

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, MI 49421

July 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. A roll was called of board members, John Clark, Joan David, Rick Roberson, Tami Ballantyne and Nancy L. Conley. All members were present.

Public Comments- A couple who had appeared several months ago at our meeting came forth with complaints again on the same property on Woodrow Road. The complaint was again about the neighbors activity, garbage, blight, which hasn't gotten any better.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to add to the agenda #5 Court Proceedings for Woodrow Property to new business. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve and pay the following checks #13844 – 13870 which includes an EFT of \$2005.42 for a total of \$23,401.00. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave her treasurers report for total deposits of \$24,815.69, with bills of \$89,455.61 for a total Cash Available of \$321,827.25.

Monday August 3, 2020 our auditor will be here to conduct our annual audit.

Tami explained the report received for the rehab parcels owned by Jeff Hunt.

Supervisors report –

Joan gave a report on the activity and bill on Riverview Drive. We are using our match money towards the bill.

Joan talked to Mark Timmer about some issues in the Brinning that was done on our roads. She worked out direction for a couple of problem areas. She wanted to congratulate the board on their action on road issues.

Correspondence

There was correspondence from the DEQ on Randy Delong property.

Also we received a concern on an ad that was placed in the Hi-Lites by a taxpayer over a survey made by another tax payer at Hi Tower Lake Park. Although we cannot do anything we do not condone this improper action.

Unfinished Business

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to hire Richard Grenell to remove 3 trees in the West Cemetery at \$200.00 each for a total of \$600.00. He offered to grind the stumps for \$100 each. That was not included in the motion. Seconded by John Clark. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to increase the pay for election workers to \$13.00 per hour and the coordinator to \$15.00 per hour. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

We received a list of foreclosed properties from the county. We decided as a board we are not interested in purchasing any of them. One property is on 204th and one in Oakwood resort. Tami Ballantyne made a motion for Right of Refusal on both properties. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to enter into a 6 year contract with the Oceana County Road Commission for \$2,692.00 payable every other year to place white lines on Loop Road. The county will also be doing a chip and seal before applying the lines as there end of maintenance on the road. Rick Roberson seconded. The motion carried. We cannot not use our match money for this.

We received information from the county of the process of designating an Assessor of Records for county to represent the township if needed. The county wants 9 of the 16 townships to comply. Rick Roberson made a motion to table this until next month as we check into this more.

As per the complaint in our Public Comments, Tami made a motion to authorize Steve Micklin our Zoning Admin. to start court proceedings against the owners for cleanup. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports

OxBow- Dennis has had problems at OxBow Park with a mess in the toilets, garbage everywhere and this is an ongoing problem. Tami Ballantyne made a motion to lock the toilets until further notice because of safety and health concerns. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to check with RMS and place a small dumpster in OxBow until November of 2020. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Planning Commission – The next meeting is August 6th. They will be addressing the Gravel Pit Mining application from Lonnie Hamilton. Also we have an application from The Brooks and Mortor Corporation on building grow and processing facilities.

Zoning- Steve gave a report. We have 10 new permits since the first of the year.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk