

# **New Hartford Township**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**January 13th, 2022, 7:00pm**

### **Held at New Hartford Town Hall**

Attendance: Supervisors Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Ernest Erdmann

Clerk: Richard Brown Deputy Clerk: Andrea Erdmann

Fire Department: Chief Cody Gehrke, Treasurer Vicki Baumgartner

Maintenance Man: Willie Erdmann

Visitors: Keith Olson, Richard Johnson

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chairman Baumgartner at 7:07pm. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes read by Andrea Erdmann. Motion by Joe Baumgartner and Second by Ernest Erdmann to approve the minutes as read. All approved.

#### Fire Department Report and Related Business:

Tried out new air packs. They are a timesaver.

2021 Mileage Reimbursements and Training pay. Amy is working on getting everyone's information by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

CPR training invoice has been submitted for payment.

Heat shields are installed on pumper truck.

Problem at recent structure fire was using a regular chainsaw. La Crescent recommended getting a carbide rescue chain to cut through structures. Cody or Joe will get some prices.

Cameras for fire station and shop. Discussed possible options. Keith printed out some options for Joe to consider.

There was an injury on the fire call. Gundersen will be sending a bill. Vicki is overseeing the reporting and will be letting us know if there is any loss of work.

Vicki processed two retirements this year. There will be a check coming in March \$1,000.00 from the state aid for supplemental retirement.

Discussed getting a hose rack over at the shop and where to place it. Shop has been cleaned up.

Question from Vicki on if the cistern has been refilled after the fire. Joe will find out about getting a load of water delivered for this time and in the future if needed.

#### Old Business:

Culverts Lanes Valley Rd. There is another smaller culvert on Lanes Valley that needs to be looked at. Also, Nickel Valley. These will be done in the spring.

Culverts Echo Valley Dr. One by the old farmhouse. Someone drove off the edge of the road. Some rock could be packed in there to make it last until spring. Culvert work will be done in the spring.

Upgrading Spies Road. It looks like it is registered already but the supervisors will check. Minimum maintenance sign should be taken down.

No other bids were received for the furnaces. Accepted bid from Schroeder.

Posting boards outside town hall. Andrea purchased a posting board on Amazon. It will be arriving in two weeks.

#### Use of ARPA funds:

Legislation has passed allowing the board to use this money for any government function except paying off debt and retirement funds. Discussed options of what to do with the money such as possibly prebuying culverts for spring. Supervisors will check on prices and what would be available.

Motion by Ernest Erdmann to approve claims second by Larry Moldenhauer. All approved.

#### New Business:

Maintenance training in May. We will find out more information and decide as we get closer to the time.

Roof repairs that were needed after the December storm. Repairs have been completed and invoice was submitted to the insurance company. The adjuster is deciding what the average price would be for this repair in our area and will get back to us. Pictures have also been submitted to the insurance company.

#### Clerk's Report:

Andrea is preparing for the election and the annual meeting.

Election judges need to be paid as employees. They need to fill out all employee paperwork. Andrea will work with Richard Brown on asking election judges and have the information for the next meeting.

Andrea purchased a locking mailbox to put outside the clerk's office.

Andrea would like to purchase a TV instead of a projection screen to be used for town meetings and fire department trainings. Andrea will get some prices and put this on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss with the fire department.

Andrea will talk to Mike about when would be a suitable time to hold the Board of Audit Meeting.

Other townships distribute the minutes before the meeting and then they do not need to be read aloud. Supervisors would still like the minutes read aloud for the monthly meeting, but copies could be made for annual meeting. Minutes would not need to be read aloud for the annual meeting.

Working on MAT Audit and getting out W2's and 1099's.

Andrea attended a training on 1/11/22 covering year end reporting, MAT audit, Board of Audit, the Annual Meeting, as well as other topics. Cost will be \$40.00.

Treasurer's Report:

Today's balance \$277,314.66 spent \$13,509.04 balance \$263,805.62 last year \$193,718.21

ARPA funds are not included in the treasurer's report. Interest for ARPA funds is being put into the general fund.

ARPA balance \$47,987.70

Motion to adjourn by Ernest Erdmann second by Larry Moldenhauer at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 012/10/21

Approved by:

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Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

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Clerk Richard Brown

Date:

Unapproved