# New Hartford Township

# MINUTES

# for the Monthly Meeting

# August 8, 2024, 7:00 pm

# New Hartford Town Hall

**Attendance**

Supervisors: Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson, Joe Baumgartner

Clerk: Kathy Klawiter

Treasurer: Michael Moor

Maintenance:

Fire Chief: Cody Gehrke

Guests: Ed Walsh, Vickie Baumgartner, Cheryl Olson, Cody Gehrke, Caroline van Schaik, Emma Iremonger, Donna Heyer, Keith Olson, Ernie Erdmann

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Baumgartner at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of July 11th, 2024 - Motion Richard Johnson, second by Larry Moldenhauer; approved by all.

**Public** **Comment**

Carolyn was concerned that the minutes didn’t specifically say that we paid the claims/bills. These are all signed off on by all the board each month and we don’t have to have a motion to pay them but we do need a motion to pay any outstanding bills that we know are coming in as they will not be signed when paid.

Tree removal was brought up again by Ed Walsh. Joe had asked for bids and only received one that was acceptable. This was with Kyle Krumrie’s Tree Service. Discussion was about how they were to clear the road only out to as far as the township mowing line and the landowner is to receive the wood. Ed Walsh’s concern was how quickly the fallen trees would be removed. Kyle stated that there was no guarantee of a time frame and the length of time to respond would depend on the number of calls they received but they would do it as fast as possible. His proposal was for $250.00 per hour. The township will write up a contract for the proposal. Richard Johnson made the motion to approve the bid as a temporary bid until we can get the contract written. The motion was seconded by Larry Moldenhauer and approved by all. Meanwhile the Township will continue to seek other vendors for bids. It would be ideal if we could find a second vendor for when Krumrie can’t do it right away. Krumrie’s Telephone number is 507-450-0070.

Keith Olson still has questions about conflict of interest. He would like a Board member to go over every Statute with him. This will be quite time-consuming. A motion was made by Joe Baumgartner to have Kathy (Clerk) meet with Keith one on one. The motion was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved by all. Kathy will meet with him when time permits.

**Fire Department Report** –

1. SWF Firefighters PERA application needs a resolution by the Township Board. Richard Johnson moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Larry Moldenhauer and approved by all.
2. Fire department has/will applied for several grants. A $1000 grant for rescue equipment and a larger grant from AFP for a new engine.
3. PERA fire aid: Are they allowed a separate check book? Currently this small fund is funded by fund raising or donations that are given to the FD Associaton and used for gifts, flowers ect.

Currently $1200 to FD goes to the pension fund. Will this continue.

At the annual meeting should set up something to fund FD’s small account.

Ask a MAT lawyer about this before next meeting.

**Road Reports**

1. Permit to replace culvert on Lanes Valley Rd. update –Still no word from the DNR. Seal coating may have to proceed without a new culvert.
2. Due to the accident that occurred in June we will be adding Loren Moldenhauer for doing maintenance on the roads. This is temporary until Willie can return to work, which will be several months. Pay Loren at same rate as Willie and Carl.
3. We need to rent a tractor for mowing the roadsides. Need to check with Hammel Equipment. Will also put a request on our website. We will need it for 18 to 20 hours. Needs a cab and front wheel assist and not too old.

**Old Business**

1. Motion made by Joe Baumgartner and seconded by Larry Moldenhauer to approve outstanding claims to Mi Energy, Xcel, Kwik Trip, and Cornerstone along with all other claims paid tonight. Approved by all.
2. Joe Baumgartner made a motion to contract with Hokah Oil for the winter contract and to prepay $3000 which is due by August 30th. Seconded by Richard Johnson, approved by all. Joe also made a motion to add this payment to the outstanding claims to be paid, seconded by Larry Moldenhauer, approved by all. Joe will get the number of gallons used last year from Hokah so we know how many to contract for.
3. Department of Justice investigation. We will have signs for posting on the upstairs doors for handicap parking and voting per the DOJ requirements. The document contains a list of the items that we need to address and which we can start on. Carl will have the parking lot updated for necessary handicap parking designation before the August 13th election.

**New Business**

1. Clerk’s Report
2. Judges for election have had the required training.
3. Joe made a motion to get Quality Propane to spray for dust control, Larry Moldenhauer seconded the motion. Approve by all.
4. Treasurer’s Report:
5. Starting balance tonight: $338,356.79
6. Spent tonight: $15,862.79
7. Balance tonight: $322,494.00
8. This month last year: August 10, 2023 $282,006.95

Motion to Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. by Joe Baumgartner, second by Larry Moldenhauer; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Klawiter 9/12/2024

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner Date

Witnessed:

Kathy Klawiter, Clerk Date