# New Hartford Township

# MINUTES

# for the Monthly Meeting

# March 13, 2025, 7:00 pm

# New Hartford Town Hall

**Attendance**

Supervisors: Larry Moldenhauer, Richard Johnson, Douglas Stavenau

Clerk: Kathy Klawiter

Treasurer: Michael Moor

Maintenance:

Fire Chief: Cody Gehrke

Guests: Caroline van Schaik, Ed Walsh, Emma Iremonger, Patricia Van Pelt, Bob Bruno, Charles Sonnek, Bill Schuldt, Lisa Radtke, Joel Baumgartner, Willie Erdmann, Ernie Erdmann

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Larry Moldenhauer at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of March 10, 2025 with addition of a sentence referencing the request by Cody Gerhke for a check of $1000 to purchase hoses from Cresco Iowa FD. Motion to accept by Richard Johnson, seconded by Larry Moldenhauer; approved.

**Public** **Comment:**

1. Ed Walsh raised several questions regarding plans going forward for seal coating more roads and if we are still setting aside money for funding this. What is the rational for deciding whether we are going to do this and if it is a priority. Still trying to set aside $20,000 per year. Discuss ensued about how costs were determined. Trying to track what was saved. Doug requested a copy of road costs. Need to consider number of houses, usage and amount of taxes we get from these.
2. Joe brought up that there is wind-row of rock down Dakota hill and that should be pushed out before the next snowstorm. He also took exception to how the annual meeting went and felt that Kathy was not doing her job accurately. He felt that the levy allocation was a budget. There is a difference between an allocation (the amount agreed to from the County) versus a budget (How we are going to spend it.)

**Fire Department Report** –

1. McQueen to go through the entire new Fire truck.
2. Fire hoses purchase from Cresco Iowa was discussed and a check requested by Cody, Mike said unless we have some documentation to attach to the claim, he could not issue a check. Cody got pictures of the hoses to be purchased and Mike found that to be adequate.
3. Fire Department will be receiving a $500 grant from Mi Energy. Still waiting on DNR grants.
4. Old truck to be put on Wisconsin Supply or MNBID auction site, Need to specify that it is no longer a pumper, selling as a straight chasis truck. Running gear, tires, rear end, motor etc. are new on the truck.
5. Motion made, seconded and approved to set reserve for the old truck at $7,000. Amended to include that if it does not sell for $7,00 or more they can reduce it to $5,000.
6. There was an ordinance drafted by Bill Schult for billing for fires with input from a Minnesota League of Cities conference approximately 5 years ago. Verbage needs to be changed. Doug will check with Skip Weiser if he has a copy of the ordinance. (I was able to find a copy of this ordinance, it was not dated or signed.)
7. Fire department has a Mutual Aid agreement with other departments so we need to keep our equipment similar.
8. 50/50 grant is still pending due to Federal problems
9. Getting an Operationl Roundup grant for rechargeable LED lights and stand.

**Road Reports**

1. Discussed claim for damages done by a semi that tried to go up Dakota Valley road on March 5th. Motion made by Douglas Stavenau to send a bill to KGS for actual amounts to be determined upon completion of repairs: for equipment usage, personnel time, materials, and time from onset. We will bill after the April monthly meeting. Seconded by Richard Johnson, approved.

**Old Business**

1. Motion made by Richard Johnson to approve claims paid tonight and outstanding claims, including Xcell energy, the hoses from Cresco IA, and the cost of MAT Short courses that the board was going to attend. Motion was seconded by Douglas Stavenau. Approved.

**New Business**

1. Clerk’s Report
2. Winona County Township Assoc. banquet set for March 26th, 2025. Richard and Kathy will attend.
3. MAT short courses were held in Winona, March 17th. Larry, Richard, Douglas, and Kathy are all attending. 9-3
4. Treasurer’s Report:
5. Starting balance tonight: $230,915.74
6. Spent tonight: $20,619.68
7. Balance tonight: $210,296.06
8. This month last year March 14th, 2024 $282,822.90
9. Richard Johson moved to accept treasurer report, second by Larry Moldenhauer, Approved
10. Mike brought up that seal coating projects need a comprehensive plan, i.e. farms road vs other roads. This is something for the supervisors need to look at. Maybe during spring road review.

Motion to Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. by Larry Moldenhauer and seconded by Douglas Stavenau; approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Klawiter 02/13/2025

Approved by:

Vice Chairman Larry Moldenhauer Date

Witnessed:

Kathy Klawiter, Clerk Date