# New Hartford Township

# MINUTES

# for the Monthly Meeting

# September 12, 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, Cheryl Olson, Cody Gehrke, Donna Heyer, Keith Olson, Robert Heyer, Samantha Glubke, Lance Klessig, Bob Bruno

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Baumgartner at 7:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of August 8th, 2024 - Motion Richard Johnson, second by Larry Moldenhauer; approved by all.

**Public** **Comment**

Lance Klessig introduced himself. They purchased the Brevig farm in 2020 and are involved in agro-tourism. This involves Lodging, tours, sales etc. They will need a Conditional Use permit from Winona County. He will need an acknowledgement form from New Hartford Township. This will be added to the agenda for October.

Robert Heyer requested an acknowledge form to present to Winona County for a Conditional Use permit for building a house off of Sunnyside Road. He will need to seek a driveway permit from the Township at a later date. Form signed by Joe Baumgartner.

Ed Walsh expressed his appreciation for all the work and time involved in getting Lanes Valley seal coating done.

**Fire Department Report** –

1. Bob Bruno is applying for a grant from the Gary Sinise Fund for a Lucas Compression Machine. These are very useful for CPR and several other townships have these and greatly appreciate them. It is especially helpful when there are limited personnel to answer a call, such during the daytime hours. Everybody is at work as there are very few farmers anymore to cover these times. We have a mutual aid agreement with Dakota, who has this machine, but the personnel is not always available. The cost is about $25,000. He would like a letter of support which was agreed to. He will write it up himself. He is also pursuing a grant from the Choctaw Indians for AFDs, as they are once again accepting requests.
2. Bob also asked for information on the contract between Richmond Township and the fire department. He said it is a 3-year contract. Kathy will try to find a copy of it.
3. SWF Firefighters PERA application resolution passed in August needed to be rescinded due to errors in the resolution. The error involved having stated an incorrect vesting schedule that did not match what was voted on by the Fire department. The motion to rescind was made by Joe Baumgartner, seconded by Richard Johnson and approved by all. A new motion to accept the corrected resolution was made by Rich Johnson, seconded by Larry Moldenhauer and approved by all.
4. Fire Department has received a DNR grant for $1,600 (Half the cost) for a full set of gear for Andrew Teske. A larger grant from AFP for a new engine will also be applied for. Karen Anderson will help write the grant request at a cost of approximately $1500.
5. The emergency Light Bar in the EMS vehicle is a concern. It is positioned near the visor and when there is fog, snow or rain it causes flash back and this bothers some of the drivers. They are going to remove it and use the existing wiring to mount an external light bar to the vehicle. They will be able to mount it to the ladder brackets and the cost should stay within the $500 budget.
6. Andrew Teske and Emma Iremonger passed their EMT classes and have already worked their first call.

**Road Reports**

1. Lanes Valley Rd. update –Seal coating Completed. Discussion was started for planning what future roads should be done.
2. Contract with Krumrie Tree Service was discussed. Reprinted with corrections. Time- line is September until Annual meeting in March and then needs to renew. Wording was agreed on and was signed. Motion to accept the contract was done at the August meeting.
3. Loren Moldenhauer and Carl Ukkestad will be handling maintenance on the roads temporarily until Willie can return to work.
4. Still checking on finding a tractor for mowing the roads. Joe to check with Hammel Equipment. We also put a request on our website.

**Old Business**

1. Motion made by Joe Baumgartner and seconded by Richard Johnson to approve outstanding claims to Cheryl Olson along with all other claims paid tonight. Approved by all.
2. DOJ update- The new concrete in front of door will be done before the November election. The person we have been working with at the DOJ is currently on maternity leave. We should get the official citation soon.
3. Residents have been calling for information on when dust control spraying will be done. Dust control should be done next week. Joe will send Loren along with them. It was requested to make sure that Heyer Road is done.

**New Business**

1. Clerk’s Report
2. The Levy request was requested from the County. Do we need to fill it out? Mike stated that since we set the amount at annual meeting we should not have to send it again unless there are substantial changes that need to be made. We are assuming that if we don’t send it in they will use annual meeting values.
3. Joe Baumgartner will attend the next meeting (Oct 1, 2024) of the Dresbach Town Boar to discuss plowing and grading of their roads. These include parts of Lanes Valley Road, Beaches Vally and Beuhlers Ridge. Need to find the contracts for Fire and Rescue contract with Pickwick and Dresbach to determine if they need to be renewed.
4. Treasurer’s Report:
5. Starting balance tonight: $319,346.92
6. Spent tonight: $10,559.95
7. Balance tonight: $308,786.97
8. This month last year: August 10, 2023 $258,387.10

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 10/10/2024

Approved by:

Chairman Joe Baumgartner Date

Witnessed:

Kathy Klawiter, Clerk Date