

New Haven Township

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Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2020

1. Call to Order:

A regular-monthly meeting of the New Haven Town Board was called to order at about 6:50 PM by Chair Mary Andrist. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Dennis Beyer and Supervisor Brian Hervey joining the meeting by telephone. Clerk Dale Thomforde was present at the Town Hall. Also in attendance by telephone were Treasurer Robert Figy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust, and Road-Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood.

After several unsuccessful attempts to set up a conference call with all interested persons, Andrist made a motion to recess the meeting, and to reconvene the Town Board meeting at the Town Hall at 7:30 PM. Social distancing will be maintained at the Town Hall. All interested persons were notified they could attend the meeting at the Town Hall, or be connected by telephone. The motion was seconded by Beyer. The roll call vote was Beyer - aye, Hervey - aye, and Andrist - aye,. The motion carried 3-0.

2. Meeting Reconvened at the Town Hall:

Chair Mary Andrist reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at the Town Hall at about 7:30 PM. Quorum requirements were met with Supervisor Brian Hervey and Supervisor Denny Beyer also present. Also in attendance were Treasurer Bob Figy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Ann Fahy-Gust, Road-Maintenance Contractor Mike Wood, and Clerk Dale Thomforde. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chair Andrist thanked all meeting attendees for their patience after the failed teleconference attempt.

3. Set Meeting Agenda and Order:

Hervey moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Public Hearing – Consider A2 to RA Rezoning Request by Bernards and Waterman, to achieve 2 building lots on 34 acres, Parcel #853512080435, Section 35

Josh Bernards and Scott Waterman have applied for a rezoning of Parcel #853512080435 with a goal to achieve 2 building lot on the 34 acres. Andrist opened the public hearing and asked Ann Fahy-Gust read the notice that had been published and mailed. Andrist asked if anyone would like to speak for approving the rezoning request. Andrist read 3 comments received via email speaking favoring approval of the rezoning request:

- 1) Patty and Steve Eckdahl (8018 75 Ave NW) said they are in support of the rezoning of the property north of their property. It is really too small for conventional agricultural practices of today. They are acquainted with the person making the request, who has already talked about conservation efforts and have no concerns regarding his intentions.

- 2) Ron and Paula Breid (8305 75 Ave NW) have no issues with the split of the property. From what they have heard, the owners will be an asset to the neighborhood.
- 3) Wendell and Judy Zwart (8383 75 Ave NW) said no problem is foreseen in the rezone. They are sure they will be good neighbors. It also will increase our tax base which will help all of us.

Andrist asked 3 more times if anyone would like to speak for the rezoning request. There were no additional takers.

Andrist asked if anyone would like to speak against the rezoning request.

Andrist received a phone call from Nancy Salvo (8745 75 Ave NW) and she said she is against the split due to a concern about the wetlands.

Dan Kohlmeyer (8511 Co Rd 3 NW) said he is against the rezoning, and doesn't see why it just shouldn't be a variance request. Changing the zoning to RA would open rezoning to other parcels in the area. Andrist asked Fahy-Gust to address this issue. Fahy-Gust said other options were considered by the Planning Advisory Commission, and they felt the proper way to keep everything under the ordinance would be to do a rezoning.

Matthew Coy (8720 75 Ave NW) said he owns the property north of the subject parcel. He is concerned where exactly the houses would be built. He is also concerned about the wetlands and the drainage filling in their pond with sediment. It will cost an estimated \$40,000-\$50,000 to clean the sediment out of the pond and additional housing could make it worse. Mr. Coy was also concerned if more than 2 houses could be built on the property after rezoning.

Andrist asked 3 more times if anyone would like to speak against the rezoning request. There were no additional takers.

Andrist asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the rezoning request.

Josh Bernards (817 2nd Ave NE), co-applicant, said they purchased the land for privacy and safety of their children. He is a conservationist and they are also concerned about sediment. They are a couple of young families looking for some solitude and privacy in a good community.

Andrist asked 2 more times if anyone would like to speak for or against the rezoning request. There were no additional takers.

Andrist asked Ann Fahy-Gust to give her recommendation (copy available). Fahy-Gust provided her recommendation in written form, along with the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Commission, both recommending approval.

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

Andrist asked for a discussion. Beyer asked how many buildable sites would there be on the 34 acres? Fahy-Gust said they are requesting 2 buildable lots. Two houses would be the best use of land. She said there are not 3 buildable sites on the property. Beyer said he doesn't like the precedent it would set. Hervey said that since it is not really farmland, we are not setting a precedent. Beyer said it is good pasture land.

Hervey moved to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Andrist. Andrist and Hervey voted in favor, Beyer voted against the zoning change. The motion carried 2-1.

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

5. Public Comment Time (including written comments):

A written comment was received from James and Ederlina Hedlund (9451 105th St NW) requesting suspension of road grading after chloride application be continued this year since it worked so well last year.

6. Consent Agenda:

Beyer moved to approve the April 14 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as written, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

Hervey moved to approve the April 15 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes as written, seconded by Beyer. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

7. Chloride dust-mitigation plans

Fahy-Gust submitted a proposal for postcards, with patrons mailing in checks this year due to the COVID-19 situation. She offered to ride in the truck. Thomforde got 4 quotes. Beyer made a motion to go with calcium chloride from Northern Salt again this year, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0. The patron shared cost comes out to \$99 for the first 300 feet, and \$66 for each additional 100 feet. The target date for application is June 8.

New Business

8. Yanish land splits: Fahy-Gust said she has been working with Yanish Family Farms to split 3 parcels with 35/5 acre splits providing 6 building site parcels. A packet was provided (copy available). Road plans were provided. These will remain private roads and will not become Township roads. The Board saw no problems with the proposed plans and Fahy-Gust will proceed with the splits.

9. Town Hall gutter repairs: The gutters are hanging down from ice damage, and dump water on the front door sidewalk. The Board authorized Thomforde to get some quotes to repair.

10. Street sign thefts:

The 69th Ave street sign keeps getting stolen, twice this year. The last time they used a cutoff saw and removed the post since it was bolted securely. For now, it will not be replaced.

11. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Figy presented a written treasurer’s report detailing all receipts and debits for April 2020. The April month-ending balances were:

Checking Account	\$6,738.53
Money Market Deposit Account (MMDA)	\$109,752.58
Pine Island Bank CD 04-15-2022 2.58%	\$105,859.96
Pine Island Bank CD 11-27-2020 2.68%	\$204,364.63
Less Outstanding Check #4179	\$56.25
Total Balance	\$426,659.45

Beyer moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

12. Review and Pay Bills:

Clerk Thomforde presented a CTAS Schedule 1 showing the balances in each of the township funds (General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, etc.), with a total matching the total balance presented by the Treasurer. The funds in the red should all be in the black after the July deposit of the first half property taxes.

All claims received through May 14 were presented for payment consideration to the Board of Supervisors. Claims totaling \$6,056.61, plus payroll, were submitted for approval. The claims include \$3,740.50 for snow removal and road maintenance.

The final payroll number paid in April, including PERA (Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association), was \$4,491.46.

Hervey made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

13. Road Maintenance Report:

Mr. Wood reported that they are going to start rocking the roads on Friday, and will continue on Saturday, with approval. Mike needs another flagman for rocking, and Thomforde will be helping out, thus saving the Township some labor costs. He is also working on cleaning ditches on 85th St. The 69th Ave turnaround will be added to the agenda for next month.

14. Planning & Zoning Report

Fahy-Gust submitted a written report for review (attached). There was one addition. Dan Jystad would like to move his house onto higher CER land. This will require a variance.

Rick Renner was present at the meeting and requested a temporary permit extension to continue work on two gravel pits along Co Rd 3. After some discussion, Beyer made a motion to give him a onetime 6-month extension on the temporary permit to November 9, 2020, seconded by Hervey. The motion carried 3-0.

15. Miscellaneous Mail Etc. – Clerk:

Thomforde reported that he filed a claim for the Township with the State for reimbursement for the Presidential Nomination Primary for \$1,625.42.

16. Adjournment: With no further business before the Board, Chair Andrist adjourned the meeting at about 8:42 PM.

Approved by the Board,
Date:

Attest,
Date:

[Signed copy on file]

[Signed copy on file]

Mary Andrist – Chair
For the New Haven Town Board

Dale J. Thomforde
New Haven Township Clerk

April Report for Planning and Zoning New Haven Township

1. Chloride proposed postcard for discussion – attached
2. Fielded lots of property questions, what can I do if I buy/ split/combine this property etc.
3. Attended board of equalization meeting
4. PAC meeting 4/20 – minutes attached
5. Yanish family farm split information
6. Friese split, Pierce split, Waterman split/ rezone
7. Completed Hoberg CUP
8. Building permits – 3- garage, shed, deck
9. Burning permits, however, told all that there was a ban on now and they could not burn, but because our permits are good for a year I thought I could get them done now rather than in the summer when I'm trying to make beer.

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of March, 2020 statement

5684.77

Income Checking Account

4-1-20 Land Split - Burn Permits - Land Rent	5833.00
4-8-20 Land Split - Burn Permits	530.00
4-29-20 3 Land Splits - Burn Permits	1595.00
4-15-20 Online Banking Transfer From M M O A	11,000.00
4-30-20 Interest	.10

Total Deposits

18958.10

Debits

4167 Ginger Roberts Carson (Election Judge-Training)	232.50	
4169 Michael Wood LLC (Snow Removal-Grading-Cleanup)	2780.50	
4170 Forum Comm Co. (Legal Notices)	75.35	
4171 Olmsted County PRL (Property Taxes)	1354.00	
4172 Center Grove Cemetery (Cemetery Appropriation)	2500.00	
4173 Othello Cemetery (Cemetery Appropriation)	2500.00	
4174 St. Michaels Cemetery (Cemetery Appropriation)	2500.00	
4175 Paulson Rock Products (Road Rock)	104.10	
4176 Hemann Grover & Co. LTD (Pay roll)	115.00	
4177 Ag Partners Coop (Propane)	182.49	
4178 Mary J. Andrisc (Reimbursement PNP Election Judge Food)	39.72	
4180 Dale J. Thom Forde (Reimbursement -Supplies)	157.09	
4181 Dennis L. Beyer (Reimbursement Annual Mtg Treat)	46.20	
20478 Wages 385.80	20479 Wages 723.14	20480 Wages 577.19
20481 Wages 1025.08	20482 Wages 720.64	20483 Wages 766.38
4-8-20 Post purchase USPS 1.60	4-10 Rev comm 77.42	
4-15 IRS Tax pmt 535.66	4-17 GoDaddy 8.99	
4-24 Culligan 41.95		
4-27 People's Energy Coop		159.61
4-24 PERA 78.23	4-24 PERA 165.00	

Total Debits

17,904.34

New Ending Balance of April, 2020 statement

6738.53

