

December 2016

The New Haven Township Board met on December 12, 2016 at the New Haven Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Hill with the pledge to the flag.

A roll call was taken. Members present: Supervisor Hill, Clerk Farr, Treasurer Eickholt, Trustee LeCureux, Trustee Foster.

Guests were: Dan Winters, Fred Grey, Gary Felker, Jesse Farr, Dave Eickholt, Diane Dowler, Mike Dowler, Don Dickinson, Jeff Tebo.

Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Foster to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee LeCureux, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve minutes from the November 14, 2016 regular meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee LeCureux, supported by Trustee Foster to approve minutes from the November 28, 2016 special meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Foster to correct meeting minutes date on agenda from November 21, 2016 to November 28 for the special meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Eickholt presented the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2016. General Fund \$184,978.29 Two Mil Road Account \$229.83, Township Investment CD \$116,322.62, 6 Month CD \$50,146.37, 12 Month CD \$50,208.72, Perpetual Care Account \$37,660.92, Fire Account \$230.27, Ambulance Account \$84.48, Tax Checking Account \$2,076.19 for a total of \$441,937.69.

Motion by Trustee LeCureux, supported by Trustee Foster to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Call to Public: Fred Grey had a hall rental on the previous Saturday and had to plow lot himself. Board was apologetic it was not completed before rental. He said stones were pushed into yard.

Old Business:

Supervisor Hill noted the Misteguay Board has agreed to flap gates if dirt work would be covered by other parties involved.

Supervisor Hill noted he handled the Board's directions in regards to the Cemetery Sexton. Sexton Felker expressed his disappointment in the board's ability to support him. He was Cemetery Sexton for 38 years. Supervisor Hill will allow Gary Felker access to the shed to remove any personal items. Supervisor Hill presented Gary Felker with December's salary check and a check for one burial.

Jeff Tebo from Invisalink was present to again discuss the possibility of signing a contract to construct a tower on township property. The contract was resent. Supervisor Hill will seek approval from County Zoning and Clerk Farr will contact our insurance carrier. Tebo detailed Invisalink carries a 2 million dollar liability policy, but will cover any difference should the township need more insurance. Removal of the tower will be at Invisalink's expense, though not concrete. No monies will be required from Township.

Treasurer Eickholt attended an MTA seminar and was pleased with information gained.

New Business:

Supervisor Hill presented the list of 2017 Meeting Dates. Treasurer Eickholt made a motion, supported by Trustee Foster to approve 2017 meeting dates as presented. A roll call was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried. As follows: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

Jeremy McAllaster will be filling in for the Cemetery Sexton position until the Board makes a decision regarding changing the position from salary to contractual. The current fee schedule will be followed. Tent and lowering equipment will be provided by vault company. A funeral will need to be completed Wednesday, December 14th at West Haven.

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Supervisor Hill noted he spoke with Gary Felker on the phone Sunday, December 11th instead of in person. The Veterans Administration is currently in possession of plaque that was in question.

Treasurer Eickholt asked if Board minutes are kept in a fireproof safe and it was concluded they are not. Don Dickinson suggested Board check into the electronic records law.

Treasurer Eickholt will be collecting taxes at the hall from 9am-12pm on Friday, December 16th, 2016.

Trustee Foster inquired whether the sexton position would become a contractor position. It will be discussed at the January regular meeting.

Call to Public:

Assessor Diane Dowler noted the Board of Review will meet in December with one item. She also noted Shiawassee County is being audited by Tax Management Associates. She has provided them with the 2016 database.

Don Dickinson inquired if Jeremy McAllaster was able to handle more than one funeral at a time due to the fact he works with several cemeteries. Supervisor Hill noted he has help and equipment.

Discussion ensued about wind turbines.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Clerk Farr, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve payment to Josh Felker in the amount of \$220.00 for cemetery help. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Farr, supported by Supervisor Hill to approve payment to Zac Newman in the amount of \$60.00 for cemetery help. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Foster to approve payment to Shiawassee County Equalization in the amount of \$959.00 for assessment notices. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Foster, supported by Treasurer Eickholt to approve payment to Clark Hill, attorneys for the Misteguay project, in the amount of \$1,497.46, as $\frac{1}{4}$ of the current bill. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Foster, supported by Trustee LeCureux to approve payment to Carrie Farr in the amount of \$60.00 for three cemetery recordings. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

The next regular board meeting will be January 9, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Treasurer Eickholt, supported by Trustee Foster to adjourn at 8:17pm. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Farr, New Haven Township Clerk