

# *New Haven Township*

OLMSTED COUNTY, MINNESOTA – EST. 1858

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## New Haven Township Regular Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

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

**Set Agenda and Order** – Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approved the agenda as printed, seconded by Supervisor Andrist. Motion carried.

**Comments from Chair** – Chair Fahy-Gust commented that the tiling project on 100<sup>th</sup> St went well.

**Comments from the Public** – Owen Allen, 8967 County Rd 3 NW, Oronoco MN, 507-273-3108, approached the board to request rezoning for a piece of property he purchased located between highway 52 and White Bridge Road. The property would be utilized as commercial property for storage of inventory from Shaver Manufacturing, potentially with warehouse and office structure. Mr. Allen was advised that this issue would need to be addressed by the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as TCPA as the town board could not independently authorize zoning changes. Olmsted County would eventually also need to be involved. Mr. Allen will be contacted by P&Z chair to initiate the process.

**TCPA By-Law Changes and Voting Form** – A roll call vote was done, supervisors unanimously approved changes to TCPA by-laws as presented.

**Consent Agenda** – Thomforde made a motion to approve August 8, 2024, meeting minutes as written, Andrist seconded, motion carried 3-0.

### Old Business

**Solar Farms**– The Planning and Advisory Commission met four times, the commission was diligent and thorough to deliver a proposal to the board for review. The proposal was crafted after Salem Township’s and three other ordinances. Key provisions included discussion on set-back, mega-watt size, and type of soils allowed for solar farms. The commission was thanked for their exceptional effort to produce a recommendation for the board. Regarding item #7 indicating the plan would be reviewed by the township engineer, Fahy-Gust commented that the township doesn’t have an engineer and this would have to default to a county engineer. Additional discussion included clarification of setbacks and where solar farms can be established in relation to access to phase 3 lines. The township board will review the proposal and schedule a public hearing when they have a formal proposal to present.

**Request for Concrete Barrier**- Supervisor Thomforde responded to Travis Viker, DNR, suggesting a meeting together to review the site. Viker was amenable to this but has not approached Thomforde with a date.

**Gutter Clean out** – Supervisor Thomforde cleaned the gutters without injury.

**New Business**

**Schedule Fall Road Inspection** – Road inspection was scheduled for Tuesday September 24, beginning at 8:00 AM. A meeting notice will be posted. Public is welcome to join.

**New Haven Bridge #L6315 – 85<sup>th</sup> St. NW** – Olmsted County contacted the township to inform they are working on their Draft 2025 Capital Improvement Plan. The Township Bridge #L6315 (85th St NW) has been listed as a potential project. In recent inspections, the Local Planning Index number (LPI) of the structure has fallen to 53 which qualifies the bridge replacement for State Aid Township bridge funding as it is below 60. They request that the township board discuss any interest in moving forward with the project and the financial responsibility this would entail. This item will be addressed during the road inspection.

**Request for Mapping Road Status Report** – A map will be ordered to be available during the upcoming road inspection to notate any changes in roads and updates relayed to Amy Sanda, Geographic Information and Mapping, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55155

**Primary Election Recap and Eval** – No issues were identified. Judges are being recruited for the presidential election.

**Hall Rental** – Clerk Kosmicki requested clarification for the rate of commercial rentals. Recently a resident wanting to use the hall for a holiday boutique. For the past several years she has been allowed to rent the hall for \$75.00. Discussion was held to decide whether hall rental would be set the same for any use, commercial or not. Thomforde made a motion to set the rate for commercial use to \$125.00 per day. Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**TCPA Recap – Andrist reported** changes in the by-laws were discussed. All townships have been visited regarding the Floodplain ordinance. An ordinance is being drafted and will be presented to townships.

**Road Report** – The ditch was cleaned out in Riverheights Court. Mowing is being done. Drain tile is done on 100<sup>th</sup> Street and is working properly.

**Treasurer Report** – Figy provided a detailed report for the financial transactions for the month of July.

Frandsen Bank -	Checking Account	\$ 3,364.15
	Money Market Account	\$115,243.59
	Less Outstanding Checks	none
	<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$118,607.74</b>
	JP Morgan Chase, 5.02% (semi-annual) 1/6/2025	\$100,000.00
	Wells Fargo of South Dakota 5.2% 2/26/2025	\$ 50,000.00
	Flagstar Bank 4.7% (semi-annual) 7/25/2025	\$100,000.00
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$368,607.74</b>

Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Thomforde seconded, motion carried 3-0. Treasurer Figy has been working on appointing a deputy treasurer. The signature page for the checking account includes former clerk Donna Beyer. She will need to be removed from the signature list.

**Review/Pay Bills** – Claims list was presented and reviewed. Claims totaled \$11,926.03 plus payroll. Andrist made a motion to pay all bills, Thomforde seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mail/Miscellaneous**

**Flag Replacement** – The American flag needs to be replaced; Thomforde has ordered new flags and will take care of getting them up.

**Couri & Ruppe, P.L.L.P** – Sent notification of their hourly rate increasing to \$300.00 per hour.

**Temporary Construction Permit Forms** - TCPA was looking at differences in the Temporary Construction permit forms. Also, concerns were expressed that regarding applicants not fully describing their intentions and creating safety hazards. New Haven township requires maps, review by supervisors, and road maintenance contractor. New Haven will continue to use their current Temporary Construction permit form.

**Adjournment** – Andrist made a motion to adjourn, Thomforde seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Approved by the Board

Signed:

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Ann Fahy-Gust, Chair  
New Haven Town Board

Bonnie Kosmicki  
Township Clerk

Date:

Date:

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of August, 2024 statement

3364.15

Income      Checking Account

9/09	PEC (Const Permit) Ann Grane (Hall Rent)	350.00
9/11	Const Permit (Bevcom)	1600.00
9/23	(Ho) Rent Const Permit Woodburners)	625.00
9/11	Online Transfer From MM OA	14000.00
9/30	Interest	.58

Total Deposits

16575.58

Debits

4717	Dale Thomforde (Election Food-Flags)	198.90
4719	Michael Bruce (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4720	Leon Plantz (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4721	Karl Toft (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4722	Barbara Allen (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4723	Chris Hawkins (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4725	Fogarty Outdoor Service (Lawn Care)	480.00
20685	Wages	574.04
20686	Wages	140.00
20687	Wages	1038.85
20688	Wages	833.00
20689	Wages	663.22
	Bevcomm	78.25
	Calligan	63.95
	PEC	242.65
4713	Michael Wood (Road Maint)	6559.00
4714	Rochester Sweeping Service (Road Repair)	600.00
4715	Hemann Grover and Co. (Payroll)	142.00
4716	LaVonne Kosmicki (Mileage-Elec Judge)	81.28

Total Debits

14945.42

New Ending Balance of September, 2024 statement

4994.31

