

April 2024

The New Haven Township Board met on April 8, 2024 at New Haven Township Hall located at 2705 Easton Rd Owosso, Mi. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Hill, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was taken. Members present: Trustee Buginsky, Treasurer Eickholt, Supervisor Hill, Trustee Gray and Clerk Wirwicki. Absent: none.

Guests: Colleen Horton, Don Dickinson, Jessica Kunik, Don Horton (agent), Steve DeLong, David Eickholt, Margie Westerlund, Bruce Westerlund, Fred Riley, Lee Horton, David Butcher, Kirk Norton, Commissioner Holzhausen, and Dan Winters.

Motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Hall Rental security deposit, insurance, sound system, Open Meeting Act Violations, Deputy pay audit (11554, 11576, 11611, 11671,11719), Request audit of 4 checks to previous Trustee (11485, 11558, 11656, 11670), Audit of 4 unknown checks in Jan (11657, 11679, 11680, 11681). All ayes. Agenda approved.

A motion by Trustee Buginsky, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes with Buginsky's recommended amendments. Ayes: Buginsky, Eickholt, Gray, Hill. Motion Carried.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the March 26, 2024 meeting minutes with Buginsky's recommended amendments. Ayes: Buginsky, Eickholt, Gray, Hill. Motion Carried

Treasurer Eickholt presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024.

General Fund: Horizon \$332,812.64; Mi Class \$670,193.01; MSU Credit Union \$124.26; For a General Fund Total of \$1,003,129.91.

Other Funds:

Perpetual Care Account: Horizon: \$3,972.08, Mi Class: \$37,869.19. Two Mil Road Account: \$134,951.38; Ambulance Account: \$39,845.38; Fire Account: \$54,503.47; SATA Account: \$7,219.91; ARP Funds: Horizon: \$1,860.55, Mi Class: \$73,928.11; Tax Checking Account: \$1,161.90.

A total of all funds: \$1,358,441.88.

Motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Buginsky to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Eickholt spoke about the interest received from Mi Class, and expressed interest in moving other funds to Mi Class to increase the interest rates of those funds.

Delegates:

Commissioner Holzhausen updated the Board on events happening at the County including remodeling the district court. Narcan vending machines are located in the health department for the public.

Old Business:

Clerk Wirwicki updated the board on the website building process, which was estimated to be completed by February 2024. The company has not heard from anyone since Treasurer Eickholt sent in the information for the treasurer tab. Clerk Wirwicki was in contact with the company weekly working on the project. The History tab information was not submitted. Clerk emailed everyone the mock-up asking for everyone to review it by a certain date so the build could begin. No one emailed the company with changes so the company began the build. Board said it can not go "live" until the board has time to review the website. Project pending review.

Clerk Wirwicki update the board on Solar/Wind leases being signed in our township. One new lease agreement has been filed with Register of Deeds for windmills with Elmer Gross. Clerk Wirwicki notified the public that Jason Hannath from DTE was at March's meeting taking notes.

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A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported Trustee Buginsky by to approve the paying paving of Easton Road from State Rd to just west of the township hall at a cost of \$40,000.00. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported Trustee Buginsky by to approve the graveling of Henderson Road from State Rd to Cram Road at a cost of \$15,379.00. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported Trustee Gray by to approve the graveling of Henderson Road from Cram Road to Kerby Road at a cost of \$15,379.00. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Hill asked Clerk Wirwicki to look into the Wightman Rental in November 2023. They did not receive their security deposit yet. Clerk Wirwicki said she doesn't have any paperwork in the to be processed folder. Clerk Wirwicki will look into this matter.

Treasurer Eickholt presented two bids for security cameras for election Dropbox. The board will review the bids at the May meeting.

Treasurer Eickholt discussed the purchasing of a sound system, (a possible project discussed at the special meeting in July 2024). The board is looking at the beginning proposed project of purchasing a transportable PA speaker with microphones rather than having a company install a permanent PA system that was proposed in August.

Treasurer Eickholt asked Supervisor Hill to look into the insurance company's proposed replacement value of the township hall. There was a \$12,000 increase in the replacement value. Clerk Wirwicki reminded the board that the old policy expires at the end of April.

New Business:

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve PLD24-001, a request to create a 1.9-acre parcel and a 58.1-acre, Parcel number 003-10-400-002. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki advised the board there was a late fee occurred by Spectrum due to lack of communication. She asked that if a board member leaves paperwork in her dropbox, to contact her to let her know it's there. She didn't realize a check was placed there for her to sign.

Clerk Wirwicki discussed the expenses of the EV site and that the total cost would be split equally between each of the twenty townships that signed the agreement. Members of the board expressed their disapproval in the way the expense was being applied, they thought it should be split by the percentage of voters for each township. Clerk Wirwicki stated an adjustment to the 2024-2025 budget will need to be made to cover the EV site expense. No action was taken at this time.

Treasurer Eickholt stated the clerk violated the Open Meeting Act, stating that the minutes must be posted to the website 5 days after approval, and drafts must be hung on the door or in the bulletin board 8 days after the meeting. She stated the March 26 meeting minutes had a post mark date of April 1st but she didn't receive them until April 6 due to an incorrect address and they were in her old mailbox. She advised the board that if someone wanted to they could petition the court and the clerk would be fined \$1,000 for the first violation, and \$2,000 for a 2nd infraction plus the possibility of jail time.

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Trustee Buginsky stated MCL 41.69 and 41.61 page 113-114 of Michigan Townships Association Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships: a deputy has no authority beyond those situations to perform a statutory duty of the office – or any additional duties or job functions – without further authorization by the board and the official. Trustee Buginsky requested a audit of checks issued to the deputy clerk stating they are “honey do list” of maintenance and should be paid at the maintenance rate of \$10 per hour not the \$15 of deputy pay.

Trustee Buginsky requested an audit of checks 11485, 11558, 11656, and 11670 issued to the past trustee for ambulance meetings attended.

Call to Public:

Buginsky asked if ~~Tim~~ Supervisor Hill signed the Corunna Ambulance Service Agreement. He has not received it yet.

Payment of Bills:

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to pay Dol-Jac in the amount of \$480.60 A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to pay bills in the amount of \$9,733.93 A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried

The next regular board meeting will be May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm at New Haven Township, 2705 Easton Rd Owosso, Mi.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Wirwicki, New Haven Township Clerk