

New Haven Township

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New Haven Township Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order – 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 – Andrist requested that North Star Spraying be added under the road report. Thomforde made a motion to accept agenda as printed with the above modification. Andrist seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Comments from the public – Dave Klann, 7143 75th St. NW, Oronoco, MN, addressed the Board regarding the need for volunteers to assist with the operation of Center Grove Cemetery. He explained that the cemetery board's secretary recently passed away, his own health is declining, and the organization is experiencing difficulty recruiting volunteers and filling vacant board positions. Mr. Klann stated that assistance is needed with selling cemetery lots, taking funeral calls, maintaining the website, performing managerial and administrative duties, and preserving historical records. He noted that Center Grove Cemetery is not affiliated with a church or any other organization. Mr. Klann explained that certain burial methods, such as burials without a vault, can result in ground settling that requiring maintenance as graves need to be refilled. He noted that vaults are not required for urn burials, and that the cemetery also permits the burial of dogs. The Board agreed to post the request for volunteers on the Township website and Facebook page. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Mr. Klann at 507-288-4391. As an additional comment, Mr. Klann requested that the abbreviations used on the Township website be defined to improve public understanding.

Consent Agenda – Thomforde made a motion to approve the consent agenda to include May 12, 2026 Regular Town board meeting minutes and May 2, 2026 Public Hearing Meeting minutes. Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Chloride Summary and Recommendations – Kosmicki reported that ribbons should be placed on stakes to make them more visible during chloride application. Fahy-Gust suggested that future chloride application routes be divided based on the total linear feet of roadway treated rather than the number of participating households to provide a more equitable distribution of the workload. Kosmicki reported that chloride was applied to 30,750 linear feet of roadway, using a total of 16,248 gallons of chloride. A total of 97 residents participated in the program, generating \$11,748.00 in payments. Fahy-Gust recommended that the Board adopt an annual resolution authorizing compensation for Township officers involved in administering the chloride program, as the process requires many hours of work beyond their regular official duties. Thomforde reminded the Board that whenever a Board member is compensated for specifically assigned duties, a completed affidavit must be submitted.

Illegal Dumping Follow Up – Fahy-Gust reported that she spoke with a representative from Hope Farms, who stated that approximately 75% of the trash has been removed from the property. The representative indicated that the remaining burnable debris will be burned when weather conditions are suitable. Fahy-Gust will be notified once the cleanup is complete so she can conduct a final site inspection.

Prairie Island Letter Review- Fahy-Gust reviewed correspondence previously received from Prairie Island regarding the federal government's decision to place approximately 1,200 acres of land into trust as part of the Prairie Island Reservation. The stated purpose of the land acquisition is to provide housing, as the existing housing area is subject to flooding and is located in close proximity to the nuclear power plant in Red Wing. The correspondence noted that there is a three-month period during which comments or objections may be submitted. Fahy-Gust also reported that several parcels currently on New Haven Township's tax rolls are included in the land transfer and will be removed from the Township's property tax rolls.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – The Zoning Ordinance amendment has been approved and signed. Kosmicki will forward the executed document to TCPA (Township Cooperative Planning Association) for filing and registration with Olmsted County.

Resolutions –

- **Ellefson Rezoning 2026-07** – The Ellefson rezoning request has been approved. Hawkins noted a typographical error in the rezoning document. The document states that the property is being rezoned from A-1 Agricultural to A-3; however, it should state that the property is being rezoned from A-2 Agricultural to A-3. Kosmicki will notify TCPA staff of the correction when the document is delivered to their office for filing with Olmsted County.
- **Knutson IUP 2026-08** - The Knutsons' Interim Use Permit (IUP) request to allow a second dwelling for a senior family member was also approved. The resolution was signed and will be delivered to TCPA for filing with Olmsted County.

New Business

Process for Monitoring CUP's and IUP's - It has been determined that the current process for monitoring Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and Interim Use Permits (IUPs) is insufficient to keep the Board informed regarding compliance with permit conditions and whether permits remain active. Currently, there is no annual review process in place. Fahy-Gust reported that she spoke with Salem Township, which has been identified by an Olmsted County auditor as having a strong review process. In Salem Township, the Clerk schedules regular reviews of CUPs and IUPs, and property owners attend a meeting to provide the Board with an update regarding the current status of their permit. Fahy-Gust estimated that there are currently approximately 30 CUPs and IUPs combined in New Haven Township. She recommended that she and Clerk Kosmicki work together to develop a review process to present to the Board. Fahy-Gust will locate her previous list of permits, update it, and any newly issued permits will be identified and added to the list. Hawkins requested clarification regarding the frequency of CUP and IUP reviews. The Board discussed that an annual review would be desirable. CUPs and IUPs will become a regular item on the monthly meeting agenda. Further discussion regarding the review process will be included on the July agenda.

Election Judge Training - Election judge training is scheduled in June. Notification should have been received by the officers. Thomforde has taken the poll pad training. Fahy-Gust plans to take the regular and head judge training.

Olmsted County Maintenance Agreement – The agreement was reviewed and signed. Kosmicki will submit to the county.

Municipal Delegation Agreement - An additional document needed a signature and will be submitted to the state.

Meeting Reports –

Road Report – Spraying has been completed. Chloride application and road rocking have also been completed. Andrist approved a driveway permit for the Staffords on New Haven Road. The culvert apron at the Gunderson property was damaged by KMTEL during cable installation. Andrist notified KMTEL of the damage, and the repair has since been completed. Trash collected from ditches by the 4-H Club has been picked up and properly disposed of. A concern of trucks hauling full loads of rock through Oronoco was addressed by Andrist and Mike Woods. Troy Holmberg from North Star Spraying was present to ask if there were any issues with the ditch spraying. Andrist stated there have only be positive comments, no complaints.

TCPA – TCPA staff plans to further discuss responsibility for recording Metes and Bounds with the county with the townships. There is a pending lawsuit involving a private party who was denied a cannabis growing permit in another township, possibly Haverhill Township. TCPA is considering implementing the option to accept payments by credit card. Olmsted County is reviewing its ordinances, which may result in changes that will impact townships. The review process is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

OCTOA (Olmsted County Township Officers Association) – Andrist commented there is a person at the county who is available to assist with waste disposal. Thomforde reported a map was made available indicating which bridges are scheduled for repair. The bridge on 85th Ave is moving closer to the top of the list.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Hawkins presented the May month-end financial report to the Board, including account balances and investment information. May month-ending balances were:

Frandsen Bank and Trust Accounts		Principal Balances	
Checking Account		\$ 13,157.52	
MMDA Account		\$ 135,008.79	
Minus Outstanding Checks		\$ (864.84)	
Total Bank Balance		\$ 147,301.47	
Investments	Int Rate	Maturity Date	
Bank of America	4.15%	7/30/2026	\$102,000.00 LPL Financial
Wells Fargo Bank	3.90%	9/9/2026	\$103,000.00 LPL Financial
Total Investments		\$205,000.00	
Total Deposits		\$352,301.47	

Kosmicki asked whether any action would be taken regarding the Certificate of Deposit (CD) that matures at the end of July. Hawkins stated that a resolution should be prepared for review at the July meeting so he can proceed with the necessary action. Thomforde noted that there is a substantial total of checks issued this month, which will impact the money market account balance. Hawkins agreed and reported that total disbursements for the month, including wages, were \$126,694.00. Thomforde made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Andrist seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3–0.

Review/Pay Bills – Couri-Ruppe adjusted their bill, and the previous check issued to them was voided. Bills paid this month included spraying, rock, grading, and the Pine Island Fire Association. Total bills, excluding wages, amounted to \$124,264.58. The Riverside (mowing) bill increased by \$5.00 per month, as outlined in the agreed-upon contract. Thomforde made a motion to approve payment of all bills. Andrist seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3–0.

Mail/Miscellaneous - A notice was received regarding the need for a report of use of COVID relief funds. Thomforde submitted the report (hopefully the final report). A report was received from Minnesota State demographer. The estimated population of New Haven township as of April 1, 2026 is 1277, the number of households 513. PowerOn Midwest has scheduled open houses for anyone interested.

Adjournment Thomforde made a motion to adjourn, Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Signed:

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/Signed copy on file/

Ann Fahy-Gust, Chair
New Haven Town Board
Date:

Bonnie Kosmicki
Township Clerk
Date:

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT

May 2026

Ending Balance of April 30, 2026 statement

\$5,176.99

Income

Date	Check #/Cash	Description	Amount
05/11/26		Hall Rental	\$75.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$165.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$693.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$1,155.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$1,815.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$2,046.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$2,607.00
05/11/26		Chloride	\$2,863.00
05/19/26		Hall Rental \$275.00; Misc \$100.00	\$375.00
05/19/26		Chloride	\$1,388.00
05/29/26		Hall Rental	\$397.00
05/29/26		Interest	\$0.85

Total Deposits: \$13,579.85

Debits

Date	#/Online	Description	Amount
5/6/26	4909	Riverside Outdoor Services	\$75.00
5/11/26	4911	Herman Grover And Co, LTD	\$155.00
5/19/26	4925	MN Assoc of Townships	\$75.00
5/19/26	4927	Kory Weis	\$100.00
5/19/26	4928	Michael Bruce	\$100.00
5/19/26	4929	Mike Brogan	\$100.00
5/19/26	4930	Barbara Allen	\$100.00
5/18/26	4931	Jacob Wolfe	\$100.00
5/20/26	4932	David Andrist	\$52.90
5/14/26	4933	Michael Wood	\$2,360.95
5/26/26	4934	Adams Pest Control	\$78.00
5/21/26	4935*	Herman Grover And Co, LTD	\$155.00
5/19/26	4937	Riverside Outdoor Services	\$140.00
5/20/26	20774	Wages**	\$484.65
5/27/26	20776	Wages	\$738.52
5/26/26	20777	Wages	\$415.41
5/1/26	Online	MN PL Fund	\$46.61
5/11/26	Online	BevComm Tel Co	\$78.40
5/26/26	Online	Culligan	\$43.95
5/26/26	Online	Peoples Energy Coop	\$199.93

Total Debits: \$5,599.32

Ending Balance of 5/29/26 statement

\$13,157.52

Outstanding checks

5/12/2026 4936*	Couri Ruppe, PLLP	\$472.50
5/12/2026 20775**	Wages	<u>\$392.34</u>
	Total	\$864.84

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
MMDA ACCOUNT
May 2026

Ending Balance as of 4/30/2026 statement

\$134,848.08

Income

Date	Decription	Amount
5/29/2026	Interest	\$160.71

Total Deposits: \$160.71

Debits

Date	Description	Amount
	Online Transfer	\$0.00
	Online Transfer	\$0.00

Total Debits: \$0.00

Ending Balance as of 5/29/2026 statement \$135,008.79