

New Hartford Township

Monthly Meeting

July 14th, 2022, 7:00pm

Held at New Hartford Town Hall

Attendance: Supervisors Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson

Clerk: Andrea Erdmann Treasurer: Michael Moor

Fire Department: Chief Cody Gehrke

Visitors: Arlyn Mades, Scott Severson, Aric Mades, Alivia Beach, Tony Baumgartner, Vicki Baumgartner, Marsha Ward

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

Public Comment:

Residents of Dakota Valley attended Arlyn Mades, Aric Mades, Scott Severson, Alivia Beach, Vicki Baumgartner, and Toni Baumgartner. Scott Severson commented that the neighbor's cows are out in the flower beds also in the roadways. This has been going on for years. He is not able to have a garden. Also, a cow could get hit on the road and cause injury. His only option is to call the sheriff to resolve the issue. Cows were out the same day that the sealcoating was done and went behind the sealcoating machine. The owner of the cows could be held accountable if the sealcoating on the road fails because of loose cattle. Comment from Alivia about the additional animals that are also out goats, dogs, and chickens. Motion from Richard Johnson and seconded by Larry Moldenhauer to follow up on the issue of the cows and animals causing a nuisance in Dakota Valley.

Marsha Ward attended and said to make sure that all damage is documented. She stated that Winona County is looking into a nuisance law. She also suggested calling the sheriff in every time. Discussed doing research to see what can be done as far as getting paid back for damages caused by the animals. Joe Baumgartner and Marsha Ward will follow up.

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

Fire Department Report and Related Business:

DNR 50/50 Grant was submitted for two new sets of turnout gear. Waiting for approval from the state.

Kwik Trip Donation of \$1000.00 was received.

Fire department Hose Testing: 750 ft of hose has been tested. They will test the rest of the hose soon.

Back up camera was ordered for the tanker and needs to be installed.

They are still waiting for the parts for the EMS rig aero stick controller.

Parts are ordered for the pressure washer. It was not set up correctly by the company. The new parts will resolve this.

Motion from Joe Baumgartner second by Richard Johnson for the fire department to purchase EPI pens. They split this cost with Dakota. Dakota sent a check for the entire amount of the EPI pens. Vicki will contact Dakota and see how they would prefer to manage the reimbursement.

Road Reports:

Invoice was received from Scott Construction for the sealcoating of Dakota Valley Drive and Spies Rd. Sealcoating is complete and looks good.

Discussed setting up a new fund for sealcoating. This would be done as part of the budget for next year and could be approved at the next annual meeting.

Andrea and Rich attended a meeting in Winona to see about getting reimbursed from the state for the May storm damage. There will not be any money from the state for the June storm damage. Andrea is working with the representative from the state to get reimbursed.

The culvert on Lanes Valley has been installed.

The dust control spray will be completed soon. The company is waiting for spray to be delivered.

Road rock application is completed for the year.

Joe is still working on the paperwork for the new chainsaw for township use.

New grader blades have been delivered. Willie is going to purchase the brackets. Willie will be the contact person for the grader blade vendor.

Old Business:

We received a quote for replacing the faucets in the townhall bathrooms and putting up new toilet paper holders as the old ones take a special toilet paper that is expensive. The supervisors would like to think about this quote and possibly fix it themselves.

We have received a draft of the driveway ordinance from the township lawyer. The supervisors will review the draft and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Joe will contact Jeff Steinfeldt about the cameras for the shop, fire station, and town hall.

Administrative Policy is completed if needed.

Comment from Larry Moldenhauer on replacing the sidewalk outside townhall and if we could call someone yet this year. Also discussed options of how it could be fixed.

Motion to by Richard Johnson to approve the claims seconded by Larry Moldenhauer. All approved.

Clerk's Report:

IRS 941 tax issue. The IRS sent another letter to the township asking for the detail for a specific tax return. Andrea has sent in this information via certified mail and is waiting for another reply.

Election judge training will be the week of July 18th. The next election is August 9th. Completed a resolution appointing the election judges for the August 9th election.

Completed paperwork to use ARPA funds on the sealcoating of Dakota Valley Road.

Andrea provided information on the upcoming MAT district meeting.

We have received the second installment of the ARPA funds.

The federal mileage rate increased on July 1st to \$.625 per mile.

Treasurer's Report:

Today's balance \$361,160.24 spent \$39,586.27 balance \$321,573.97 last year \$238,461.12. At this time last year rock and culverts were paid for.

ARPA second installment received \$48,739.87 balance \$96,412.12

Meeting adjourned by Joe Baumgartner at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 07/29/2022

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

Clerk Andrea Erdmann

Date:

Unapproved