

New Haven Township

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New Haven Township Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 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 – Kosmicki asked if putting an item related to renumbering a resolution should be added to the agenda or discussed under miscellaneous. Fahy-Gust directed to address under Miscellaneous. Thomforde made a motion to approve the order and agenda as printed, Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda – Thomforde made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 18, 2026 as written. Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Process to Monitor CUP's & IUP's – Kosmicki and Fahy-Gust have had ongoing discussions regarding the process for reviewing existing Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and Interim Use Permits (IUPs). Fahy-Gust provided a list of current CUPs in New Haven Township, which is current as of February 2020. Kosmicki contacted TCPA and requested a list of permits issued since TCPA assumed responsibility for permitting. Upon receipt of the information from TCPA, Kosmicki will compile a complete list of current permits. Fahy-Gust also provided a draft letter to be sent to individuals currently holding an IUP or CUP to inquire about the current status of their permit. Discussion followed regarding methods for permit holders to respond to the letter, including by email to the Township's email address, by telephone message, or in writing by mail. Kosmicki confirmed that responses by email are acceptable and recommended that, if telephone messages are to be used, a new telephone should be purchased for the Township office.

Genoa Alleyway – Andrist reported that he has discussed the matter with the Crosses again, who are content to continue mowing the area and do not wish to pursue acquiring the alleyway property.

Abandoned Property Complaint – Andrist reported that he has discussed the property with a resident who is interested in acquiring it. Ownership of the property remains unclear. Kosmicki reported that he responded to the resident who originally raised concerns about the condition of the property and has not received any further response. Hawkins asked when abandoned property becomes an issue if rodents or other vermin are entering and exiting the property and the condition is affecting neighboring residents. Fahy-Gust stated that when the matter becomes a public health issue, the County becomes involved.

Jrocks Signage– Kosmicki requested clarification regarding signage for the business. It was noted that the ordinance does not specifically address signage for commercial properties. This property is the only commercial property in New Haven Township. After discussion, it was determined that a 32-square-foot sign would be appropriate for the business. Kosmicki will notify the business owner of the determination.

New Business

Cannabis Ordinance Questions— Becky Bosch submitted questions regarding the New Haven Cannabis Ordinance for the Board to discuss. Bosch was directed to the Township website to review the ordinance, which has been posted there. Fahy-Gust explained that the process for becoming involved in cannabis production is rigorous and involves state, county, and Township regulations. She further explained that Hope Farms would not be able to engage in cannabis production under its current Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Fahy-Gust reported that she has researched the applicable state regulations and noted that the cannabis industry is highly regulated, with regulations that are more extensive than those governing the alcohol industry, which is also highly regulated. She explained that cultivation and retail are separate activities and are subject to different licensing requirements. Retail licenses are issued by the County. Approval for cultivation requires security measures established by the Township, and cultivation must occur within an enclosed facility. It was also noted that the New Haven Cannabis Ordinance does not stand alone and must be considered in conjunction with applicable state, county, and Township regulations. Kim Rupprecht, 7222 100th St., Pine Island, who attended the meeting in Bosch's absence, stated that he believed the discussion sufficiently addressed Bosch's questions.

Swing-away mail box post on 88th Ave – Thomforde reported that last winter, the Haackenson mailbox was struck by the snowplow. The Haackensons replaced the mailbox at their own expense after the locking mechanism was damaged and no longer functioned. They did not approach the Board for reimbursement, although reimbursement could have been requested. Thomforde noted that the mailbox is mounted on a 6x6 metal post, which is not regulation and presents a potential hazard. The Board previously discussed replacing three swing-away mailbox posts on 88th Avenue, but the matter was not completed. Fahy-Gust recalled previous discussion that the Township would replace mailbox posts at no cost for residents who requested a swing-away post. Andrist reminded the Board that, more recently, the Board had decided not to provide the posts free of charge and had established a \$100 fee. Kosmicki asked who would be liable for damages if someone struck the 6x6 metal post and was injured. Fahy-Gust and Andrist stated that liability would rest with the landowner because the landowner installed the post. Kosmicki suggested that Thomforde speak with the resident regarding the matter. Thomforde proposed that the Township replace the post because the mailbox damage was caused by the Township snowplow. Fahy-Gust stated that she did not believe the resident could be required to replace the post and expressed reluctance to replace the Haackensons' post without addressing similar situations involving other residents. Hawkins stated that a 6x6 metal post presents a significant hazard. Fahy-Gust noted that the Township could require the post to be removed because it is located within the road right-of-way. The matter will be further reviewed during the Fall Road Inspection.

Meeting Reports –

Road Report – Andrist received a call regarding a tree being down on New Haven Road. Another tree was down on 110th St. Mike was notified and took care of them. There was no storm related damage to report to Olmsted County.

TCPA (Township Cooperative Planning Association) – no report

OCTOA (Olmsted County Township Officers Association) – meets on the September 24th, the location has not been announced yet. Thomforde will post notification in Kosmicki's absence

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hawkins presented the August month-end financial report to the Board, including account balances and investment information.

August month-ending balances were:

Frandsen Bank and Trust Accounts		Principal Balances
Checking Account		\$ 8,044.55
MMDA Account		\$ 101,122.71
Minus Outstanding Checks		\$ -2,404.93
Total Bank Balance		\$ 106,762.33

Investments	Int Rate	Maturity Date		
Insured Cash acct	4.15%	8/12/2027	\$102,000.00	LPL Financial/moved to new CD
Insured Cash account/interest				\$ 4,233.05 moved to MMDA
Wells Fargo Bank	3.90%	9/9/2026	\$103,000.00	LPL Financial
Total Investments			\$205,000.00	
Total Deposits			\$311,762.33	

Discussion continued regarding whether to stagger the maturity dates of certificates of deposit (CDs), particularly in light of significant summer expenditures. Hawkins expressed concern about maintaining adequate liquidity and recommended a 12-month maturity date. One option discussed was splitting the investment equally, with 50% placed in a 12-month CD and the remaining 50% invested in a longer-term CD. It was noted that the difference in available interest rates may not significantly impact overall returns. A tax payment is expected in December. Thomforde made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Andrist seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Review/Pay Bills – Total bills amounted to \$9,493.80. The payment to Ag Partners is for the prepayment of 1,000 gallons of propane. The MAT membership is also due. A bill from Bruening in the amount of \$849.66 was received too late to be included for payment this month. The bill is for rock to be mixed with salt. Couri-Ruppe notified the Township of a rate increase effective January 1, 2027. The new rates will be \$295.00 per hour for general legal work and \$325.00 per hour for development work. Wages for the month totaled \$2,430.00, which was slightly higher due to election-related expenses. Thomforde made a motion to approve payment of all bills. Andrist seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Mail/Miscellaneous – Due to a filing error, two resolutions were numbered 2026-08. Since both resolutions are internal and are not filed with Olmsted County, Fahy-Gust made a motion to renumber the Certificate of Deposit resolution from 2026-08 to 2026-10. Thomforde seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kosmicki will be out of town from this coming Saturday through the following Sunday. There are three events scheduled at the Town Hall during that time, and Thomforde agreed to be available to open the hall for the events. He will also pick up the mail. Kosmicki will pick up the paychecks before leaving so they can be signed. Ellefson's Metes and Bounds has been recorded with Olmsted County. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new telephone with an answering machine. Fahy-Gust made a motion to authorize Kosmicki to spend up to \$100.00 to purchase a phone with an answering machine. Andrist seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0. The fall road inspection was scheduled for October 5 at 8:00 a.m. Kosmicki will post a notice of the inspection.

Adjournment Thomforde made a motion to adjourn, Andrist seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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

August 2026

Ending Balance of July 31, 2026 statement

\$4,985.85

Income

Date	Check #/Cash	Description	Amount
8/19/2026		From MMDA Account	\$6,000.00
8/31/2026		KTM Elcom	\$200.00
8/31/2026		Hall Rental/Wood Turners	\$200.00
8/31/2026		Interest	\$0.57

Total Deposits: \$6,400.57

Debits

Date	#/Online	Description	Amount
8/10/26	Online	Bevcomm	\$78.51
8/25/26	Online	Peoples Coop Elect	\$231.63
8/25/26	Online	Culligan	63.95
8/25/26	4955	Herman Grover and Co	\$155.00
8/26/26	4956	AgPartners	\$270.78
8/31/26	4957	Riverside Outdoors	\$280.00
8/26/26	4958*	Adams Pest Control	\$78.00
8/20/26	4960*	Dale Thomforde	\$88.16
8/24/26	4962*	David Andrist	\$91.10
8/25/26	4965	Bob Madisen	\$190.00
8/26/26	4966*	Donna Beyer	\$210.00
8/25/26	4968	Todd Wagner	\$33.00
8/25/26	4969*	Lavonne Kosmicki	57.76
8/24/26	20787*	Wages	\$461.58
8/25/26	20789	Wages	\$567.74
8/25/26	20790	Wages	\$484.66

Total Debits: \$3,341.87

Ending Balance of 8/31/2026 statement

\$8,044.55

Outstanding checks

8/18/2026	4959	Michael Wood LLC	\$ 1,353.75
8/18/2026	4961	Stephanie Witwer	\$ 205.00
8/18/2026	4963	Larry Mattson	\$ 180.00
8/18/2026	4964	Ginger Carson	\$ 180.00
8/18/2026	4967	Jeffrey Lee	\$ 140.00
8/19/2026	20788	Wages	\$ 346.18
			\$ 2,404.93

TOWNSHIP MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
MMDA ACCOUNT

August 2026

Ending Balance as of 7/31/2026 statement

\$102,317.00

Income

Date	Decription	Amount
8/3/2026	Interest on CD	\$4,233.00
8/18/2026	Olmsted Co Payment	\$440.27
8/31/2026	Interest	\$132.44

Total Deposits: \$4,805.71

Debits

Date	Description	Amount
8/19/2026	Online Transfer Checking August Expenses	\$6,000.00
	Online Transfer	

Total Debits: \$6,000.00

Ending Balance as of 8/31/2026 statement \$101,122.71