

New Haven Township

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Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting

October 10, 2023

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

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

Comments from the Chair – No comments.

Public Comments – No comments.

Consent Agenda – Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the September 12 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0. Thomforde made a motion to approve the September 26 Road Inspection minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 2-0 with Fahy-Gust abstaining.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Discuss Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 10.22 Accessory Buildings – Bert Otto, 6425 85th St NW, Oronoco requested that Section 10.22 B (part c) of New Haven Township Planning and Zoning ordinance be changed from “Lots with greater than 10 acres may have accessory buildings of any size” to “Lots of 10 acres or greater may have accessory buildings of any size.” Discussion occurred. It was decided to have the Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission review the ordinance and make a recommendation to the Board. If a public hearing is necessary, would plan for it to occur at the December town board meeting. Fahy-Gust will contact Chris Hawkins, Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission chair to facilitate the meeting of the Commission. Thomforde will contact Dave Meir at TCPA (Township Cooperative Planning Association) to ascertain how Olmsted County handles the limits on accessory buildings since the Township must be at least as restrictive as the County.

Discuss plan for Board of Appeals and Equalization – This was discussed earlier in the year, and it was decided that the Board would like to resume conducting the Board of Appeals and Equalization at the township level. Again, the Board wants to resume this activity with all members planning to obtain the necessary credentials. The Board will need to submit a resolution regarding this to the county by December 1, 2023. The Board will plan to pass the resolution at the November Town Board meeting.

Discuss road inspection observations/Road Report – Mike Wood, road maintenance contractor, stated that he has obtained and mixed salt and road rock for deicing of township roads this winter. He has done a couple of days of blading but needs rain to continue the blading of roads. Fahy-Gust reported that she contacted Pine Island regarding the remaining signposts along New Haven Road and Pine Island will be removing them.

68th Avenue – Question of whether homeowner near end of road would want to maintain the road rather than have road maintenance equipment doing this. Andrist will contact the homeowner.

60th Avenue – Missing gate at entrance to Riverside Sand and Gravel. It was discussed that this would be something that TCPA should handle. Thomforde will discuss with TCPA.

75th Avenue – Andrist has contacted the homeowner regarding a field driveway which was placed without permission.

TCPA Board Meeting Recap – Fahy-Gust reported that they are still looking for a replacement for Dave Meir, who plans to retire within a year. Olmsted County and the Department of Natural Resources have not come to an agreement regarding the memorandum of understanding for the Olmsted County Shoreline/Floodplain ordinance. Hopefully, agreement will occur by November or December after which TCPA will bring information to the township. The township had no building permits issued during the month of September.

OCTOA (Olmsted County Township Officer's Association) Recap – Andrist, Thomforde and Beyer attended the meeting on September 28th in Dover. Beyer reported that the meeting was also the annual meeting and Rick Lutze was reelected as a director. Andrist reported learning about the enforcement issues related to marijuana legalization. Thomforde reported that OCTOA was financially stable and will provide financial assistance for anyone wishing to attend the annual Minnesota Association of Townships Conference in December. 60th Avenue NW south of 65th Street should soon be reopened as they are laying asphalt on the road currently.

Mankato to Mississippi River transmission line open house Recap – Thomforde attended the event at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds in Zumbrota. He reported that there were many representatives present to answer questions. One proposed route goes along the west side of New Haven township, and then across the township between 75th Street and 85th Street. Homes will be avoided as much as possible.

Treasurer's Report – Figy gave a detailed report of the financial transactions of the Township during the month of September. Account balances at the beginning of October were:

Frandsen Bank :	Checking Account	\$ 3,022.23
	Money Market Account	\$ 73,239.01
	CD 9 MO 1/15/2024 3.85%	\$ 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		\$ 376,261.24

Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0. Since the CD's will mature in December and January, Thomforde suggested that we invite Kevin Wadley from Edward Jones Financial to our November Board meeting. Discussion occurred and it was agreed that this would be beneficial. Thomforde will contact him.

Review/Pay Bills – Beyer presented Schedule 1 (Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances) which concurred with the Treasurer's report. All funds have positive balances. Bills totaling \$7,165.49 were presented for payment. This included a donation of \$500 to the New Haven Township Sodbusters 4H Club for work done at cemeteries in the spring, \$3,272.50 for road maintenance, \$1,982.80 for the purchase of salt for deicing this winter. Fahy-Gust made a motion to pay all bills. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous – Membership cards for Minnesota Association of Townships were distributed. Beyer received the form for 2023 Township Road Mileage Certification which Thomforde will need to review and sign.

Beyer contacted Don Hodkinson, Orion township, regarding the January OCTOA meeting. It has been determined that the meeting will be held at New Haven Township Hall.

Adjourn – With no further business before the Board, Fahy-Gust made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Andrist and carried 3-0. Chair Thomforde adjourned the meeting at 7:46 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 August, 2023 statement

4323.85

Income

Checking Account

9-12	Hall Rent	75.00
9-14	Online Transfer From MMDA	15000.00
9-29	Interest	.19
9-29	Paper Statement Fee Refund	5.00

Total Deposits

15080.19

Debits

4580	Michael Wood LLC - (Road Maintenance)	9590.00
4581	Heman Grover & Co. LTD (Payroll)	135.00
4582	Donna Bayer (Supplies Mileage)	63.92
4583	Rochester Sweeping Service LLC-2 (Repair Main St - Genoa)	4000.00
4584	David A. Andrist (Mileage)	40.95
4585	Dale J. Thomforde (Mileage)	137.55
4586	Ford Metro Inc (Repair Window Glass)	500.00
4587	Fogarty's Outdoor Service LLC (Lawn Care)	240.00
4588	Elmer Stock (Gopher Bounty)	28.00
4589	Arnold Ward (Gopher Bounty)	129.00
20636	Wages	350.93
20637	Wages	507.92
20638	Wages	323.22
	Bev Comm	77.80
	Culligan	47.95
	PEC	209.57
	Paper Statement Fee	5.00

Total Debits

16381.81

New Ending Balance of Sept, 2023 statement

3022.23

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of August, 2023 statement

88207.46

Income : M M D A

9/29 Interest	31.55

Total Deposits 31.55

Debits

9/13 Online Transfer To Checking	15000.00

Total Debits 15000.00

New Ending Balance of September, 2023 statement

73239.01