

October 2024

The New Haven Township Board met on October 14, 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, Margie Westerlund, Fred Riley, Laurie Riley, Larry Senk, David Butcher, Lee Horton, Steve DeLong, Elaine Clover, Andrew Richardson, Gary Holzhausen and Dan Winters, **and others not signed in.**

Motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve the agenda with the following amendments: West Haven tree and Treasurer laptop. All ayes. Agenda approved.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the September 9, 2024 meeting minutes with a recommended amendments by Treasurer Eickholt. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

General Fund: Horizon \$331,195.33; Mi Class \$692,630.14; MSU Credit Union \$124.32; For a General Fund Total of \$1,023,949.79.

Other Funds: Perpetual Care Account, Horizon: \$4,172.50; Perpetual Care Account, Mi Class: \$38,898.46.

Two Mil Road Account, Horizon: \$3,610.70; Two Mil Road Account, Mi Class: \$84,925.60; Ambulance Account: \$246.34; Fire Account: \$569.08; SATA Account: \$410.22; ARP Funds: Horizon: \$5,813.49; Mi Class: \$47,826.58; Tax Checking Account: \$67,289.04.

A total of all funds: \$1,277,711.80.

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

Delegates:

Commissioner Holzhausen spoke of items happening within the County.

Old Business:

Clerk Wirwicki updated the board on the upcoming election. Public Accuracy test to be held Wednesday October 23, 2024 at the township hall. Clerk Wirwicki completed 10 election training webinars to prepare for the upcoming election. Ballots, and ~~programming~~ **programming** were delivered late due to litigation (JFK-RFK Jr wanted his name removed from the ballot past the expiration date). Ballots received September 25 at 3:45pm. Absentee ballots were mailed September 26 at 9am. ~~Ms. Horton was unable to take the day off work to learn the process Clerk Wirwicki uses for processing absentee ballot requests.~~ Preliminary testing was completed October 4th, ~~Ms. Horton was not able to take the day off work to learn how to set up election equipment, create test ballots, or complete required paperwork.~~ Early Voting Test ballots for each jurisdiction was not shipped to county, local clerks had to deliver test ballots to county on day of test. All deadlines for the upcoming election were met despite delays. The invoice for August election for Early Voting does not include wages.

Clerk Wirwicki presented one bid to repair the two monuments at West Haven due to a tree branch falling. Sexton McAllister's ~~business~~ has not gotten back with a bid. Board asked for ~~another~~ **another** bid. No action taken.

Trustee Gray stated he has received several complaints about the lack up upkeep at West Haven Cemetery. Clerk Wirwicki reminded the board that the contract for the landscaper ~~is expired~~ **expires** this fall. No action was taken.

Clerk Wirwicki asked for an update on the MTA class taken by Horton, Eickholt, and Gray. Eickholt did not bring in her notes, but stated the topics they attended.

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A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Buginsky to approve the amended L4029 provided by the Assessor, should ~~Sata~~ SATA be approved at in the November 5th General Election. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Wirwicki asked if the cemetery bulletin boards will be installed soon, they have been sitting in the office since October of 2023.

Clerk Wirwicki advised the board that the Shiawassee River Coalition was installing river mile markers to assist water recreations users should medical help or rescue are needed. The Coalition has asked the township to reimburse \$140 for each sign, the township will have three of the mile markers. Trustee Buginsky asked "what is the liability to the township for paying for the mile markers". Eickholt asked "Is this a legal disbursement." No board action was taken until those two questions are answered.

Clerk Wirwicki attended a PA116 webinar, it was stated by the county a couple months ago that individual townships are now responsible for approving PA116. During the webinar is was asked who should be approving the PA116. Only townships that are responsible to for their own zoning are required to approve PA116, ~~the county must approve our townships.~~ **The county must approve our township's PA116.**

Clerk Wirwicki stated a corrected to August minutes must be noted in these minutes. In September Eickholt had the minutes corrected that Planning Commission Chairman Dan Winters presented the PA 116 to the board. This correction was incorrect, it was Clerk Wirwicki that presented it.

Trustee Gray updated the board on the dying tree at West Haven Cemetery. The county will remove the tree.

Clerk Wirwicki reached out to SATA to get the questions answered that was asked of the SATA Repersentive at the August meeting. She read the responses. Discussion took place pertaining to the received email.

New Business:

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Trustee Buginsky to approve PLLA 24-009 a property swap of .56 acres as presented by Planning Chairman, Dan Winters. The Parcels involved are number 003-22-400-003-02 and 003-22-400-004. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to have G. Cooper Electric to replace the east parking lot light with a cost of no more than \$500. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The board was asked to complete a letter of support for the application of a grant to bring high speed internet to the under-serviced in Shiawassee County. Comments were made about already having one internet provider and the mess that company did to farmer's fields when installing the fiber optic lines. The board took no action on this item.

Treasurer Eickholt stated she had to purchase a new laptop. She was opening emails, and was given a virus which caused the blue screen of death. The IT company was able to recover some of her files, but not all. No further action was taken.

Clerk Wirwicki let the ~~board~~ **Board** know that the State of Michigan gave the township a Qualifying Statement after reviewing our audit and F65 report.

Call to Public:

Payment of Bills:

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Wirwicki to pay bills in the amount of \$13,997.61 out of the General Fund. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next regular board meeting will be November 11, 2024 at 7:00pm at New Haven Township, 2705 Easton Rd Owosso, Mi.

A motion by Clerk Wirwicki, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 All ayes. Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Wirwicky, New Haven Township Clerk