# New Hartford Township

# MINUTES

# for the Monthly Meeting

# May 9, 2024, 7:00 pm

# New Hartford Town Hall

**Attendance**

Supervisors: Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson, Joe Baumgartner

Clerk: Kathy Klawiter

Treasurer: Michael Moor

Maintenance: Willie Erdmann

Fire Chief: Cody Gehrke

Guests: Tim Larson, Ed Walch, Andrea Erdmann, Ernie Erdmann, Keith Olson, Lisa Radtke, Colin O’Neil

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Baumgartner at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of April 9th, 2024 - Motion by Joe Baumgartner, second by Larry Moldenhauer; approved.

**Public** **Comment**

**Fire Department Report** – Willie Erdmann reported that the hoses were received. Need documentation of receipt of the batteries received to pay VISA bill. Motion was made to pay Andrew Teske fohis training and mileage for fire fighter training. (We have received a letter of completion) by Joe Baumgartner and seconded by Richard Johnson. Approved by all .

**Road Reports**

1. Forster Hill tree work – Litigation with Delaney settled. MATIT to pay the settlement. Other interested parties have 6 years to bring it up.
2. Permit to replace culvert on Lanes Valley Rd. update – Joe Baumgartner said the Department of Natural Resources has not yet responded.
3. Willie reported that he is about half done with grading the roads, after he is done with grading them a second time they will be ready for rock. Approximately 2 to 3 weeks yet.
4. Took the truck to Rushford to fix the wing. Cost is approximately $1000 for Labor and $600 for hitch. Frickson to look at electronics may need some new wires ect.
5. Continued the discussion on road right of way. Township only has a right of for what it normally maintains (i.e. how far the snow flies from the plow) unless we buy the land for the right of way.

**Old Business**.

1. Department of Justice investigation. She was going to send us an informal list wnich we haven’t received yet. We are waiting for a formal notification from her which may take several months to receive, probably not till October. We can work on the items she told us about, but we cannot request an inspection until she sends us the formal letter. These items should be addressed to possibly prevent any further action.
2. Approved Claims and expected routine bills from Excel Energy– After discussion, motion by Richard Johnson to pay the bills, second by Larry Moldenhauer; all approved.
3. Two bids for the Awning found so the bill submitted for payment can be paid.

**New Business**

1. Clerk’s Report
2. Reminded people that we needed them to cash their checks in a timely manner to facilitate bank reconciliations, ect.
3. Continue to work on getting judges certified for the next election. Waiting for more information on training for judges.
4. Updated CTAS software has been installed.
5. Discussed the need for a resolution to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest for work done by any Board member’s business. Especially for small jobs have one overall contract (must be less than $175,000) but can claim in small amounts with proper affidavits. Must be as lower or lower than outside vendors. Will look into how to do this and find the necessary paper work/forms.
6. Chad Sebo had questions on fence boundary. Township is not involved with fence boundary issues. Only time the Township is a “fence viewer” is if both parties have lifestock.
7. CNS wanted to know if there was paper work he needed to fill out for the fiber optic route. There is not.
8. PO Box issue was discussed, and it was decided to remove Fire Department from access of the box. Motion made by Larry Moldenhauer, seconded by Joe Baumgartner Approved by all.
9. Received a $600 donation for the Fire Fighters Relief Fund from Acentek.
10. Per a request via e-mail the plans for a Cell phone tower installation on Jerry Zenke’s land will be presented at the June meeting. Need to have on June Agenda.
11. Treasurer’s Report
12. Starting balance tonight: $297,725.74
13. Spent tonight: $17,346.43 (not including Xcel Energy)
14. Balance tonight: $280,379.31
15. This month last year: May 11, 2023 $257,290.17

Motion to Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. by Joe Baumgartner, second by Richard Johnson; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Klawiter 6/13/2024

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner Date

Witnessed:

Kathy Klawiter, Clerk Date