota News Record for legal publications, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

*Designate notice posting locations* – Andrist moved to continue posting on town hall door and township website, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0. Notices more than a month old will be removed by the Clerk to help make the door look a little neater.

*Designate official bank as the town depository* – Andrist moved keep using Pine Island Bank, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Approve dust-mitigation chloride cost sharing plan for 2017* – Andrist moved continue with the current 50/50% cost sharing between township and patrons for first 300 ft – 600 ft for corner properties, and no private driveways, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Approve burning permit fee for the next year* – Andrist moved keep it at \$5 for an annual permit and free at meetings, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

*Adopt Township Officers compensation resolution* – Andrist moved to set the Township Officer stipend at \$150 a month for supervisors, \$250 a month for the treasurer, and \$350 a month for the clerk, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0. Andrist moved to set the Township Officer additional compensation at \$75 per meeting, \$20 per hour for other authorized work, \$5 per burning permit outside of meetings, a maximum of \$10 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$20 for dinner for meals on authorized trips, and mileage reimbursement at the federal rate. The motion was seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0. Beyer made a motion to adopt the *Resolution Setting the Compensation and Reimbursement of Town Officers #2017-10*, incorporating the new rates. Hervey seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*Set Planning and Zoning Administrator compensation* – Ann Fahy-Gust commented that she is happy with the current hourly rate. Andrisc made a motion to set the P&Z Administrator compensation at \$75 per meeting and \$22.50 per hour for hours outside of meetings. Hervey seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*Set Election Judge compensation* – Andrisc made a motion to keep the Election Judge compensation at \$15 per hour. Hervey seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*Review Board of Adjustment and set compensation* – Andrisc made a motion to set the Board of Adjustment and Planning Advisory Commission compensation at \$50 per meeting. Hervey seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Fahy-Gust nominated Craig Koop and Chris Hawkins for reappointment. Andrisc made a motion to reappoint the nominations to the Board of Adjustment. Hervey seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

*Review Planning Advisory Commission and set compensation* – Fahy-Gust nominated Jennifer Busch and Jeff Busch for reappointment. Andrisc made a motion to reappoint the nominations to the Planning Advisory Commission. Hervey seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

*Adopt fee schedule policy (copies, NSF checks, etc.)* – Thomforde presented a proposed fee schedule policy for copies of public records, NSF returned checks, lost check, etc. Andrisc moved to approve the fee schedule policy. Hervey seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

*Other miscellaneous reorganization items* – None.

**9. Adjournment:** With no further business on the agenda, Chair Beyer adjourned the meeting at about 1:45 PM.

Approved by the Board,

Attest,

Date:

Date:

Dennis Beyer – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk

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## **Spring Road Inspection Town Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 8:05 AM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Mary Andrist and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust, Road Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood, Treasurer Bob Figy, and Clerk Dale Thomforde. Beyer drove the van provided by Hervey for this road inspection.

### **The following items were observed (in order of inspection):**

1. Inspected crushed rock pile in Keller Quarry.
2. 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue – some overhanging trees on east side need to be trimmed back.
3. 91<sup>st</sup> Street – no issues.
4. East 85<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
5. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue – no issues. Due for rock this year on 3-year rotation.
6. 125<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
7. New Haven Road – the following were noted:
  - a. Ditch at south end on west side may need some work;
  - b. Culvert near Tom Berg's driveway is deteriorating; need to keep an eye on it.
  - c. Corner near Butch Owens needs to be marked for ROW to prevent farming too close to the road.
8. 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue – with the reconstruction of 125th St/Co Rd 5, will need to consider moving road closing gate or closing the road at some point in the future.
9. 125<sup>th</sup> Street – Ann Fahy-Gust reviewed the 125th St/Co Rd 5 extension plans with the Town Board. Olmsted County representatives will be at the next Town Board meeting.
10. 117<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
11. 120<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues. End of township road sign is now up on east end of road.
12. West Center Street – no issues.
13. 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue – no issues.
14. 115<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
15. 105<sup>th</sup> Street – some soft spots may need spot rocking.

- 16. 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue – the following were noted:
  - a. Culvert about ¼ mile north of Scrabek’s driveway is deteriorating; we will need to keep an eye on it;
  - b. Sign down on NE corner of Plum Creek bridge needs to be reinstalled.
- 17. Plum Creek Road – the following were noted:
  - a. Looked at cleaning out ditch near Johnson’s driveway to help reduce water running over road;
  - b. Some filling of west ditch between Johnson and Thomforde may need to be cleaned out to keep water from running over road during rains.
- 18. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue – ditch on west side may need cleaning to keep water off road.
- 19. 90<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues. New road end signs have been installed.
- 20. 75<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues. Due for rocking this year.
- 21. Genoa - the following were noted:
  - a. Mechanic Street and Pearl Avenue need some additional crushed asphalt;
  - b. Brush blocking Stop sign on Pearl Avenue has been nicely trimmed;
  - c. Brush north of Mechanic Street needs trimming.
- 22. Genoa Road– culvert is deteriorating and has caused a hold in the shoulder; we will need to keep an eye on it. Kalmar Township wants to install some fire signs in New Haven Township ROW, which should not be a problem.
- 23. Douglas - the following were noted:
  - a. Brush partially blocking Stop sign on Salley Street needs to be trimmed;
  - b. Roads need additional crushed asphalt.

**Adjournment:** After returning to the town hall, Andrist made a motion to adjourn the meeting at about 11:10 AM, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0. A total of about 52 miles were covered during this road inspection.

Approved by the Board,

Attest,

Date:

Date:

Dennis Beyer – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk



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## **Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for New Haven Township Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017**

- 1. Call to Order:** The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for New Haven Township was called to order at about 9:30 AM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisors Mary Andrist and Brian Hervey also present. Certification requirements were met with Andrist and Hervey both being training certified. In attendance from the Olmsted County Assessor's Office were Julie Hackman – Assistant Director, and Ryan Kraft – Senior Appraiser. Clerk Dale Thomforde took a record of the minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to address appeals of the 2017 assessment valuations and classification for taxes payable in 2018.
- 2. Appeals:** None.
- 3. Adjournment:** With no further business before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, Chair Beyer adjourned the meeting at about 10:00 AM.

Approved by the Board,

Attest,

Date:

Date:

Dennis Beyer – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk

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## **Special Town Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2017**

**1. Call to Order:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 2:30 PM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Mary Andrist and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Road-Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood, and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

**2. Meeting Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting, as posted in the meeting notice, is to address an agreement and concerns regarding Co Hwy 5 Connection – 125th Street NW and the transfer of Co Rd 113 to New Haven Township.

**3. Olmsted County Attendees:**

- Michael Sheehan - County Public Works Director
- Scott Holmes - County Construction/Traffic Supervisor

**4. Discussion:**

Michael Sheehan reviewed the meeting minutes from the joint road inspection conducted on May 17, 2017, with County personnel, Road Supervisor Denny Beyer, and Mike Wood. (See attached copy of the County draft meeting minutes.)

Chair Beyer proposed an alternative to transfer 125th Street NW to the County during construction and transfer it back to the Township when construction is completed.

Hervey stated he would like to delay the transfer of Co Rd 113 to New Haven Township. Mr. Sheehan said he proposed transferring it now so it could be added to the township mileage in 2017 and the County would make the annual payments to the Township for 2-years maintenance. The County would like to settle Co Rd 113 now. Mr. Sheehan stated there were no plans at the County level to transfer additional roads to the Township, unless there are some the Township would like to take over.

Beyer asked if there were any plans to close New Haven Road during the construction. Mr. Sheehan said that would be discussed at the pre-construction conference with the contractor. The Township could close the road for the construction, if they wish.

Thomforde asked if the Township could get the trail crossing signs on 125th Street NW since they won't be needed with the new road. Mr. Sheehan suggested the Township pull the signs they want to keep.

Co Rd 113 will be redesignated 110 Ave NW for the N/S sections and 100 St NW for the E/W section.

Andrist moved to agree with the proposed concepts as long as it includes the County taking 125th St NW during the construction, and the transfer of Co Rd 113 to the Township. The motion was seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

July 1, 2017, was discussed as a tentative turnover date. Mr. Sheehan will get an updated draft agreement to the Township Clerk so it can reviewed by the Township attorney before the next regular Town Board meeting on June 13.

**5. Adjournment:** With no further business before the Board, Chair Beyer adjourned the meeting at about 3:07 PM.

Approved by the Board,  
Date:

Attest,  
Date:

Mary Andrist – Vice Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk

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## **Special Town Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2017**

**1. Call to Order:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 8:00 AM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Mary Andrist and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Road-Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

**2. Consider alternatives to improve safety on New Haven Road NW north of the intersection with 125th Street NW / Co Rd 5 extension:**

Chair Beyer said the Board found out a resolution is required to close a road, not just a motion. Beyer found a couple of other things to consider. If the road is closed, the people living on the road may not get mail or newspaper delivery. First responder and fire department times will be down. Delivery trucks will have to make two trips. Grading and roadwork will take a little longer. Law enforcement times will be longer. These are just a couple of things to think about.

Hervey said he received a report from Tom Berg that there was an accident last night by his farm, where a kid coming from the high school slid off the road and hit a tractor near where his daughter was welding. The kid said he wasn't even aware of the 125th Street access. Tony Olson told him that school maintenance trucks aren't using the road any more. Hervey would like to have signs and a gate installed and if it doesn't work, the town board will have to close the gates.

Andrist said we are very fortunate that we have not had a major accident on the road. She said it is a very dangerous road and she is for closing the road for safety. It can be revisited at any time.

Clerk Thomforde did a 2-hour morning traffic study on Wednesday September 13. The traffic report included in the handout packet shows the number of vehicles entering and exiting the intersection of 125th Street and New Haven Road. This 2-hour study showed 79 vehicles using New Haven Road, north of 125th Street. The section of 125th Street to the school had a total of 308 vehicles. Also included in the handout packet was an estimate of the cost to chloride New Haven Road north of 125th Street to the City. Some 'local traffic only' signs have been ordered to put on barricades

Jim Bier, Olmsted County Fifth District Commissioner, said when he was on the Kalmar Town Board, they had similar problems when Byron built a school on a township road. He asked that the road not be closed and to work another month to chloride the road and to try to get the traffic rerouted. He understands it is a safety issue.

Tammy Berg, Pine Island Public Schools Superintendent, said she gets it that all the traffic on the road is a pain to the families living on the road. They have been working to keep

the busses off the road but haven't been working with families to reroute them. That is something they will do. She asked if something like speed bumps would be an option? She said the school wants to be a good neighbor and will respect any decision of the Township.

Mark Thein, Olmsted County Seventh District Commissioner, asked the Town Board not to close the road. He said there are three issues, speed, dust, and volume. Controlling dust has been discussed. Speed bumps would slow down speeds and make the road less attractive, while still allowing emergency traffic between the school and the town.

David Todd, City Administrator for the City of Pine Island, said he was representing the City Council which formally objects to the closing of New Haven Road. He said he thought some implementations could be done without jumping to a road closing. He hasn't seen any signage and other things that can be done to engage the general public. Having worked as an emergency responder, they always want as many avenues as possible to respond to an emergency and asked the Town Board to seriously sit down and consider all options before closing the road.

Bill Frame (13218 New Haven Road) said he has seen the higher volume of traffic. He said he doesn't understand the safety issue. They aren't happy with all the dust, but he will contend that they get more than anybody else. He wanted to go on record that he is not in favor of the road closure.

Dean Kukson (12883 New Haven Road) said the road closure is a big step to take as a first step. With harvest season coming, a lot of trucks will be using that road that probably do not want to go out to Co Rd 3. He said chloride and signage may be smaller steps to try first. He added that if that doesn't work, the road may need to be closed.

Kerry Hayden, Pine Island Public Schools School Board, said he would like to see alternate methods tried first before the drastic measure of closing the road.

Beyer asked and the County, School, and City confirmed that they would be willing to help with the cost of chloriding the road. Hervey said chloride helps but makes the road icy during the winter. He would like to see the traffic reduced, possibly through signage. Tammy Berg said she will send out an alert to all the families to try to reduce the traffic. Thomforde said he didn't think speed bumps were an option on a 55 MPH road. Possibly stop signs could be installed on the road at the two Douglas Trail crossings to help slow down the traffic.

Beyer said New Haven Road will be reviewed during the road inspection. He said anyone wanting to join the road inspection is welcome to come along. Hervey made a motion to table the issue on how to handle New Haven Road until 12:00 noon, after the road inspection, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

### **3. Conduct the fall road inspection:**

Chair Denny Beyer, Supervisor Mary Andrist, Supervisor Brian Hervey, Road Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood, and Clerk Dale Thomforde went on the road inspection. Beyer drove his minivan for this road inspection of about 47 miles.

**The following items were observed (in order of inspection):**

1. 91<sup>st</sup> Street – no issues.
2. 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue – some overhanging trees on east side need to be trimmed back.
3. East 85<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
4. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue – culvert marker knocked down on triple culvert needs to be reinstalled.
5. New Haven Road – no issues.
6. Old Co Rd 113 – working on cleaning culverts and removing trees in Right-of-Way (ROW).
7. 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Brogan electric fence in ROW prevented full ditch mowing.
8. 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue – tree at 9248 is overhanging road and needs to be removed. There is some washout on the north side of the road on the hill.
9. Genoa - trees overhanging Mechanic Street.
10. Genoa Road - some overhanging trees.
11. Douglas – no issues.
12. 120<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
13. West Center Street – no issues.
14. 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue – no issues.
15. 117<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
16. 115<sup>th</sup> Street – no issues.
17. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue – ditch on west side down from Pressnall's will be cleaned out.
18. Plum Creek Road – consider adding fill on steep bank at intersection with CR 105.

**4. Reconvene consideration of alternatives to improve safety on New Haven Road:**

Chair Denny Beyer reconvened the meeting at the Town Hall at 12:00 noon after the road inspection. Beyer asked Hervey to review what was discussed about New Haven Road. Hervey explained that everyone would do their best to reduce the traffic. School families should be notified. Road closed signs and a gate will be installed. The road will be officially closed, but the gate will be left open at this time. The situation will be reviewed again at the October 10 regular Town Board meeting, and the Board will determine at that time whether to leave the gate open, or close it. Hopefully notices to families and signage will solve the traffic problem. Andrist read *Resolution Temporarily Closing New Haven Road NW North Of The Intersection With 125th Street Nw/ Co Rd 5 Extension #2017-14*. Hervey made a resolution to adopt the resolution, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

**5. Adjournment:** With no further business before the Board, Chair Beyer adjourned the meeting at about 12:06 PM.

Approved by the Board,  
Date:

Attest,  
Date:

Denny Beyer – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk

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## **Town Board Public Hearing Minutes September 26, 2017**

**1. Call to Order:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a special meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 6:30 PM by Chair Denny Beyer. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Mary Andrist and Supervisor Brian Hervey also present. Also in attendance were Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust and Clerk Dale Thomforde.

### **2. Zoning change public hearing:**

Chair Beyer opened the public hearing regarding a zoning change request by Dan and Paula Jewell, 13237 New Haven Road NW, Pine Island MN 55963. The request is to change the zoning from A2 to RA, to allow a 10 acre parcel to be split into two 5 acre parcels to allow a second home to be built. Beyer asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the zoning change.

Dan Jewell, applicant, said he looks forward to having his son and grandsons move closer with all of the resulting benefits. His son would be the sixth generation, with his sons being the seventh generation to live on the property.

Nick Jewell (1618 21st Ave NE, Rochester) said he has two boys in the Pine Island Public Schools and two boys in daycare in Pine Island. He has worked for in Pine Island for 16 years and he and his wife look forward to moving to the community.

Chair Beyer asked 3 more times if anyone else would like to speak in favor of the zoning change. No one came forward.

Chair Beyer asked 3 times if anyone else would like to speak against the zoning change. No one came forward.

Chair Beyer asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Tim Tarara (13301 New Haven Road) asked how the land would be split and where the driveway would be located? Ann Fahy-Gust explained the zoning change request would allow the 10 acres to be split into two five acre parcels, since under current A2 zoning, it could not be split. The driveways will be on the existing 10 acre parcel.

Chair Beyer clarified that even if the Township approved the rezoning, the County has the final say on any rezoning. Fahy-Gust was asked to give her evaluation of the rezoning application.

Fahy-Gust submitted a written evaluation of the rezoning application, which she reviewed. She reported Olmsted County raised no objection to this rezoning and split and feels it fits within the township ordinances. She recommended approval of this rezoning to RA and subsequent split because it does not substantially change the rural integrity of the current land use.



Hervey moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

**3. Town Board review:**

Andrist said she agreed with Fahy-Gust's very thorough evaluation and findings.

Hervey moved to approve the zoning change, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

**4. Adjournment:**

Hervey moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 PM.

Approved by the Board,  
Date:

Attest,  
Date:

Denny Beyer – Chair  
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk