

Monthly Board Meeting
Town of New Haven, Dunn County
October 8, 2024

The monthly board meeting of the Town of New Haven was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Carlsrud at the New Haven Town Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Carlsrud, Pederson, S. Bartz, Bovee, and M. Bartz were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by S. Bartz, second by Pederson, to approve the meeting minutes for September 10, 2024 and September 17, 2024, as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Bartz gave the treasurer report:

Checking	\$	35,916.88
Recycling	\$	7,804.81
Savings	\$	162,140.07
LGIP	\$	590.97

Motion by Pederson, second by S. Bartz, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT

Bovee reported that she submitted for partial recovery of funds from the unpaid Drinkwine fire bill, submitted the annual DNR Recycling Grant application as the Responsible Unit (RU). She has been mailing and receiving absentee ballots to electors, beginning September 19th. Additionally, she updated the 2025 draft Budget, and is still waiting for the final assessment from Clear Lake EMS. The account for BCE road signs is started and she worked with the chair and deputy clerk to assess the 2024 budget for paving 145th St. in the 2024 fiscal year. She continues to work on the NextGen Broadband application for internet and phone services for both the town shop and hall. She will continue sending and receiving absentee ballots for the November 5th election and will continue to be in contact with the collections agency for delinquent fire bills. She will also continue preparations for the November 5th election.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Carlsrud reported on the monthly building permit report supplied by the town building inspector. He also shared information about Northern Metal Recycling's rates at \$50/Ton collected. He reported that Sheridan, Tiffany, and New Haven will meet to touch base on the 2025 Recycling Budget and the state of the tri-town recycling program. He reported a timber cutting notice for Steve Pilgrim and that there was a townsperson asking about the potholes and mowing on 100th St. Additionally, he shared the information about the BCE sign account with the town of Tiffany.

PATROLMAN'S REPORT

Trent reported that the paving of 145th St. was completed on 10/7 and the shouldering is to be completed on 10/9. The White Pine in the town cemetery was cut down by Ecklor's. A headstone had to be reset. He reported that the tree work estimated by Precision has not been completed yet. The bi-annual bridge inspections and the culvert inventory are both done.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

AMBULANCE & FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS

Carlsrud reported on the Boyceville Fire Department meetings. For official minutes please contact the organization to submit a public records request.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed the costs presented at a previous meeting for internet and telephone plans from NextGen Broadband. Since the board approved signing up for internet and telephone plans at a previous meeting, no further action was taken.

The board discussed the sale price of the hotbox to the Town of Emerald for \$2,000.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a mower for Trent to do the in-town mowing (the park, hall, and shop), about 2 hours per week. A new mower with a bag runs at ~\$15,000. Trent and the board will be on the lookout for used to meet the needs of the town. Mowing the town cemetery was brought up and the question came up about who mows the Downing Cemetery. The board will add this to the agenda in the new year.

The board reviewed the draft of the 2025 Town Budget, as presented by Bovee. The board discussed adding a line item for hall cleaning and tree work.

The board did not discuss the appointment of the high school election inspector as their schedule changed making them unavailable to work the upcoming election.

The board reviewed a fire bill for Nathan Sargent. The clerk noted an overcharge of the total response time and Pederson was going to follow up with the department to correct it. The previous fire bill invoiced to the town by Boyceville Fire for a reported grass fire was waived due to the lack of fire along both a county and a state highway.

The driveway permit for Jason Siler was not submitted in time for the board to discuss.

The board discussed setting weight restriction and “No Left Turns” signage on 170th St. at WI-79.

Motion by Pederson, second by S. Bartz, to approve adding the delinquent house razing bill onto the real estate bill of Ron Workman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by S. Bartz, second by Pederson, to approve paying the bills, as presented in the check detail, excepting the Sargent bill from Boyceville Fire until correction made to the total charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Town Board Meetings are Public Budget Hearing, Special Town Meeting of Electors to Approve Levy, and November Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, starting at 7:30 pm.

Carlsrud declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Katie Bovee, Clerk