

April 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

The New Haven Township Board met on April 11, 2022 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, and Clerk Wirwicki. Absent: Trustee LeCureux

Guests: Colleen Horton, Fred Gray, Tony Newman Drain Commission, Attorney Flory, Larry Sink.

Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Liabilities Insurance, Service Contracts, checks, Michigan Class, Fire Payment, Ambulance Payment, Assign Zoning. All ayes. Agenda approved.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to approve the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes with revisions by Treasurer Eickholt. A voice count was taken, Ayes: Eickholt, Hill, Wirwicki. No: Buginsky. Motion Carried.

Buginsky does not approve the amendments of adding the last names to her incomplete motions for reappointing planning commissioners. She claims her motion was for different people then was amended by the Clerk. She claims that her motion was for Fred Bedore, Dan Lewis, Norman Clark, Mary Weller, and Russ Springsteen. Buginsky claims the Clerk is making a mockery of the minutes. It was mentioned by Supervisor Hill that each commissioner was asked (with the exception of Norm LeCureux) if they would serve again before the motion was made, and each said yes.

Buginsky also presented her objections to the amendments to the County and admits giving the County the drafted minutes to help them with their litigation knowing we are in litigation with the County pertaining to the Rowells.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to Approve the March 30, 2022 Special Meeting minutes with amendments from Treasurer Eickholt. A voice count was taken, Ayes: Eickholt, Hill, Wirwicki. No: Buginsky. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Eickholt presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2022. General Fund: \$377,353.27, Two Mil Road Account: \$102,402.20, Perpetual Care Account: \$38,568.15, Fire Account: \$49,340.25, Ambulance Account: \$23,957.85, Tax Checking Account: \$522.82, MSU Credit Union \$5.14, SATA Account: \$6,930.07, ARP Funds: \$67,418.65, 30-day CD at Horizon Bank maturing 4/17/2022: \$100,000.00, 6-mth CD at Horizon Bank maturing 9/16/2022: \$100,000.00, 12-mth CD at Horizon Bank maturing 3/18/2023 \$100,000.00, 3-mth CD at MSU Credit Union maturing 6/29/2022: \$100,003.70 for a total of \$1,066,502.10.

Clerk Wirwicki asked Attorney Flory if the township needed an investment policy adopted within 180 days of the fiscal year in order to invest township funds during that fiscal year? Attorney Flory replied stating Act 20 of 1943 the statute number is MCL 129.95 in section one it does require an investment policy. The policy was required to be adopted within 180 days of the fiscal year.

Motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Buginsky Eickholt, Hill, Wirwicki. Motion Carried.

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Colleen Horton commented the minutes were not being corrected properly. She said items removed require a line through those words.

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Tony Newman, Drain Commissioner presented the Board with Resolution 2022-08 to repair Linzey Drain. He said the cost to repair the drain would be no more than \$45,000 for a little over a two-mile stretch. The township would be charged 20% of the fee, the county would cover 20% of the fee. The remaining expense of the project would be levied in a special assessment.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to approve Resolution 2022-08 to repair Linzey Drain. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Buginsky, Eickholt, Hill, Wirwicki. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

A motion by Trustee Buginsky, supported by Supervisor Hill to rescind the motion to appoint Fred, Mary, Norman, Dan and Russ (added to include the words "to the Planning Commission"). A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to reappoint Mary Eickholt to the Planning Commission until November 2024. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to appoint Fred Gray to the Planning Commission for the term starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to appoint Dan Winters to the Planning Commission for the term starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to appoint Russ Wing to the Planning Commission for the term starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to appoint Norman LeCureux to the Planning Commission for the term starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki presented a price for Quickbook classes. The Board wants more information before voting.

Supervisor Hill noted the cemetery drives needs some work. He will be trying to get bids to tear out the sod, and gravel the drives.

Clerk Wirwicki commented to the Board that the grave blankets have been cleared by Sexton McAllister.

Supervisor Hill presented one bid for placing pads under the air conditioners. Buginsky wants more bids before voting.

Supervisor Hill once again brought up the topic of getting the septic system emptied. Buginsky wants bids before going forward with a vote.

New Business:

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to move \$300 from 101-215 (Clerk-other) to 101-247 (Board of Review) for the 2021-2022 budget. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to move \$450 from 101-101 (Township Board) to 101-253 (Treasurer) for the 2021-2022 budget. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki mentioned the net surplus for the fiscal year 2021-2022 was \$90,000.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to adjust the 2022-2023 budget by moving (amount given by Buginsky in the amount of) \$10,000 from 101-446 (General-Road) to 101-266 (Attorney). A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki presented information to the Board and Attorney Flory pertaining to the Rowell/County case. As known from the last meeting, the Rowells applied and was granted a building permit incorrectly for property at 1770 Riley Rd, so split was permitted. The information presented by Clerk Wirwicki showed the Rowells knew the correct process for splitting/building from past experience doing a split and building permit in 2010 for 1770 Riley Rd. The 2018 denial of splitting the property was filed by Christopher Rowell, the Rowells son whom lived with the Rowells at the time of applying for the split. Packets with proof of this information was given to each Board member and Attorney Flory. There was more discussion about the case.

There was discussion about the upcoming solar panel project possibly coming to the township and zoning. The attorney advised the Board what their options are pertaining to the project. Supervisor Hill will be contacting Shiawassee County about the project and ask if they will put a hold on any solar projects moving into our township. During this conversation, Trustee Buginsky advised the Board that she had a conversation with Shiawassee County Board members pertaining to our planning commission and Boards members and they were discussing removing our township from their zoning ordinances. Should this happen, Trustee Buginsky warned us our township will be responsible for creating and enforcing our own zoning ordinances.

Trustee Buginsky brought up the InvisALink contract and states the contract states he is supposed to have liability insurance on the tower. She expressed concern about someone being hurt on the pieces of lower laying in the lawn. She would like a copy of their liability insurance on file for the tower.

Trustee Buginsky asked if the township had service contracts on the heating, cooling and air conditioning. Supervisor Hill answered no. Buginsky would like the Board to consider having service contracts for liability reasons, then according to her the hired company would be liable and responsible for the equipment not the township.

Trustee Buginsky brought up voided checks and asked if the township had sufficient checks for the General Fund. Clerk Wirwicki told the township at this point we are okay on the number of checks on hand.

Trustee Buginsky asked who was voided check 11174 was issued to. Clerk Wirwicki responded that after printing checks she forgot to remove the remaining checks before printing the Sexton's invoice.

Trustee Buginsky addressed comments that were made after the special meeting last month made by a member of the public. She over heard someone discussing the Rowell's septic inspection and she looked into the inspection and verified the septic was inspected.

Treasurer Eickholt let the Board know that the Local Community Stabilization Authority changed the way they disburse funds and that's why our township didn't receive \$246.09. They told Treasurer Eickholt she should open a Michigan Class account in order to receive the funds, that was the way the funds would be handled in the future. Treasurer Eickholt stated an investment policy is required in order to open a Michigan Class account so we can receive the LCSA funds.

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A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Supervisor Hill that we join Michigan Class. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Eickholt presented and motioned the Board accept Resolution number 2022-09 Investment and Depository Resolution, seconded by Clerk Wirwicki. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Supervisor Hill to pay Owosso Township Fire Department \$48777.22. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by supported by Clerk Wirwicki to pay Corunna Area Ambulance Service \$16,920.00 and Twin Township Ambulance Service \$6,795.00. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Hill presented the Mineral Well Brine Agreement for two applications totaling \$33,570.00 with Shiawassee County Road Commission.

Supervisor Hill presented the Scratch Course/Chip Seal Agreement with Shiawassee County Road Commission with an estimated cost of \$98,800.00 minus the SCRC 2022 Contribution of \$35,000.00 equaling \$63,800.00.

Call to Public:

None

Payment of Bills:

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to approve the post-audit payroll and payroll taxes for Board of Review March meeting in the amount of \$581.30. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to pay bills in the amount of \$13,740.60. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next regular board meeting will May 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at New Haven Township, 2705 Easton Rd Owosso, Mi.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Supervisor Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Wirwicki, New Haven Township Clerk