

New Haven Township

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Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

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

Set Agenda and Order – Andrist made a motion to approve the agenda and order as written. The motion was seconded by Fahy-Gust and carried 3-0.

Comments from the Chair – “It would be nice to get some rain one of these days, but otherwise things are going pretty good.”

Public Comments – Olmsted County Deputy Chad Miller presented information regarding incidents occurring in the township since the beginning of 2023. Due to computer issues, he was only able to get totals of incidents but not specific information regarding the incidents. There was one animal bite this year, but no township officers were notified of it. Deputy Miller will investigate the incident and forward any information to township officers. No burglaries were noted in the township. Three hundred nine incidents occurred in the township over the past 6 months, but most of those were traffic stops. Most of the drug paraphernalia charges were also related to traffic stops.

Consent Agenda – Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the June 13 regular minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Olmsted County Floodplain/Shoreline Ordinance – Discussion occurred regarding whether the township should approve use of the County’s zoning ordinances for floodplain and shoreline situations or update Township ordinances to meet Department of Natural Resources criteria. Following discussion, Fahy-Gust made a motion to adopt the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) maps and the new process by which it is handled by Olmsted County. The motion was seconded by Thomforde and carried 3-0.

Review quotes for repair of Main Street in Genoa – Quotes from Durst Outdoor Services and Rochester Sweeping Services for repair of potholes on Main Street, Genoa, were reviewed. Following discussion Thomforde made a motion to accept the quote from Rochester Sweeping Services. Motion seconded by Fahy-Gust and carried 3-0.

Review quotes for repair/replacement of Town Hall windows – A quote was obtained from Ryan Windows and Siding, Rochester, for Andersen Windows to replace the two south windows in the town hall. It would cost approximately \$3000 per window for replacement. In comparison, it would be about

\$150 per pane to repair the three panes that are no longer sealed. After discussion, Andrist made a motion to repair the panes. The motion was seconded by Fahy-Gust and carried 3-0.

New Business:

Review Town Hall evaluation/determine insurance coverage – Information from Minnesota Association of Township Insurance Trust was reviewed. Earlier this year, the Board increased coverage for the town hall to \$700,000. However, the valuation of the hall shows that replacement cost for the town hall would be \$784,162. Cost for the additional coverage to insure the town hall at full replacement cost coverage is \$116 per year. Following discussion, Andrist made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 – Resolution approving replacement cost coverage. Motion seconded by Fahy-Gust and carried 3-0.

Review potential routes for Xcel Energy – Mankato to Mississippi River transmission line – Thomforde presented information regarding the proposed transmission line. It is possible that a portion of the line will pass through New Haven Township, possibly along County Road 5 down to an area between 75th St and 85th Street, then across the Township to 60th Avenue. Discussion occurred and it was decided to place information regarding the route on Facebook so township residents could either contact Xcel Energy or Town Board members with any concerns.

Township Cooperative Planning Association Meeting Recap – Fahy-Gust was unable to attend but had minutes from the meeting. Discussion occurred at the meeting regarding the retirement of Roger Ihrke and a new 18-month contract with Dave and Jared. They are searching for a replacement for Dave Meir who wants to retire in a year or so.

Road Maintenance Report – Mike Wood, road maintenance contractor was unable to attend the meeting. The question was raised as to whether the Board should ask him to mow the field around the town hall and grade the driveway into the town hall. Andrist reported that spraying of roadside ditches was completed.

Treasurer’s Report – Figy gave a detailed report on the banking transactions for the month of June. Balances at the end of June were:

Frandsen Bank:

Checking account	\$ 3,293.52
Money Market account	\$ 109,878.27
CD 9 MO 3.85% 1/15/2024	\$ 100,000.00
Less outstanding check	\$ 50.00

LPL Investments:

Bank of the Ozarks 4.55% 12/23/2023	\$ 100,000.00
Beal Bank USA, Las Vegas 4.60% 12/27/2023	\$ 100,000.00
Total Deposits	\$ 413,121.79

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

Review/pay bills – Beyer presented Schedule 1 which concurred with the Treasurer’s report and showed a positive balance of all funds. Discussion occurred regarding prepayment of propane for the upcoming winter. Thomforde made a motion to approve prepayment of 1200 gallons of propane at \$1.64 per gallon. Andrist seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Fahy-Gust made a motion to pay all bills and the motion was seconded by Andrist. The motion carried 3-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous – People’s Energy Cooperative has applied for a temporary construction permit to place underground lines in Genoa along Main Street and Pearl Avenue.

The Olmsted County Township Officer’s Association meeting is July 27, 2023, at Cascade Town Hall.

The Rural Fire Association Meeting is July 26, 2023.

With no other business before the Board, Fahy-Gust made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Approved by the Board:

Attest:

Date: 8/8/2023

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(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 May, 2023 statement

14,723.09

Income Checking Account

6/6/23 Deposit (Chloride)	636.00
6/14 Online Transfer in From MMDA	153,333.00
6/30 Interest	.78
6/30 Statement Fee Refund	5.00

Total Deposits

153,974.78

Debits

4545 Fogarty's Outdoor Service LLC (Lawn Care)	126.00
4546 Bruening Rock Products Inc. (Road Rock)	66,180.07
4547 Stussy Const (Rock)	519.93
4548 Pine Island Fire Dept. (District Dues)	55,689.00
4549 Grimsrud Publishing Inc. (Public Notices)	58.39
4551 Karl Toft (PAC S/3)	50.00
4552 Kori Weis (PAC mtg)	50.00
4553 Leon Plante (PAC mtg)	50.00
4554 Chris Hawkins (PAC mtg)	50.00
4555 Jacob Wolfe (PAC mtg)	50.00
4556 Hemann Grover & Co. LTD Payroll	135.00
4557 Quality Propene & Dust Control (Chloride)	14,352.00
4558 K+S Heating (Furnace Replace)	542.00
4559 Donna Beyer Supplies- Mileage	199.34
4560 Michael Wood LLC (Road Maintenance)	20,149.12
4561 David Andrist (Mileage)	79.55
Wages 387.87 Wages 876.18 Wages 32322 Wages 392.99	
Bevcomm 77.79 Culligan 47.95	
PEC 15.45	
Paper statement fee 5.00	

Total Debits

165,404.35

New Ending Balance of June, 2023 statement

3293.52

