

Newfield Township Board Meeting

3890 198th Avenue

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

September 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our supervisor Joan David. The pledge was stated and a roll call taken with the following members present: John Clark, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley. All members were present.

No Public Comments

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Zoning Office Equipment. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to move \$5000.00 to the election line and \$1500.00 to our Parks Line from unallocated to cover the shortage on those two lines. Joan David approved. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve paying the bills checks #13911 – 13938 which also includes two EFT s for a total of \$14,981.25. John Clark seconded it.

Tami gave the treasurers report for a total of \$38,923.46 for deposits in August, with \$18,380.88 in bills for a total cash on hand of \$322,215.26.

Supervisors report:

Joan received a good report on the kindness and helpfulness of our township officers from several new residents.

Correspondence

We received a letter from the Equalization Dept. at the county level introducing their new employees and hours.

A letter from our County Administrator stating they are at Step 2 in setting up the Assessor of Record for the county.

We have a new field representative from Great Lakes Energy.

Hart Township sent us a notice about the hearing they will be having to address their new ORV ordinances.

We received a letter from the state for Hi Tower Bar updating us on the the sale, new owners and licensing in effect.

We received an authorization permit from the former DEQ department for Mike Gerard to place a new culvert etc.. on his property.

A Pierce road permit for a driveway access issued by the Oceana County Road Commission has been rescinded by the State. The owners have been informed they must remove all fill and reapply for a variance.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources State Natural River Zoning Review Board White River has received an variance application for Gary and Rosemary Charles , 8294 E. Garfield Road, section 35 of Newfield Township, Oceana County. The applicant is requesting a variance from the following standard to demolish and rebuild a single-family house with an attached garage. A public hearing on the application will be held on October 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. It's a video conference. Mike Rosema our representative on that board will be attending.

Unfinished Business

We received a letter from Fisher Propane that we will be locked in for winter gas at \$1.299 per gallon.

We held our Truth and Taxation Hearing at 6:45 p.m. on September 15, 2020 and therefore Tami Ballantyne made a motion to levy 1.226 for operating and 1.000 for Fire Protection for the December 2020 tax bills. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to continue with Rob Forbes doing our snow removal for \$50.00 per time. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. Ryan Mayo had placed a bid at \$45.00 per time but the board felt they were happy with the work Rob did after assuming Jerry Heckmans contract.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to purchase a new printer for Steve Micklin, our Zoning Administrator. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried. Tami Ballantyne also made a motion to buy an external hard drive for the Zoning Admin. With the stipulation that all equipment be returned to the township if Steve ever leaves that position. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. Tami will check on and purchase the new equipment.

Tami checked into the cost of Fremont Computers to get our Web site revamped and up and running better. The cost quoted to her was a \$50.00 transfer fee, with \$1,000.00 to get it up and going and a \$50.00 fee per month after that. Amanda Hunter is willing to set down with Joan and work on the Web page instructions for us to add our own things as needed.

Reports-

Cemetery – flags will come off after Veterans Day

Fire – purchased a new Rescue boat to use on local waters when needed

Parks- Dennis will check on the Hi Tower boat launch which may need some fill.

Planning Comm- will have a special meeting on September 17th at 5:00 p.m. with the Brick and Mortar people reviewing their permits in the township

Roads – Loop Road has been sealed. Joan talked about the lines. There was a complaint on the foliage that was sprayed this past summer along many of our Township roads. Apparently it is a county issue.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report. He also checked with Beckmans on the past permits issued to them for gravel. He called back and said he would be sending copies of the old permits.

Steve sent a letter to a Mr. Duane Tanner on his junk mess along 194th. Steve will be pursuing this further. He will be also checking on lawyer fees.

Nancy will call an exterminator to coordinate with Rick Roberson on times to have the hall sprayed.

Board Discussion- Joan and Steve talked of a proposal on the shadow box for the outside of the building.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk