

New Haven Township

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New Haven Township Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

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 Chris Hawkins, and Clerk Bonnie Kosmicki.

Set Agenda and Order- Supervisor Andrist made a motion to approve agenda as printed, Supervisor Thomforde seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Comments from Chair – Thanked people from coming, good to have people attend.

Comments from the public – Fahy-Gust will hold public comments she has received from individuals until Miscellaneous agenda item.

TCPA – Metes and Bound Subdivision – Baker Farms LLC – Summary of the split was provided. TCPA staff recommended approval of request to subdivide parcel. Fahy-Gust had questions that were related to a portion of the subdivision being included in an adjoining 35-acre parcel. Because this subdivision is not a standard 5- and 35-acre split and crosses section lines, this would have been sent through the Variance Committee prior for approval of a non-standard split. The split would create two non-farm parcels in a quarter-quarter section. After further discussion with landowner and buyer, it was decided to look at adjusting the property to be totally in section 15 to avoid taking the request through the Variance Committee and losing a buildable site. They will return at a later date. Request is on hold.

Consent Agenda – Andrist made a motion to approve the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2025, Canvassing Board Election Results Minutes March 11, 2025, and Reorganization Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025, all as one. Thomforde seconded; motion carried 3-0

Old Business

Solar Energy Farms Ordinance – Defer to May meeting.

Cannabis Ordinance Update – TCPA will be scheduling a canvas meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the ordinance and public hearing for same. Oronoco, Cascade, and Rochester township Planning Commissions have scheduled public hearings.

Quarry Gate Installation Update – Mike Wood has installed a new gate at the entrance to the quarry. Andrist will provide a padlock. Members of the board, the farmer renting, and DeCook will have keys.

New Business

Reorganization Meeting Follow Up Items –

- **Zumbro Valley Wood Turners Letter** - Faye-Gust sent a letter to the club inviting them to a meeting to discuss the additional storage brought in to the hall and the additional rent for storage.
- **Set Date for Spring Road Inspection** – Meeting set for April 8, 2025 at 8:00 AM. Meeting date and time will be posted. Jim Tewalt approached Fahy-Gust with a concern about people

- speeding on the road by his house. He is requesting a caution sign be installed indicating children being in proximity, ie: Children at Play. This will be discussed during the road inspection for consideration. Speed limit on country roads is 55 mph.
- **Schedule Start of Road Rocking** – Mike will have a map for rocking at the road inspection. There are still road restrictions in place.
 - **Consider any Urgent Road Conditions** – None.
 - **Update MAT Contact Information** – Deputies are not normally included in this information. Dale's address will be changed to his home address. The treasurer's email will be updated to the new email address. Other officer information remains the same.

Chloride – Chloride for dust mitigation is applied after rocking and grading is done. Past practice is to contact several companies to get a quote. Andrist will contact companies to get quotes and provide the information at the Road Inspection Meeting. Quality Propane has provided good service in the past.

Resolution for Compensation of Township Officers – Compensation for township officers remained \$75 per meeting, monthly stipend for supervisors remained the same at \$200.00 per month, stipend for treasurer remained the same at \$300.00 per month, and clerk stipend was increased to \$500.00 per month. Town officers performing town officer duties beyond regular duties will be compensated at \$20.00 per hour. The hourly rate for deputy treasurer and deputy treasurer is \$30.00 per hour and will not receive a stipend. Mileage compensation will follow federal guidelines, currently \$0.70 per mile. Preapproval is needed for purchases greater than \$200.00.

Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Line Project Update – Supervisor Thomforde provided a detailed overview of this project. Xcel has released what they have identified as their preferred route which is south of Pine Island to the CapX line with a double circuited line to the apple orchard. This route is preferred as there would be fewer right of way issues. Many homeowners along 75th Street - Highway 63 have planted trees and bushes that would need to be clear cut from the ROW. Supervisor Thomforde has a preference to follow the existing CapX crossing Lake Zumbro to the east. There are fewer residents along this route than Xcel's preferred route and it is less costly. An environmental impact statement will be released in early May. Followed by public hearings and meetings with a comment period. The final EIS will be issued later.

TCPA Meeting Recap – The cannabis ordinance was sent back to TCPA for additional changes. There was discussion on right of ways, easements costs, reimbursements, utility easements. There was discussion of building inspection costs and TCPA will not be taking on the responsibility. There were some changes to members attending due to retirements.

OCTOA – There is a move to have county commissioners attend the meetings to enhance relationships. Bare root tree sales through Soil Conservation are happening and will continue to the middle of April. There was discussion of different county roads being paved. The County has 520 miles of roads and 320 bridges. Thomforde reported the township election numbers for the County. Next meeting is May 22nd, hosted by Kalmar and Orion.

Road Report – Some blading has been done. There was a washout in the Kitchen area that was repaired. 105th Street was bladed, and a good job was done.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hawkins brought new signature pages that need to be signed. He provided a detailed report of financial transactions for the month of March.

Frandsen Bank	Checking Account	\$2,861.76
	Money Market Account	\$180,545.13
	Less outstanding checks	\$100.00
	Total Bank Balance	\$183,306.89
Investments	Frandsen Bank 4.4% 8/22/2025	\$100,000.00
	Wells Fargo of South Dakota, 5.2% 3/04/2025	\$50,000.00
	Flagstar Bank, 4.7% (semiannual) 7/25/2025	\$100,000.00
	Total Investments	\$250,000.00
Balance	Total Bank Balance	\$183,306.89
	Total Investments	\$250,000.00
	Total Combined Balance	\$433,306.89

Thomforde made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Andrist seconded, motion carried. 3-0.

Review/Pay Bills – First half of Rural Fire Association dues are being paid as well as the yearly property taxes. Cemetery donations are being sent this month. Couri & Ruppe have withdrawn their bill for \$344.75, check number 4785 will be voided. Thomforde made a motion to pay all bills. Andrist seconded, motion carried. A fire escrow fund needs to be set up, possibly open a CD with Frandsen Bank. This would need to be completed through resolution.

Mail/Miscellaneous –

Bob Figy was thanked for his years of service. There has not been a past practice established for gifts or other special recognition for retiring officers.

Dick Presnall has passed, his funeral in April 12th. Flowers will be ordered. Dick once served as clerk for the township.

Olmsted County has been voted the best place to work in 2024

There will be tours of Olmsted County waste to Energy on April 26th. Fahy-Gust recommended anyone attend if they are able as the process is very interesting.

The final report has to be filed for the ARPA fund by the end of the month. The money has all been spent a while ago. Thomforde will complete.

Adjournment – Thomforde made a motion to adjourn, Andrist seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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

CHECKING ACCOUNT

March 2025

Ending Balance of February, 2025 statement

\$3,190.69

Income

Date	Check #/Cash	Description	Amount
03/03/25		Deposit/Hall Rental	\$75.00
03/07/25		Deposit	\$200.00
03/11/25		Deposit/PAR??	\$1,000.00
03/13/25	Online	Transfer From MMDA Account - Bills Transfer	\$2,500.00
03/17/25	Online	Transfer Request by Dale	\$1,000.00
03/31/25		Interest	\$0.31

Total Deposits: \$4,775.31

Debits

Date	#/Online	Description	Amount
3/1/25	Online	Culligan	\$63.95
3/1/25	Online	Peoples Coop Elect	\$174.45
3/4/2025	Online	Go Daddy. Com	155.88
3/7/25	4774	Herman Grover and Co	\$142.00
3/7/25	4775	Dale Thomforde	\$75.78
3/7/25	4776	Michael Wood	\$2,610.00
3/7/25	4777	Column Software	\$57.96
3/7/25	4778	Grimsrud Publishing Inc.	\$41.56
3/7/25	4780	Kari Toft	\$50.00
3/7/25	4781	Michael Bruce	\$50.00
3/7/25	4782	Chris Hawkins	\$50.00
3/7/25	4783	Jacob Wolfe	\$50.00
3/10/2025	Online	BevComm Tel	78.37
3/12/25	20711	Wages	\$392.49
3/12/25	20712	Wages	\$544.86
3/12/25	20713	Wages	\$323.22
3/13/25	20714	Wages	\$193.93
3/18/25	Online	Deluxe Check	\$49.79

Total Debits: \$5,104.24

Ending Balance of March 2025 statement

\$2,861.76

Outstanding checks

4779

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
MMDA ACCOUNT

March 2025

Ending Balance as of 2/28/25 statement

\$183,759.57

Income

Date	Decription	Amount
3/31/2025	Interest	\$285.56

Total Deposits: \$285.56

Debits

Date	Description	Amount
3/13/2025	Online Transfer	\$2,500.00
3/17/2025	Online Transfer	\$1,000.00

Total Debits: \$3,500.00

Ending Balance as of 3/31/25 statement \$180,545.13