

**New Hartford Township  
MINUTES  
for the Monthly Meeting  
October 12, 2023, 7:00 pm  
New Hartford Town Hall**

**Attendance**

Supervisors: Joe Baumgartner, Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson

Clerk: Andrea Erdmann

Dep. Clerk: Caroline van Schaik

Treasurer: Michael Moor

Maintenance: absent

Fire Chief: absent

Guests: David Thesing

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Baumgartner at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Sept. 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes - Motion by Richard Johnson, second by Larry Moldenhauer; all approved.

**Public Comment**

- a. Dave Thesing asked about how to coordinate the seal coating of his driveway with Lanes Valley Road next spring. He also asked about missing culvert flags and speed signs. The board reviewed speed sign requirements, directed Dave on who to contact, and confirmed that seal coating will extend as far as the township can afford.

**Fire Department Report**

- a. Joe Baumgartner reported that fire department members voted to join the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and that there is discussion on when and how to replace the pumper truck.

**Road Reports**

- a. Coyote Rd grading update - done
- b. Permit to replace culvert on Lanes Valley Rd. – A new culvert near a trout stream requires a Department of Natural Resources permit that Richard Johnson is working on.
- c. Grader door opener – no action
- d. Gravel on Thicke Drive follow up by Joe Baumgartner – The landowner is responsible, reported Joe Baumgartner.
- e. Other – Andrea Erdmann will investigate a Gopher State on Call hotline account.

**Old Business**

- a. Speed sign follow up for Heyer Road – Caroline van Schaik reported that Heyer Rd. qualifies for 25 mile per hour speed signs. After discussion, the board agreed to take no action unless requested.
- b. Cell tower update – The Winona County Board of Supervisors tabled the cell tower application to its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 24, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the county building. Clerks are keeping the township website updated.
- c. County funding assistance for seal coating update by Joe Baumgartner – Joe reported there is

- no designated funding assistance.
- d. Awning over townhall door by Joe Baumgartner – Joe promised action by Jan. 1, 2024.
- e. Approve Claims - Motion to pay the bills by Joe Baumgartner, second by Richard Johnson; all approved.

**New Business**

1. Clerk’s Report
  - a. Kwik Trip fuel/oil-only cards in fire trucks - Andrea Erdmann said the cards have arrived and that she will activate them as soon as Kwik Trip resolves a system-wide shut down. Account names have been updated.
  - b. Fire department budget changes – Andrea will correct the budget format to sync with the bank statement.
  - c. Mystery charge with Auto Value of La Crosse – The unknown charge, which was paid and then canceled by the township, was likely an error at the store.
  - d. Grading contracts to Dresbach, Richmond, bill to Richmond – Information only, pending their return to the township.
  - e. On-line meeting option – Nothing yet.
  - f. Protocol for Township Acknowledgement Form requests and other non-residential/commercial issues brought to the township – Nothing yet. The board had an initial discussion in September on how to allow time for township input.
  - g. Other - Joe Baumgartner asked about mail-in voter options; clerks will investigate.
2. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Starting balance tonight: \$272,660.40
  - b. Spent tonight: \$20,269.57
  - c. Balance tonight: \$252,390.83
  - d. This month last year: Oct. 13, 2022 .... \$260,097.89
  - e. Short-term CD for seal coat dollars – Michael Moor provided CD options from Merchants Bank. There was discussion, with a decision tabled to next month to allow consideration of possibilities. Joe Baumgartner volunteered to do some math.
  - f. Other – none
3. Other – Joe Baumgartner suggested a township-wide postcard reminding residents of the website, email option, monthly meetings, and related. Clerks will draft for next month.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. by Joe Baumgartner, second by Richard Johnson; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline van Schaik 11/9/2023

Approved by:

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Chairman Joe Baumgartner  
Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dep. Clerk Caroline van Schaik \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_