

New Hartford Township

Monthly Meeting

December 9, 2021, 7:00pm

Held at New Hartford Town Hall

Attendance: Supervisors Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Ernest Erdmann

Clerk: Richard Brown Treasurer: Michael Moor Deputy Clerk: Andrea Erdmann

Fire Department: Chief Cody Gehrke, Treasurer Vicki Baumgartner

Maintenance Person: Willie Erdmann

Visitors: Kate Reece, Keith Olson, Richard Johnson

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chairman Baumgartner at 7:04pm. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Maintenance Person Kate Reece attended to discuss the job description of maintenance person. Andrea will make minor changes to the document regarding heating.

Town Hall rental agreement. Andrea will make minor changes to this and get some copies to Kate.

Cameras for the fire station and shop so that the buildings do not need to be checked daily. There are cameras at Sam's club that would work for the hall and fire station. A trail cam would work in the shop. It would be a live feed.

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:

Air bottles are here and ready to go. They are much lighter than the old ones.

New Fire Department Officers:

Chief: Cody Gehrke

Assistant Chief: Bill Schuldt

Rescue Chief: Amy Gehrke

Rescue Captain: Vicki Baumgartner

Truck Captain and Training Officer: Tony Baumgartner

Rescue Training Officer: Donna Heyer

Safety Officer: Rojean Heyer

Secretary: Donna Heyer

Motion made by Joe to approve the new officers for the fire department. 2nd by Larry Moldenhauer. These are 2-year terms.

All DOT and truck inspections are up to date.

Heat shields need to be put on the pumper.

Discussed getting chains for the trucks if needed. Willie thinks there is a set that could be patched and would be good enough to keep in a truck if needed.

Donation received from Harley Owner's \$250.00.

Comment from Vicki on what to do with checks that are written to Nodine Fire and Rescue. Vicki has documents from the state auditor, but the verbiage is hard to understand. It would be best to run the documents by a lawyer. Motion by Joe Baumgartner and second by Larry Moldenhauer that the Relief Association talk to township lawyer regarding how donations should be managed.

Process for billing when there is a fire. Bill had written up something two years ago. There is a set amount that can be set for billing.

Old Business:

Culverts Lanes Valley Rd. There is another smaller culvert on Lanes Valley that needs to be looked at.

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.

Upgrading Spies Road. Supervisors will be working on this soon. Gravel hauled in and leveled up. Question from Joe on if the road needs to be registered. Supervisors will check to be sure the road is registered.

Landscaping new sand shed – on hold until spring.

Taking down old sand shed. This was done.

Furnaces in the shop need to be replaced. One quote has been received from Schroeder Heating and Cooling. \$6,777.01 for two furnaces, parts, and installation. Joe made a motion that by Dec. 29 if

another bid is not received, we go with the Schroeder bid otherwise we will go with the lowest of the two bids. Second by Ernie Erdmann.

Posting boards outside town hall. Joe to check Uline to see they carry something and he can also check with a friend that works for La Crosse Sign.

Use of ARPA funds:

Well sample for nitrates and bacteria. Joe had the water tested. Water is ok. Joe mentioned installing a holding tank. Joe to follow up.

Andrea has purchased a computer.

Loss of revenue calculation. Andrea will calculate this amount for the township. Per MAT, legislation is in process to be able to use this money for general purposes such as roads or other improvements as needed.

Clerk's Report:

Designation of polling place.

Andrea is still working on finding WordPress training.

Andrea will purchase a mail slot.

Motion to Approve Claims motion by Joe Baumgartner and Second by Larry Moldenhauer all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Today's balance \$286,998.20 spent \$16,600.15 balance \$270,398.05 last year \$209,672.72

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

\$1545.49 additional ARPA funds received

ARPA balance \$48739.88 computer \$752.18 balance \$47987.70

Motion to adjourn by Joe Baumgartner second by Ernie Erdmann at 8:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 012/10/21

Approved by:

Joe Baumgartner

Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

Richard Brown

Clerk Richard Brown

Date: 2-13-22