

# **New Hartford Township**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**November 10th, 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: Cody Gehrke Maintenance Man: Willie Erdmann

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

October 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:

Heat shields will be installed on the pumper truck.

Sink will be fixed soon.

Some donations might be received from a call completed by the first responders.

#### Road Reports:

Mowing is not quite completed for the year.

Grading to be done on Summit. Discussed weather conditions and when more grading could possibly be done.

Discussed possibly cleaning up more trees this winter so that they don't become a problem in the spring.

Runaway Bridge: The bids received by the state for the bridge replacement were higher than expected. The project may not be completed next year. We will have to pay \$20,000 once they are ready to complete the project.

#### Old Business:

Landscaping of Town Hall: Plate on the sidewalk is slippery when wet. Joe will investigate getting an adhesive on it so that it is less slippery.

Joe asked Cody about getting rid of the tank behind town hall. He is checking to be sure it is not used anymore before it is removed. Discussed options.

Driveway Permit. Board reviewed on last time found no issues. Motion from Joe Baumgartner and seconded by Richard Johnson.

Camera and water sensor installation. Andrea will call Jeff Steinfeldt and see if he can attend the next meeting.

Animal nuisance in Dakota Valley. This is still an ongoing problem. Marcia Ward is working on legislation so the fine will double on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> occurrence.

Motion from Joe Baumgartner and second from Richard Johnson to approve the claims. All approved. This would include MI Energy, Kwik Trip, and Cornerstone Creations that still have not arrived in the mail.

#### New Business:

Discussed request from DNR to bid grading Great River Bluffs State Park. Willie to look at the road. Andrea to see how much paperwork would be involved. We will discuss next meeting.

Discussed window that was broken from mowing operation. Homeowner is not going to fix it until spring. Also discussed how this is set up through the township since Willie is paid as a contractor when he mows. Andrea will check with MAT to see what should be done. The board should check around to see how other townships handle this type of situation. We will discuss this again next meeting.

Andrea would like an awning installed over the door and posting board. This would protect the door, metal plate, and posting board from water and birds. The board members will investigate doing this.

#### Clerk's Report:

Andrea is not planning to run for a second term. Also discussed getting a Deputy Clerk to help Andrea and step in if Andrea is not available.

IRS 941 tax issue. Waiting to hear back from the IRS.

Larry and Rich will attend the supervisor training on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Andrea will attend the Clerk Treasurer training.

November 8<sup>th</sup> election is complete. We had 395 people vote. This is about a 70% turnout.

Andrea will post in the paper and update the posting boards and website with the January meeting date change. January meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer's Report:

Today's balance \$265,124.28 spent \$37,793.10 balance \$227,331.18 last year's balance \$172,434.80

Question from Joe on how last years balances and how the township could have gained money last year between October and November. Only \$4,000 was spent at last years November meeting so the numbers make sense.

Discussed paying off the plow truck. Motion from Joe Baumgartner and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Richard Johnson to pay off the plow truck at the December meeting.

Also discussed how much should be set aside each year for buying new vehicles if needed. This will be decided at the Board of Audit Meeting.

Motion from Joe Baumgartner and Second by Richard Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 12/4/2022

Approved by:

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Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

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Clerk Andrea Erdmann

Date: