

March 2025

The New Haven Township Board met on March 10, 2025 at New Haven Township Hall located at 2705 Easton Road, Owosso, Mi. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor DeLong, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Dan Winters, Don Dickinson, Bill Spike, David Butcher, Margorie Westerlund, Lee Horton, Fred Riley and Gary Holzhausen.

A roll call was taken. Members present: Supervisor Delong, Treasurer Eickholt, Trustee Gray, Clerk Horton and Trustee Richardson. Absent: none.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Richardson to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Supervisor DeLong to move into the Budget Hearing at 7:03 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Richardson to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Resolution to Adopt General Appropriations Act 2025, was read aloud by Trustee Richardson.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Horton to close the Budget Hearing and resume the Regular Board meeting at 7:12 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Gray to approve the February 10, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Eickholt presented the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2025.

General Fund: Horizon \$404,091.67; MI Class \$706,436.06; MSU Credit Union \$124.36; For a General Fund Total of \$1,110,652.09.

Other Funds: Perpetual Care Account, Horizon: \$4,372.85; Perpetual Care Account, MI Class: \$39,659.61.

Two Mill Road Account, Horizon: \$117,086.52; Two Mil Road Account, MI Class: \$25,767.62; Ambulance Account: \$34,603.62; Fire Account: \$54,355.04; Tax Checking Account: \$5,832.47. A total of all funds: \$1,392,929.82.

Motion by Supervisor DeLong, supported by Trustee Gray to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Participation

Fred Riley – Requested clarification regarding the check written to the Argus-Press.

Don Dickenson – Spoke regarding letters of support received from organizations.

Shiawassee County Commissioner Gary Holzhausen – Gave a brief update on happenings in the county.

For Future Action:

Discussion occurred regarding the Corunna Area Ambulance Service 2024 overpayment and actions moving forward to avoid an overpayment in the future.

Discussion occurred regarding the Twin Township Ambulance contract. Treasurer Eickholt has reached out to TTA to secure a copy of the written contract. Going forward an invoice will be required prior to issuing funds.

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Discussion occurred regarding the Owosso Township Fire contract. Going forward an invoice will be required prior to issuing funds.

Discussion occurred regarding balancing and reconciliation of a SET Admin fee discrepancy. The township owes the county a \$2.50 refund to clear the discrepancy.

For Action:

A Motion by Trustee Gray, supported by Trustee Richardson to reappoint Planning Commission Board members Mary Eickholt and Russ Wing to a new three-year term. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Supervisor DeLong, supported by Trustee Gray to approve Resolution 2025-04, Resolution to Adopt General Appropriations Act - 2025-04. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Clerk Horton, supported by Trustee Richardson to approve Resolution 2025-05, Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary, raising the salary for the Assessor from \$10,000 per year to \$11,000 per year. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Trustee Richardson, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve Resolution 2025-06, Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary, raising the salary for Trustees from \$1,170 per year to \$1,500 per year. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Clerk Horton, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve Resolution 2025-07, Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary, raising the salary for the Supervisor from \$8,000 per year to \$10,000 per year. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Supervisor DeLong, supported by Trustee Richardson to approve Resolution 2025-08, Resolution to Establish Township Deputy Wage, raising the hourly wage for a Deputy from \$15 per hour to \$17 per hour. A roll call vote was taken. Supervisor DeLong abstained. All Others Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Clerk Horton to approve Resolution 2025-09, Resolution to Establish Township Election Inspector Wage, raising the hourly wage for an Election Inspector from \$15 per hour to \$17 per hour. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Gray to request a bid from the Shiawassee County Road Commission for the Hintz Road Scratch Course / Chip Seal Project. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Trustee Richardson, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve the renewal of the property and liability insurance quote in the amount of \$7,985 as provided by Acrisure through the Burnham & Flower agency. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Supervisor DeLong to appoint Andrew Richardson as the Hall Rental Coordinator. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Gray to pay expenses in the amount of \$14,868.26 out of the General Fund, which includes the insurance renewal. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Participation

Fred Riley – Requested information regarding copy machine charges, specifically color copies.

Dave Butcher – Inquired about the availability of mowing bid packets.

Bill Spike – Inquired regarding the increase percentages of salary and hourly wages.

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Board Correspondence

Supervisor DeLong – Spoke regarding mowing bids for the upcoming lawncare season. Those seeking a bid packet should contact Supervisor Delong via email at Supervisor@newhavenshiami.gov. Packets must be returned no later than March 31, 2025.

Treasurer Eickholt – Spoke regarding a letter of support for a DayStarr Communications project to increase internet access to residents.

A motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Gray to use the template provided by DayStarr indicating the township’s support of the project. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Eickholt - Presented a letter from SEDP seeking an annual membership to the organization for \$1,000. No action was taken.

Trustee Richardson – Nothing to report.

Treasurer Eickholt - Provided information regarding work being performed by attorney Lynn Bowne for other townships in the area related to blight.

Trustee Gray – Nothing to report.

Clerk Horton – Would like to investigate and look into other options for property and liability insurance over the next few months.

The next regular board meeting will be April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at New Haven Township, 2705 Easton Road, Owosso, Michigan.

A motion by Trustee Richardson, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Horton, New Haven Township Clerk