

Newfield Township Board

3890 198<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

854-4702

April 27, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor Joan David at 7:10 p.m.

The pledge was stated.

A roll call was called with the following members present Rick Roberson, John Clark, Joan David, Nancy Conley. Tami Ballantyne was absent

Public Comments:

Bob Eichenberg gave a report on the state of our Fire Department. He stated they have 12 part time firefighters and 8 trained Medical First Responders at this time. He updated us on the equipment and procedures. Joan thanked him and his crew on a job well done.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the payment of bills checks #14105 – 14128 including an EFT of \$1948.91 for a total of \$11,897.02. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley gave March financial statement, showing \$50,061.08 in deposits and \$147,758.59 in transfers to General Checking for bills with a total cash available of \$343,639.72.

Supervisor Report:

We were contacted by DTE that they were interested in running a natural gas line down Hawley. They would need 8 homes paying \$3000.00 apiece. The understanding is the more people interested the less expense per home. It would include numbers 8284-8920.

Amanda Hunter is maintaining our website and is working with Joan and Robert Eichenberg to establish a section for the Fire Dept.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from Hart that the County government will be looking at establishing a countywide Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. They will be looking for input from the townships. This resolution they are attempting to establish is an effective tool used to redevelop or revitalize eligible properties within the county that are environmentally-distressed, contaminated, and functionally obsolete and /or blighted.

We also received information from the DEQ on the request of John Griffis to put in a larger well on the property he just purchased.

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

Joan David made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit requested by RQMI.LLC for the property on 2514 S. 186<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hesperia, Michigan, Parcel number 014-022-100-02. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit requested by DLG& Associates LLC D/BA True North Collective MI for property on 1795 S. 200<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hesperia, Michigan, Parcel number 014-014-200-2. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

The Planning Commission is recommending that we increase the grow Permits on Class C from 20 to 25. With the requests made already 11 would be taken. Because this could limit facilities in our township or slow things down, a discussion followed. Rick Roberson made a motion that we increase it to 50 for Class C. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve permits for HiCloud LLC with 6 Class C Grow, 1 Excess Cultivation and 1 Processing for a total of 8 Permits. This will be on Parcel # 64-014-034-200-06, at 7655 E-M20, Hesperia, Michigan 49421. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. The cost of each permit is \$5,000.00 with the permits issued when the money is received at the township. This is 8 Permits x \$5,000.00 for a total of \$40,000.00. Each permit is for one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year issued and is renewable at that time with a \$5,000.00 fee due for each one.

Joan David made a motion to approve permits for RQMI with 4 Class C grow and 1 Processing facility. These will be on parcel #014-022-100-02, at 2514 South 186<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hesperia, Michigan 49421. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried. The cost of each permit is \$5,000.00 with the permits issued when the money is received by the township. This is 5 permits x \$5,000.00 for a total of \$25,000.00. Each permit is for one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year issued and is renewable at that time with a \$5,000.00 fee due for each one.

Joan David made a motion to approve permits for DLG & Associates LLC D/BA True North CollectiveMI with 7 Class C Grow 1 Excess Cultivation (grow) Permits. This will be on Parcel #014-014-200-2 at 1795 S 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hesperia, Michigan 49421. John Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried. The cost of each permit is \$5,000.00 with the permits issued when the money is received by the township. This is 8 Permits x \$5000.00 for a total of \$40,000.00. Each permit is for one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year issued, and is renewable at that time with \$5,000.00 due for each one.

Joan David made a motion seconded by Rick Roberson to reverse an earlier decision that limited public access to the BSA program on our website. This would once again open the search program to the public for tax purposes, land searches and cemetery searches without a fee. The motion carried

Joan David would like to amend our Public Safety Ordinance to include vulgar and obscene language on display on properties, including signage, flags etc. Steve said they would start the process to make this possible.

Joan David made a motion to approve a longer strip of 186<sup>th</sup> Ave .to be repaired then previously approved by the board. It would be about 400 feet long and can be added to the previous approved estimate from the Oceana County Road Commission for a total of \$3,317.05. Rick Roberson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joan David suggested we place gutters on the front of our Township Hall. Nancy Conley made a motion to place gutters on the hall with Dennis bringing back estimates for the board to review. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

We have not found anyone at this time to fill the opening on the Library Board. Nancy has a couple interested parties and will bring a name back to the May meeting.

Nancy is waiting for response back from Consumers Energy on the lighting for the parking lot.

Reports:

Planning Commission – They are working to tweak a few things on the Marijuana Ordinances

BOR – will meet on July 22, 2021.

Zoning- Steve Micklin handed out his monthly report. He talked about some of the blight problems in our township. Steve is ready for the next step in dealing with these people, starting the process of involving the courts. He feels we need to revisit Cluster housing in the near future.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk