

New Haven Township

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Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

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

Set Meeting Agenda and Order – Andrist made a motion to approve the agenda and order as written. The motion was seconded by Thomforde and carried 2-0.

Comments from the Chair – “We did get a little rain last month but could use more. Otherwise, things have been quiet.”

Public Comments – Deputy Chad Miller was present and gave a report of activity within the township during the past month. Most activity was related to traffic stops. There were no animal bites this month, one animal complaint which was a wandering dog. The deputy was able to contact owners who came and picked up the animal. The animal bite complaint from last month’s report did not have a report completed. Deputy Miller is checking further into the situation.

Consent Agenda – Andrist made a motion to approve the July 11 regular monthly minutes as written. Motion seconded by Thomforde and carried 2-0.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – TCPA Meeting – Fahy-Gust provided a written report on the July meeting. Per her report, there was discussion related to a replacement for Dave Meir and the length of time required for training of the replacement. There was good feedback on Roger Ihrke’s retirement party. Financially, TCPA was in the red in July but should be the only month this occurs since the contract is now with two people rather than three.

OCTOA (Olmsted County Township Officers Association) Meeting Recap – Fahy-Gust, Thomforde and Beyer attended the meeting at the Cascade Township Hall on Thursday, July 27. Fahy-Gust provided a written report that changes to the marijuana law might create problems. She wondered if the township should consider a moratorium on home businesses becoming marijuana dispensaries. Beyer reported that the new county planning and zoning administrator is Dave Dunn who replaced Ben Johnson. She reported that Mark Ostrem, County Attorney discussed the issue of expunging records of people with previous charges of marijuana possession. Thomforde reported that the annual Minnesota Association of Townships is in St. Cloud, December 7-9. Sheriff Torgerson discussed the County Fair and the new marijuana law. Duane Quam also spoke on marijuana law. The next meeting is September 28, hosted by Dover and Rochester townships but it has not been determined where the meeting will be held.

Rural Fire Association Meeting Recap – Per Fahy-Gust’s written report, the tanker and pumper trucks will be advertised through the city’s website. There is a plan to move some Certificates of Deposits to receive a higher interest rate. The Association has paid Pine Island for their portion of costs. She questioned whether the township has a copy of the joint powers agreement and the contract. The Township has a copy of the joint powers agreement which was signed by the Township. It is unknown whether the Township has a signed copy of the contract with the City of Pine Island. Will need to investigate this further.

Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) District 1 Meeting Recap – Thomforde and Beyer attended the meeting in Witoka on Wednesday, August 2. The acoustics were poor, so it was difficult to hear the speakers. Jeff Krueger, MAT Executive Director spoke about the issue with some townships in Norman County and the scammed transfer of insurance monies. Heather Tidmore, MATIT (Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust) spoke about how the insurance program works and took responsibility for the loss of the insurance money. The new marijuana law was also mentioned. Rex Edge, District One Director, spoke of running a bus up to the legislature in February 2024 for Township days. L and R Day will be held via Zoom in September.

Olmsted County Public Hearing on Shoreline/Floodplain Ordinance Recap – Thomforde attended the public hearing. The county must adopt the ordinance to obtain FEMA insurance. Some land in New Haven will be added to the floodplain and residents affected will be notified of this.

Road Report – Mike Wood, road maintenance contractor, was not able to attend the meeting. Andrist reported that Mike had completed clearing overhanging trees on 69th Avenue. Andrist reported that Rochester Sweepings should be completing the work on Main Street in Genoa in the next week.

Treasurer’s Report – Figy gave a detailed report of banking transactions during the month of July.

Frandsen Bank:

Checking account	\$ 3,422.26
Money Market account	\$ 94,019.05
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 4.60% 12/27/2023	\$ 100,000.00
Total Deposits	\$ 397,441.31

Thomforde made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion seconded by Andrist and carried 2-0.

Review/Pay Bills – Beyer presented Schedule 1 for the end of July which concurred with the Treasurer’s report. All funds have a positive balance. Bills were presented totaling \$5,543.72 which included a bill for road maintenance of \$4,160.00. Thomforde made a motion to pay all bills, motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 2-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous

Town Aid Monies – The first half of Town Aid was received from the State recently. We also received notification of the money we should receive in 2024. This should be \$2,921, an increase of about \$237.

Main Street in Genoa – Beyer received a communication from Kurt Oelkers regarding the condition of the road which was shared with the Board. Discussion occurred. It was decided to continue with the plan to fill potholes this summer and reassess the situation next spring during road inspection.

Adjourn – With no further business before the Board, Andrist made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Thomforde and carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53.

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 June, 2023 statement

3293.52

Income

Checking Account

7/10/23 (Hall Rent)	300.00
7/20/23 (Hall Rent)	75.00
7/18/23 Online Transfer Banking IN From MMDA	17,250.00 .17
7/31/23 Interest	
7/31/23 Paper Statement Refund	5.00

Total Deposits

17630.17

Debits

4550 Barbara Allen (PAC MTA)	50.00
4562 Fogarty's Outdoor Service LLC (Lawn Care)	228.32
4563 Forum Comm Co. Legal Notices	16.70
4564 Dale Thomforde (Paint Supplies)	12.86
4565 Olmsted Co. Public Works (Culvert - Apron)	2781.60
4566 Northstar Property Solutions (Spray Row)	4770.00
4567 Hemann Grover & Co. LTD (Payroll)	135.00
4568 Admin's Pest Control	47.96
4569 Ag Partners (Propane)	1968.00
4570 Michael Wood LLC	3685.81
20628 Wages	253.76
20629 Wages	475.60
20630 Wages	1108.20
20631 Wages	253.96
Safe Deposit Box Pymt	25.00
Per Comm	77.80
JRS Tax Pymt	1377.80
Culligan	43.95
PEC	184.51
Paper Statement Fee	5.00

Total Debits

17,501.43

New Ending Balance of July, 2023 statement

3422.26

