

New Haven Township

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Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chair Dale Thomforde at 6:30 PM. Also present were Supervisor David Andrist and Supervisor Ann Fahy-Gust to constitute a quorum. Treasurer Robert Figy and Clerk Donna Beyer were also present.

Set Agenda and Order – Thomforde asked that the town hall appraisal be added to new business. Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the agenda and order as amended. Motion seconded by Thomforde and carried 3-0.

Comments from the Chair – Thomforde stated that he was “happy to see a good turnout, and that the chloride was done.”

Edge Construction – Discuss placing of clean fill in pit. Steve Jech from Edge Construction asked to be able to place clean fill in the New Haven Township pit. Following discussion, Fahy-Gust made a motion to allow Edge Construction to have a key to the pit to place clean fill in a separate location from the area where Olmsted Aggregate is placing fill. Motion seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda – Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the May 9 regular meeting minutes and the May 23 Special Meeting minutes as written. Motion seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Public Comments – No one voiced any comments or concerns.

Old Business – Discuss town hall rental situation with Zumbro Valley Woodturners Club and Island Riders Saddle Club. John Meyers and Lynette Richards from the Woodturners Club were present. Discussion occurred regarding the keeping of equipment in the town hall and the rental agreement between the Township and the Club which uses the hall each month year-round. Following discussion, Fahy-Gust made a motion that the Zumbro Valley Woodturners Club be allowed to keep their equipment at the Town Hall and pay the rental fee of \$75 each time they use the hall. Andrist seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Carla Brunsvold was present to represent the Island Riders Saddle Club which uses the hall during the winter months. Discussion occurred regarding the agreement between the Club and the Township. No one knows the agreement from the past. Following discussion, Andrist made a motion that the Island Riders Saddle Club also pay the rate of \$75 per use. Motion seconded by Fahy-Gust and carried 3-0.

Furnace Replacement Update – Beyer stated that the plan is for K & S Plumbing and Heating to install the new furnace on June 15. They want payment at the time of the installation. Beyer will open the hall.

New Business:

110th Avenue – Keith Maxson stated that they are hauling fill to his property currently and that he applied additional chloride to 110th Avenue between Fangman’s hill and Rucker’s place. He is also planning to spray water on the road as needed for dust control. He has talked to several residents along the road who have no problem with the situation.

Discuss Olmsted County Floodplain-Shoreland Ordinance – Roger Ihrke, Township Cooperative Planning Association (TCPA), was present and gave an overview of the project. TCPA, Olmsted County Planning and the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR) have been working to develop the floodplain/shoreland plan for Olmsted County. The ordinance will become effective on September 21, 2023. Under the plan, TCPA will serve as a mediator between township residents and the County; residents will be able to go to TCPA and TCPA will work between the County and the residents. New maps of the waterways have been developed for the County including New Haven Township. These maps will be available for viewing at the TCPA office on June 28, 2023. The ordinance states that all townships are covered under the ordinance, but the township needs to determine whether to accept the County Ordinance or develop their own floodplain/shoreline ordinances. Either way, TCPA will work with the township to update current planning and zoning ordinances that include flood plain areas. This will be reviewed and discussed at the July meeting.

Consider waiving the fee for February GOP caucus meeting – Discussion occurred. It was decided to charge the usual rate of \$75 for the GOP caucus.

Review quotes for repair of Main Street in Genoa – The Board reviewed the quote from Durst Outdoor Services. Andrist stated that he also received a quote from Rochester Sweeping but no hard copy of the quote was available to review. It was decided to table the issue until the July meeting. Andrist will obtain hard copies of the quotes.

Discuss repairs of office windows – There are three panes in the office that have lost their seals. Thomforde spoke with Ford Metro Glass regarding replacing windowpanes. The cost for replacement of panes would be about \$150 per pane plus \$50/hour for labor. Fahy-Gust questioned whether it might be better to replace the whole window assembly rather than replace panes, since these are 20 years old. The issue was tabled until July with a plan to check on cost for replacement of windows.

TCPA Meeting Recap – Fahy-Gust reported on the May TCPA meeting. Roger Ihrke’s last day is the beginning of July. Discussion occurred at the meeting regarding retirement party for Ihrke as well as how Dave and Jared plan to divide work.

OCTOA (Olmsted County Township Officer’s Association) Meeting Recap – Thomforde, Fahy-Gust and Beyer attended the meeting in Eyota. Beyer reported on some of the road construction that is occurring in the county. County Road 4 is to reopen at the end of June, they are still working on 60th Avenue. They are planning for a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 63 and 18th Avenue to occur in 2024 or 2025. Thomforde mentioned the resurfacing of 100th St., the condemnation of the grandstand on the fairgrounds and the recap of the legislative session. Fahy-Gust mentioned that the county is no longer picking up dead deer due to chronic wasting disease. Deer should be pushed into the ditch and left.

Chloride dust mitigation recap – Thomforde reported that chloride was applied on June 5th and 6th. He presented a summary of the chloride application. Eighty-five patrons purchased chloride with 23

purchasing additional chloride beyond the normal 300 feet. There are 32.11 miles of road in the township, with chloride applied to 17.4% of the roads. Twelve thousand gallons of chloride was applied at a cost of \$14,352.00. Approximately \$300 was spent on administrative costs for a total of \$14,651.96 or about \$0.50 per linear foot with a net cost to the township of \$3,563.96. Discussion occurred regarding chloride application to intersections in future years.

Road Report – Mike Wood, road maintenance contractor, reported that rocking is done, he has completed the work on the culvert and ditches in Genoa. He plans to start mowing roadsides. Will also be working on clearing overhanging trees on 69th Avenue and 91st Street. On 105th St there is a culvert under the road that is smaller than the nearby culvert on resident’s driveway. If there is a problem with water overflowing, the culvert may need to be replaced. Thomforde mentioned that there were some trees in the culvert on 88th Avenue that need to be removed.

Treasurer’s Report – Figy gave a detailed report of banking transactions during May. Balances at the end of May were:

Frandsen Bank:

Checking account	\$ 14,723.09
Money Market Account	\$160,794.41
CD 9 MO 3.85% 1/15/2024	\$100,000.00

LPL Investments:

Bank of the Ozarks 4.55% 12/23/2023	\$100,000.00
Beal Bank USA, Las Vegas 4.6% 12/27/2023	\$100,000.00

Total Deposits **\$475,517.50**

Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Review/Pay bills – Beyer presented Schedule I which concurred with the treasurer’s report. It was noted that ARPA funds covered the cost of rock used this year with approximately \$1000 left for use next year. Bills were presented for \$163,454.59 which included over \$66,000 for rock, \$55,684 for fire district association dues, \$14,352 for chloride, and \$20,149 for road maintenance. Thomforde made a motion to approve/pay all bills, motion seconded by Andrist, and carried 3-0.

Town Hall Appraisal – The town hall is currently insured for \$700,000 but replacement cost is \$784,162. After some discussion, this was tabled until the July meeting.

Mail/Miscellaneous – Xcel Energy is planning to run a transmission line from Mankato to the Mississippi River. It appears that one plan would be to run the line near 85th Street. Thomforde will look further into the issue.

Per Minnesota Demographic Center, in 2021 the township had 1316 residents and 500 households.

Center Grove Cemetery Board sent a thank you letter for the monies received to assist in cemetery maintenance.

Olmsted County Hazard Mitigation Update – This is required every 5 years and all townships need to contribute to the update. Further information should be coming shortly

Beyer contacted Logen Tjossem regarding obtaining a map of the area that was recently annexed into Pine Island. When the map becomes available, he will send the map.

Mike Wood noted that he cleaned up debris from a burned car on 85th Street West that he found when doing other work in the area. He was not notified of this nor were any of the supervisors. Fahy-Gust will follow up on this with the fire association.

Adjournment – With no other business before the Board, Andrist made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Fahy-Gust. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Approved by the Board,

Attest:

Date:

Date:

(Signed copy on file)

Dale Thomforde, Chair

Donna Beyer

For the New Haven Town Board

New Haven Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of April, 2023 statement

3924.07

Income Checking Account

5/10 Online Transfer From MMDA	5000.00
5/31 Interest	.20
Paper Statement Refund	5.00
5/10 thru 5-26 (Chloride) + (Misc)	11477.20

Total Deposits

16482.20

Debits

4539 Ginger Roberts-Carson (Election Judge)	90.00
4540 Olmsted Co. PRL (Property Tax)	2632.00
4541 Adam's Pest Control	44.42
4542 Hemann Grover & Co. LTD (Payroll)	135.00
4543 Dale J. Thomforde (Flag - Misc)	131.71
4544 David A. Andrisc (Mileage)	50.90
20620 Wages	438.66
20621 Wages	577.19
20622 Wages	900.41
20623 Wages	392.49
BevCom M	77.79
Culligan	47.95
PEE Electric	159.66
Paper Statement Fee	5.00

Total Debits

5683.18

New Ending Balance of May, 2023 statement

14,723.09

