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The New Haven Township Board met on May 13, 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, Steve DeLong, Margie Westerlund, Bruce Westerlund, Fred Riley, Laurie Riley, Lee Horton, David Butcher, Larry Senk, Commissioner Holzhausen, and Dan Winters.

Motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve the agenda with the following amendments: SATA ballot proposal, Visual Edge IT agreement. All ayes. Agenda approved.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes with recommended amendments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Supervisor Hill to approve the April 22, 2024 meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Treasurer Eickholt presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2024.

General Fund: Horizon \$343,542.15; Mi Class \$673,163.44; MSU Credit Union \$124.27; For a General Fund Total of \$1,016,829.86.

Other Funds:

Perpetual Care Account, Horizon: \$3,972.15, Perpetual Care Account, Mi Class: \$38,037.03. Two Mil Road Account, Horizon: \$3,972.15; Two Mil Road Account, Mi Class: \$130,383.88. Ambulance Account: \$39,846.03; Fire Account: \$54,504.37; SATA Account: \$7,220.03; ARP Funds: Horizon: \$1,860.58, Mi Class: \$74,255.80; Tax Checking Account: \$1,162.56.

A total of all funds: \$1,373,025.20.

Motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Gray to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Delegates:**

Commissioner Holzhausen updated the Board on events happening at the County.

Planning Chairman Dan Winters updated the board on the Land Use Plan and the Revising of the County Zoning Ordinance. The planning commission plans to review the Revised Zoning Ordinances and prepare their suggestions for the township board to review and approve to be sent to the county. The Land Use Plan is waiting for further information from the State level.

**Old Business:**

Clerk Wirwicki presented the Insurance invoice and contract that was emailed to the board for review on February 28. She advised the board the policy should have been approved and paid by April 1<sup>st</sup>. She read an email from the provider on the steps required to have the building amount reviewed. The board discussed having the building appraised, and shopping for a new insurance provider for the following year.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt, to approve the payment of \$7,108.00 to Burnham and Flower and to sign the 2024-2025 contract. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki update the board on Solar/Wind leases being signed in our township. Lease agreements have been filed with Register of Deeds for windmills by Brenda Donahue, Jeffery Fromm, and Elmer Gross. Clerk Wirwicki stated she heard DTE Reps met with a few residents, and their attorney at a home in our township to discuss bringing in wind turbines into our township. She asked if anyone knew anything about that meeting. No response to the questions, no action being taken.

Clerk Wirwicki read a letter from the township attorney pertaining to alleged Open Meeting Act Violations of minutes not being posted as stated in April's meeting by Treasurer Eickholt. *"As you can see from the plain*

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*language of the OMA, there is no such requirement in the law. They must be available to the public upon request but there is no requirement that they be published in a particular form under the OMA."*

Clerk Wirwicki read a letter from the township attorney pertaining to the deputy pay for doing tasks for the clerk claiming they were a "honey do list" of maintenance by Trustee Buginsky. *"Mr. McKone and I's position is that the payments were related to statutory duties (elections), they were properly paid and authorized by the Board after a chance to review, and so an audit is unnecessary."*

Clerk Wirwicki advised the board that the VC3 SonicWall Firewall subscription was expiring. The company offered a 2-year renewal for \$950.00 or 3-year renewal for \$1,380.00. The board discussed the two options. A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to approve the two-year contract for SonicWall Firewall. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki advised the board the check issued to Mr. LeCureux in December to replace the uncashed August check should not have been issued; the August check should have been voided. The August check was being held and waiting for ambulance meeting minutes for July and August. July meeting was paid in September when minutes were presented. Trustee Buginsky asked Tim to contact the attorney to see what could be done for the mishandling of funds.

Clerk Wirwicki updated the board on the website building process, which was estimated to be completed by February 2024. The initial build is complete, the board needs to review the project. Clerk Wirwicki will be emailing everyone the link to review. Project pending review by the board.

Clerk Wirwicki asked the board when did they wanted to set up the Drone video that came with the website package purchased, appointments for summer bookings were taking place now. The board discussed proposed locations. Supervisor Hill will work with the company to get the drone video completed. Proposed locations discussed include: the river near Six Mile Creek (iron Bridge), the hall, Easton Church and cemetery, Church on Riley and Hintz rd, West Haven cemetery along with brick house across the road. No board action taken.

A motion by Supervisor Hill, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to have Attorney McKone write up a SATA proposal to be placed on the November ballot. Trustee Buginsky asked for discussion. Motion retracted by Supervisor Hill.

**New Business:**

Treasurer Eickholt notified the board she made changes to the Visual Edge IT contract stating we were over on Tier Level 1 color printing from December through March for an added cost of \$37.48. The new agreement is for 400 prints of color tier 1, 46 prints of color tier 2, and 1250 black & white prints for the copy machine. No Board action taken.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to issue the following disbursements from the ambulance account to: Corunna Area Ambulance Services for \$2,8275.00 and Twin Township Ambulance Services for \$11,325.00. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Buginsky asked Supervisor Hill if he signed a form from Corunna Area Ambulance yet. Supervisor Hill stated he has not signed the form.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Buginsky to issue a disbursement from the Fire Fund to Owosso Township Fire Department in the amount of \$53,935.75. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Treasurer Eickholt let the board know that the SATA invoice should be mailed to the township soon. The agreement amount was no more than \$6,810.11. No action was taken at this time.

Trustee Buginsky updated the board on events at Corunna Area Ambulance Service.

**Call to Public:**

Don Dickinson presented a letter to the board pertaining to meeting minutes.

**Payment of Bills:**

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to pay Corunna Postmaster in the amount of \$102.00 for a PO Box for the treasurer. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by to pay bills in the amount of \$7,358.25 A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried

The next regular board meeting will be June 10, 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 8:12pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Wirwicki, New Haven Township Clerk

**Note from Clerk:**

At the June 10, 2024 meeting Trustee Gray asked that a paragraph be stricken from the minutes. Treasurer Eickholt asked that a number be corrected to show the correct placement of the comma. Trustee Buginsky asked that a note be entered. Supervisor Hill motioned that those corrections be made, Trustee Gray seconded the motion. The vote was as followed: Ayes: Hill and Gray. Nays: Buginsky, Eickholt, and Wirwicki. Motion failed, May minutes not amended.