

New Haven Township

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New Haven Township Fall Road Inspection

September 24, 2024

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the special meeting was called to order by Chair Ann Fahy-Gust at 8:15 AM. Supervisors David Andrist and Dale Thomforde were present to constitute a quorum. Also present were Clerk Bonnie Kosmicki and Mike Woods, Road Maintenance Contractor. Those present were transported in Dave Andrist's personal vehicle. There were no members of the public present.

The following is a summary of discussions and items noted to be addressed and/or rectified.

- Issue:** Culverts that were previously acquired are not useable by the township.
Action: They will be offered to DeCook at no cost. If there is not interest by DeCook, they will be buried in the quarry.
- Issue:** Mike Woods commented that a car is often parked blocking Helen Ave NW in Douglas making it difficult to clear snow.
Action: Supervisor Andrist will discuss the issue with the resident.
- Issue:** A list provided by Mark Gunderson, 8649 85th St NW Pine Island (by Genoa bridge) was reviewed. a. cleanout inlet area. b. add gravel in spring to raise road level c. cut dead trees in right of way.
Action: The ditch on 85th Street NW near Mark Gunderson's needs to be maintained to ensure debris doesn't block the culverts and causing water to run over the road. There are several dead trees north of Mark Gunderson need to be removed before they fall on the road.
- Issue:** It was opinion of supervisors that the bridge on 85th Street NW (#L6315) is without damage or need of replacement. This bridge has been identified by Olmsted County as qualifying for bridge replacement. 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. Supervisor Fahy-Gust suggested that Olmsted County be contacted and suggest a meeting with an engineer at the bridge so that specific issues could be discussed.
Action: Clerk Kosmicki will follow up to contact Olmsted County and report back the board
- 110th Avenue NW – North side of the bridge – sign needs to be repaired
- Issue:** 110th Avenue NW north end– Washboard on the road has worsened and needs to be bladed and will probably need additional road rock next spring.
Action: Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to lift the moratorium on blading roads where chloride has been applied. Fahy-Gust seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- 7. **Issue:** Intersection of New Haven Road and 85th Ave NW - DNR request to place a concrete jersey barrier to prevent vehicles from driving on the bike trail.
Action: Supervisor Thomforde has previously followed up by contacting Travis Viker from the DNR. Viker did express interest in meeting Thomforde at the trail and discussing this issue further but has not returned communication to set up meeting. This issue will be tabled until DNR initiates further communication.
- 8. Two dead ash trees in ROW need to be removed on Plum Creek Road NW before they fall on the road.
- 9. **Issue:** There are bushes in the right of way at 8605 115th St NW that should be cut back or removed
Action: Clerk Kosmicki will contact the resident to ask if these can be removed or transplanted to a different location.
- 10. **Issue:** Mailbox posts:
Action: Swing mailbox posts are available through the township and can be installed for residents at no cost to them. Fahy-Gust will post this information of the New Haven Township Facebook page.
- 11. 88th Avenue NW - south end – ditch needs to be cleaned out by Pressnall’s and concrete slab previously used for mail box can be removed with permission given by owner.
- 12. **Issue:** Four asphalt driveway edges were observed to be higher than the shoulder and extend into the right of way. Mike Woods commented that he would not be held responsible for any damage that may occur during snow removal.
Action: Clerk Kosmicki will draft letters to each resident to inform that neither the Road Maintenance Contractor nor New Haven Township will be accepting liability for any potential to their driveway as placement in the ROW of the edge and height makes them vulnerable to damage.

Adjournment: Fahy-Gust made a motion to adjourn, Andrist seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM. A total of 39 miles was traveled.

Approved by the Board
Signed:

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Ann Fahy-Gust, Chair
New Haven Town Board

Bonnie Kosmicki
Township Clerk

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