

New Hartford Township

Monthly Meeting

May 12th, 2022, 7:00pm

Held at New Hartford Town Hall

Attendance: Supervisors Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson

Clerk: Andrea Erdmann Treasurer: Michael Moor

Visitors: Bruce Grant, Gene Grant, Jack Dittmar, Matt Brown, Diana Brown

Maintenance Man: Willie Erdmann

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chairman Baumgartner at 6:58pm. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Matt and Diana Brown presented their house plans to the board as well the Township Acknowledgement Form and Driveway permit to be signed by the board. Also discussed the turn around for the school bus and the plow truck. The township may be able to give some assistance with this.

Jack Dittmar from Scott Construction attended to discuss the bid for seal coating Dakota Valley Rd. Cost to sealcoat Dakota Valley Dr. will be \$98,810.00 and cost to sealcoat Spies Road will be \$4,820.00. Motion from Joe Baumgartner to sealcoat Dakota Valley Rd at \$98,810 and Spies Rd at \$4,820 using American Rescue Act Funds and taking the rest of the money out of road and bridge. Second by Larry Moldenhauer all approved. We will be called a week ahead so that we can prepare. Question from Larry as to when Lanes Valley will be seal coated. It will be the year after next.

Bruce Grant and Gene Grant attended to get information from the supervisors regarding a landlocked parcel that they would like to sell. An easement from one of the neighbors would be the best option and could be a private road. If a cartway would need to be put in, it would need to be a public road. In order to go through with the cartway, a petition from an attorney with the required information would be the first step.

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

Fire Department Report and Related Business:

Fire Chief Cody Gehrke was not able to attend. Andrea shared information provided by Cody. New helmets are on order and should be arriving soon.

Cody is applying for the DNR 50/50 grant. He will use the money for two sets of turnout gear and boots.

He is also applying for a grant through MI Energy. If they receive it, he will replace gloves, Nomex hood, auto extraction gloves, and a suction hood.

They have decided to hold off on the AFG grant. Next year they will apply for the AFG grant and are hoping for a new fire engine.

Old Business:

Paperwork is in process for the septic tank at the shop. This will probably be done in the fall.

Road updates: Discussed roads that need rock this year. Also, the two culverts that need to be installed in Lanes Valley. Joe to call to see when these can be put in.

Handicap parking sign needs to be set up. Willie will put this on his rainy day to do list.

Faucet in the bathroom is leaking. Joe will look at it and see if a new one is needed.

Stop sign needs to be replaced at the end of Lost Valley Rd. Andrea will find out where Ernie ordered signs from last year and order two stop signs and a yield sign or two.

Driveway permit. Andrea has been looking at what is needed to put an ordinance in place. She would like to speak to the township lawyer to discuss the next steps and go over the wording of the driveway permit. Rich will attend with Andrea.

Camera and water sensor installation will be discussed again next meeting.

Joe will call Quality Dust Control about spraying roads this year. Mention from Joe Baumgartner to hire Quality Dust Control to spray gravel roads this year with the same width and amounts as last year. Second by Larry Moldenhauer. All approved

Joe will get prices on a chainsaw to purchase for township road and bridge use.

Motion to approve claims by Joe Baumgartner and seconded by Rich Johnson.

Clerk's Report:

ARPA reporting is completed for this year.

Andrea is getting ready for the May 24th primary.

We received a letter from the IRS saying that we owe form 941 taxes. Andrea is collecting information and looking into this as we have sent in more money than they show. Andrea will report on this again next meeting.

The fire department has received a reimbursement from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education for money spent on training. This money, \$870.00 will be paid from the state directly to Riverland Community College.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike handed out a picture of a road drag that needs a home. Discussed painting and displaying it with a plaque.

Today's balance \$263,396.98 spent \$ 8,981.05 balance \$ 254,415.93 last year \$134,059.81. At this time last year rock and culverts were paid for.

ARPA balance \$47,672.25

Motion by Joe Baumgartner to adjourn the meeting and second by Richard Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 05/22/2022

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

Clerk Andrea Erdmann

Date: