

# **New Hartford Township**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**January 5th, 2023, 7:00pm**

### **Held at New Hartford Town Hall**

Attendance: Supervisors Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson

Clerk: Andrea Erdmann Treasurer: Michael Moor

Maintenance Man: Willie Erdmann

Guest: Ed Walsh, Caroline Van Schaik, Shelby Erdmann

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chairman Baumgartner at 7:06pm. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public comment from Ed Walsh. Question on what to do about trees falling into the road and what should be done when this happens. He should push it aside to get by if he can, and let a supervisor know or Willie. He would also like the stop sign replaced at Lanes Valley and Lost Valley Road. Supervisors and Willie to determine if we have a stop sign in storage that can be put up or if one needs to be ordered. He thanked the township for the plowing and inquired about what order the roads are plowed in. Willie commented that he does bus routes first, then milk routes. Ed inquired what to do if sand is needed. Ed also asked about the status of sealcoating township roads. The supervisors will be looking at the numbers and determining this soon. Discussed cost of sealcoating and which roads should be seal coated. Ed asked if sealcoating will be done in 2023. This is still being decided. Also, a comment from Ed on how the township portion of Township taxes has not increased very much as compared to other townships.

January Minutes read by Andrea Erdmann. Motion by Joe Baumgartner and Second by Richard Johnson to approve the minutes as read. All approved.

#### **Road Reports:**

Plow Truck Repairs. Hoses were replaced. Discussed purchasing new chains. Bill from Frickson should be coming for the radiator.

Holiday Pay for Willie. We need to discuss this at the reorganizational meeting and decide on a definite policy.

### Old Business:

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

Andrea is getting the Driveway Ordinance submitted to the county. It will be ready for spring.

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. Marsha Ward is working on getting an ordinance in place.

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. Andrea will look into if we are required to open this up for bids.

The plow truck has been paid off and we are now a debt free township.

Motion from Joe Baumgartner and second from Richard Johnson to approve the claims. All approved. This would include the Xcel bills for the shop and Street Light, MI Energy, Kwik Trip, and also Erickson Construction.

### New Business:

Tables and chairs will not be borrowed from Town Hall.

Letter from Zenke insurance suggesting a review of our policy as Repair prices have increased. Andrea will work on getting insurance quotes from MATIT and Zenke insurance.

### Clerk's Report:

MAT will be offering training sessions after the March elections.

Andrea is getting ready for the March Election and the Annual Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Andrea is looking for a Deputy Clerk. Caroline van Shaik is thinking of helping me.

W2's were mailed out today 1/5/23. Will be working on 1099's after my trip as well as the other year end reports.

March election paperwork. Andrea will be gone during a week of the filing period. Mike will be available to help if anyone wants to register while I am gone.

Mike would like Andrea to call MAT in regards to if there would be a conflict of interest in possibly having his daughter in law as deputy clerk.

Federal mileage rate has increased to \$.655 per mile. New timecards have been handed out to reflect this change.

MATIT insurance coverage has been extended through June 2023. A renewal proposal will be sent in March. There will be no extra charge for the additional 3 months coverage.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance \$297,609.58 spent \$7,984.12 balance \$289,625.46 last year's balance \$263,805.62

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Erdmann 2/6/2023

Approved by:

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Chairman Joe Baumgartner

Witnessed:

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Clerk Andrea Erdmann

Date:

Unapproved