

New Hartford Township

Monthly Meeting

December 8th, 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, Bill Schuldt

Maintenance Man: Willie Erdmann

Guest: Bev Dulek

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chairman Baumgartner at 7:01pm. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public comment from Bev Dulek. Wondering what she can do in regard to neighbors calling the police because her dogs are out. She stated that her dogs are contained.

November 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:

The sink in the fire station is fixed.

They had 2 I-90 calls and a fire call. They would like to start billing the insurance companies in order to help replace equipment. Discussed the Township Ordinance for billing insurance companies. A change is needed to the original ordinance. The fire department will go over the existing ordinance with the township lawyer and determine changes.

New gas meter has been calibrated.

Training reimbursements per fire fighter from the state has increased to \$300.00 per firefighter.

Discussed the fire department annual appreciation dinner and how this should be handled. We will ask the residents to approve the party at the annual meeting. No alcohol can be purchased with township money.

Cody brought up the lack of lighting over at the shop. There is a bulb that is burnt out. Also, a sensor would be helpful.

Old Business:

Joe has contacted someone about installing an awning over the door to town hall.

Andrea is working on getting the Driveway Ordinance submitted to the county.

Camera and water sensor installation. We are still looking for someone to help us in regard to getting cameras installed.

Animal nuisance in Dakota Valley. Joe is taking care of this for now.

Mowing operation changes. Andrea is working on a contract for the mowing. We will now be having Willie mow as an employee and leasing the tractor from him.

MAT insurance is taking on the claim of the broken window. Andrea will send in the paperwork.

DNR no longer wants bids to grade Great River Bluffs state park.

MAT training on November 28th was attended by Andrea, Rich, and Larry.

Final payment for the plow truck will be taking to the bank on Monday.

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

New Business:

Andrea requested that MAT insurance come and make sure we have enough insurance coverage. They will do this in the spring.

Clerk's Report:

Andrea asked that everyone get checks cashed before year end.

IRS 941 tax issue is completely resolved.

There will be more training available from MAT after the March election. They are also starting MAT University. This is online training that can be taken any time and will be available to us for free for a year.

Andrea is getting ready for the March election and annual meeting.

Andrea would like to keep the meetings moving if possible. We should be able to complete a meeting in about an hour.

Andrea is working on finding a deputy clerk. She will mention this when she e-mails the township regarding the January meeting change.

Andrea made the board aware that she will be buying more paper, W2 envelopes, and a filing tote for 2023. She will also order a small fireproof safe to keep important documents such as titles and insurance papers.

Andrea is going to work on moving over to the computer that was bought with ARPA funds. The original computer is still working, but the battery is starting to go bad.

Mike asked a question about the filing period for the township election. Andrea will submit the filing period information to the paper as this is due soon. The filing period for 1 supervisor and 1 treasurer is January 3rd through January 17th, 2023.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance \$230,163.93 spent \$43,826.22 balance \$186,337.71 last year's balance \$270,398.05. Last year's balance included the levy money that we usually receive in December. This year the December meeting is as early as it can be, so we have not received these funds yet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 1/4/2023

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

Clerk Andrea Erdmann

Date: