

New Haven Township

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New Haven Township Regular Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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 approve the agenda as written, seconded by Supervisor Andrist. Motion carried.

Comments from Chair – Chair Fahy-Gust commented that we need to move the meeting along tonight. There is big agenda.

Comments from the Public – None

New Haven Bridge #L6315 – 85th St NW – Nathan Arnold, Olmsted County, and Supervisor Andrist met to discuss the condition of the bridge and need for replacement. Fahy-Gust asked for clarification as to what changed since it was the opinion of supervisors during the fall road inspection that the bridge looked to be in good condition. Arnold explained that Olmsted County inspects township bridges and there is a list of 20 of them that are currently tracked. The bridge on 85th St NW has a Local Planning Index number (LPI) rating 53 which qualifies the bridge replacement with State Aid Township bridge funding as it is below 60. The LPI range is 100 being the best to 1 best the worst. There are four bridges in the county that are now eligible for funding that Olmsted County would survey and design a new bridge and submit to the state. Currently there is no funding but the request would be submitted and put on the list and be eligible the next time funding became available. Approval for the project could take 1 to 3 years. Once approved, the township would be responsible for \$10,000 for design and \$10,000 for construction and securing any additional right of way that would be needed. This particular bridge is 88 years old, has some cracking and was load tested that is why the rating is what it is. Fahy-Gust asked what the potential is regarding the needing to secure to additional ROW. Arnold stated that there is a potential for 10 to 20 feet additional downstream. The bridge would most likely be the same size as it is now. An email needs to be sent confirming New Haven Township approves going forward. Andrist made a motion to go ahead with the study, review and design of 85th bridges. Thomforde seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Annexations:

611 County Rd 13 – Elizabeth Howard, City of Pine Island Administrator was present at this meeting. In 2019 this parcel was approved by the township and the City to be annexed into the city. After approval it was hooked up to public utilities. It was recently discovered the proper paperwork was not filed with Office of Administrative Hearings resulting in municipal boundaries not being recorded and approved. The remedy for this is to approve a joint resolution avoiding redoing public hearings. This property is now owned by the State of Minnesota. The resolution will be discussed during the December meeting. The city will provide public notification.

170 8th St SW Pine Island – The city received a petition to annex this property into city limits with a request to be hooked up to city utilities. It was thought this was approved previously. Thomforde made a motion to authorizing the city to go ahead with hooking up utilities. Andrist seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Metes and Bounds Subdivision Approval –

Mary Virginia Hoerle - Parcel # 852533038854 - Supervisor Andrist made a motion to approve this non-farm Metes and Bounds Subdivision application, seconded by Supervisor Thomforde. Supervisor Thomforde commented that this approval is contingent on landowners following the recommended requirements outlined by TCPA on page 5 of the proposal. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremy and Jeana Babcock – Parcel # 852922038917 – Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approve this Metes and Bound Subdivision application based on TCPA recommendations, Supervisor Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda – Chair Faye-Gust made a motion to approve October 8, 2024, meeting minutes as written, Andrist seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Solar Farms–The proposed ordinance was reviewed and discussion occurred regarding suggested edits. Agreement was reached to request review by our attorney. Clerk Kosmicki will make changes and forward to Couri and Ruppe.

Non-gaming Land Acquisition – Faye-Gust provided a summary. There is a process underway to move ownership of Prairie Island Community land from City/township to federal land. The intent is to eventually build homes on the land for those wanting to relocate from Prairie Island to Pine Island. There is no requirement for submitting comment.

New Business

2024 Township Mileage Certification – There is no change from 2023 mileage, 31.68 miles.

2024 Presidential Election Recap – Clerk Kosmicki expressed her appreciation for the experience and expertise of the election judges and their willingness to move to other stations in order to give everyone exposure and training on each station. The girl scouts were helpful but they did add to an extra level of activity. After reviewing election requirements, it may be that they would not have been on the approved list. Any further requests will be directed to the election office. New Haven had an 89.8% turnout. Minnesota was the leader in the country having 75.9% turnout.

Resolutions -

- LPL Access online Information – Resolution 2024-16, Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approve, Fahy-Gust seconded, motion carried 3-0.
- Checking Account Signers – Resolution 2024-17, Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approve, Fahy-Gust seconded, motion carried 3-0.
- Frandsen CD Access – Resolution 2024-18, Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approve, Supervisor Andrist seconded, motion carried 3-0.
- Safety Deposit Box – Resolution 2024-19, Supervisor Thomforde made a motion to approve, Supervisor seconded, motion carried 3-0.

TCPA Recap – Supervisor Andrist provided a summary. Discussion occurred regarding flood control and cannabis ordinance. A proposed ordinance has been drafted and will be sent to the supervisors for review. Each township needs to have their own cannabis ordinance.

Road Report – Some grading has been done, working on the second round. There were some comments made on election day regarding the puddles in the township hall parking lot. Mike will grade again. A resident interfered with Mike grading 90th St by standing in the road and then making an attempt to access the grader when it passed by after turning around. A letter will be written to him to not interfere with anyone performing road maintenance and to bring any concerns he has to the township board.

There is a pile of approximately 50 tires by the turnaround by Jan Fisher’s. Supervisor Thomforde will contact Fisher to see if someone dumped them or if they are Fisher’s.

Supervisor Thomforde received a call from Olmsted County to report a couch in the ditch. It was on a County road, and they took care of it. Thomforde reported a 6x6 post by corner of 100th St and 110 Ave (north side). This was phone box and the post needs to be pulled.

Treasurer Report – Figy provided a detailed report for the financial transactions for the month of October. The month-ending balances for October were:

Frandsen Bank -	Checking Account	\$ 3,801.82
	Money Market Account	\$194,213.94
	Less Outstanding Checks	none
	Total Deposits	\$198,015.76
	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
	Total Investments	\$150,000.00
Total Deposits		\$348,015.76

Fahy-Gust made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Thomforde seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Review/Pay Bills – Total bill \$7,719.61 for the month. Premium for worker’s compensation is due this month. Fahy-Gust asked if we needed to carry worker’s comp insurance as the officers are not employees. Clerk Kosmicki will check with MATIT to clarify. There was discussion regarding an Ag Partners contract for pre-pay propane. The decision was made to not pre-pay for propane at this time. The Adam’s Pest Control bill will increase to \$75.00 per quarter in 2025. Adam’s recommends that the seals under the doors be replaced. Thomforde made a motion to pay all bills, Andrist seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous - Received notice that the next OCTOA meeting is Tuesday November 26 at 7:30 PM at the Olmsted County Public Works building. New Haven township road M is being vacated by the City of Pine Island to clear ownership of some land.

Adjournment – Thomforde made a motion to adjourn, Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Approved by the Board

Signed:

Signed:

/Signed Copy on File/

Ann Fahy-Gust, Chair
New Haven Town Board

Bonnie Kosmicki
Township Clerk

Date:

Date:

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of September 2024 statement

4994.31

Income **Checking Account**

10) 9 Transfer From MMDA	15,000.00
10) 11 Transfer From MMDA	1,000.00
10/31 Interest	.69

Total Deposits

16,000.69

Debits

4718 Jacob Woffen (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4724 Ginger Roberts-Carson (PAC Mtg)	180.00
4726 Dale J. Thom Forde (Mileage)	26.80
4727 Michael Brace (Mileage)	50.00
4728 Leon Plantz (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4729 Kory Weis (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4730 Chris Hawkins (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4731 Barbara Allen (PAC Mtg)	50.00
4732 Ellingson (Ditch Repair)	3842.00
4733 David Andrist (Mileage)	152.69
4734 Michael Wood LLC (Road Maint)	8475.00
4735 Hemann-Groven and Co LTD Payroll	142.00
4736 Fogarty's Outdoor Service LLC	240.00
20690 Wages	438.66
20691 Wages	1038.94
20692 Wages	600.27
20693 Wages	461.75
RevCom 28.34 I/P 5 1006.04	
Culligan 63.95 NEC 146.74	

Total Debits

17,193.18

New Ending Balance of October 2024 statement

3801.82

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Balance of September, 2024 statement

101,424.00

Income **M M D A**

10/16 PL Credit	10,272.88
10/22 PL Credit	4,900.00
10/31 Interest	276.26
Ach State of MN	2,340.80

Total Deposits

108,789.94

Debits

10/09 Online Transfer To Checking Account	15,000.00
10/11 Online Transfer To Checking Account	1,000.00

Total Debits

16,000.00

New Ending Balance of October, 2024 statement

194,213.94