

New Haven Township

OLMSTED COUNTY, MINNESOTA – EST. 1858

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Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

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

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 for the Chair – No comments.

Public Comments – Jim Hedlund, 9451 105th St, NW, Pine Island, questioned whether it would be possible to have chloride applied earlier in the spring. Discussion occurred. Difficulties of doing this include the usual road restrictions in the spring, need for rocking on some of the township roads each year, and coordination of the chloride, but the township will attempt to apply as early as possible.

Consent Agenda – Andrist made a motion to approve the August 8 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Thomforde and carried 2-0, with Fahy-Gust abstaining.

Old Business – None.

New Business – LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) In 2020, the Township applied for funding for Main Street/Exchange Avenue in Genoa, which was denied. The program is again available, however, the priority for funding is to roads with a history of crashes and high volumes of traffic. Following lengthy discussion, Fahy-Gust made a motion to not pursue an application for the program based on the need and cost of an engineering firm involvement in the process (cost was \$1,760.50 in 2020), the time needed to complete the application and the low likelihood of receiving funding. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Voter Account Funding – Beyer received a communication from Luke Turner, Olmsted County Elections Manager, that there is funding from the State available for election costs. Under this program, the township could receive \$75.65 each year but this would also require reporting how the allocation was spent. Following discussion, Fahy-Gust made a motion to forgo the reporting requirements and leave the money with the County since the County does maintain the equipment, provide ballots, etc. Andrist seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Beyer will communicate this information to Luke Turner.

Plan for Fall Road Inspection – Following discussion, it was decided that the Board would meet 8 AM at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 26 to conduct the fall road inspection.

TCPA Board Meeting Recap – Fahy-Gust reported that TCPA moved some monies around to obtain better interest rates on investments. They are looking for a replacement for retiring Dave Meir along with trying to determine the length of training needed for the new employee. Discussion occurred regarding the Olmsted County Shoreland/Floodplain Ordinance. There has been a decline in the applications for permits in general.

Road Report – Mike Wood, road maintenance contractor, was present and stated that mowing of roadside ditches was complete. While mowing he noted several concerns. One, that signposts on New Haven Road that were placed by Pine Island are still present, although the signs have been removed. Fahy-Gust will follow up on this. He also noted some roads with overhanging trees and a concern on 86th Avenue. These will be addressed at the Road Inspection meeting. He requested the purchase of salt for use on the roads during the winter. The Board gave Mike the authority to purchase the salt and gravel needed for the winter.

Treasurer’s Report – Figy gave a detailed report of the financial transactions for August. Balances at the beginning of September were:

Frandsen Bank:

Checking account	\$ 4,323.85
Money Market	\$ 88,207.46
CD	\$100,000.00

LPL Investments:

Bank of Las Vegas:	\$100,000.00
Bank of the Ozarks:	\$100,000.00

Total \$392,531.31

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. Bills totaling \$15,194.74 were presented. This included \$9,590 for road maintenance, primarily mowing, \$4,000 for road repairs on Main Street/Exchange Avenue in Genoa and \$500 for repair of windows in the town hall that had lost their seals. Andrist made a motion to pay all bills. The motion was seconded by Thomforde and carried 3-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous – Beyer received a letter from Couri and Ruppe stating that fees would be increasing effective January 1, 2024, to \$265.00 per hour for legal work and \$290.00 per hour for development work.

Beyer received a phone call from Cheryl Simpson that the Sodbuster 4-H Club had received a gift of money from the family of a former Club member and wondered if there was something the township could use. Discussion occurred. It was suggested that perhaps they could do something for the cemeteries in the township or help the Pine Island or Oronoco Area Seniors programs.

Thomforde mentioned there is Rochester School referendum this November, wondering if the township would need to appoint election judges for this. Beyer stated that she had not heard anything related to this. Beyer will follow up with Luke Turner, Election Manager regarding this.

With no other business before the Board, Fahy-Gust made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned by Chair Thomforde at 8:02 PM.

Approved by the Board,

Signed:

Attest:

(Signed copy on file)

Date:

Date:

Dale Thomforde, Chair

Donna Beyer

For the New Haven Town Board

Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of July, 2023 statement

3422.26

Income Checking Account

8/3	Temp Permit-Proline - PEC	2115.20
8/25	Hall Rent	200.00
8/9	Online Transfer from MMOA	6000.00
8/31	Interest	.18
8/31	Paper Statement Fee Refund	5.00

Total Deposits

8320.38

Debits

4571	Elmer Stock (Gopher Bounty)	40.00
4572	Dale J. Thorpe (File Sign Mileage)	63.14
4573	Michael Wood LLC (Road Maintenance)	4160.00
4574	Hemann Grover & Co. LTD (Payroll)	135.00
4575	Fogarty's Outdoor Service LLC (Lawn Care)	120.00
4576	Gopher Septic Service INC. (Septic Pumping)	225.00
4577	MATT (Ins. Premium)	115.00
4578	Ann-Fahy Gast (Mileage)	78.86
4579	Ag Partners Coop (Summer Fall)	289.00
20632	Wages	253.96
20633	Wages	507.92
20634	Wages	784.97
20635	Wages	323.22
	Rev Comm	77.80
	Culligan	47.95
	PEC	191.97
	Paper Statement Fee	5.00

Total Debits

7418.79

New Ending Balance of August, 2023 statement

4323.85

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of July, 2023 statement

94,019.05

Income

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8/01 Olmsted County	150.31
8/31 Interest	38.10

Total Deposits

188.41

Debits

8/09 Online Banking Transfer out to Checking Account	6000.00

Total Debits

6000.00

New Ending Balance of August, 2023 statement

8820.46