

Newfield Township Board Meeting

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

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March 16, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. Roll was taken with John Clark, Joan David, Rick Roberson and Nancy Conley, present. Tami Ballantyne was absent

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

John Clark made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to amend the budget \$138,587.46. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. This will also cover the change in the budget to pay off the Loop Road Project at Shelby State Bank early.

Joan David made a motion to approve the checks #14082 – 14104 including 3 EFTs, totaling \$2998.92 for a grand total of \$147,758.59. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy gave the treasurers report as follows for the month of Feb. 2021 : Deposits for \$73,215.94, with withdrawals for \$11,288.82 for a total cash available of \$446,354.93.

Correspondence

The county has been included in the last COVID relief bill that Pres. Biden signed. In stating that Newfield Township will be receiving a large amount. We have not received all the stipulations yet. There is more information to come.

Nancy got a call from a George Kolar who lives on McLaren Lake. He had contacted the DNR about replacing the sign of rules and regulations that was removed from the boat launch last summer. They told him the township must request the sign replaced. Joan will look into that.

Joan David read the changes in the job descriptions that she passed out earlier in the year. Joan David made a motion to accept the changes and John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. Joan will retype these and add them to our book on Job Descriptions.

Joan contacted Andrew Slocum to see if he is interested in running the scrap metal collection at our spring Dump Day. He is unable to do it at this time. She then contacted Billy Stevens and he was more than glad to do it. He had done it previously.

Spring Clean up will be June 5, 2021 this year. Steve Micklin is in charge of the particulars and advertisement and Nancy Conley will fix lunch for the workers.

Joan David made a motion for the township to put in place a Fall Clean up this year. It will be the Saturday after Labor Day, September 11th, 2021. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. Steve Micklin will also be in charge of securing the dumpsters etc..

Joan David received information from the electric company with the information on using an Air Source Heat Pump. Upon hearing the information the agenda item was tabled.

Joan David received the brining estimates from Oceana County Road Commission. John Clark made a motion to go with 2 brines with Michigan Chloride Sales. The brines are listed as \$8110.94 per brine for a total of \$16,221.88. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports

MTA – The ads for the 2021 Board of Review ad for the paper was paid this month. The total for our township was \$152.00.

Parks – Joan reported there is a tree down in Ox Bow Park. Dennis will take care of the cleanup.

Planning Commission – Steve reported there will be a meeting April 15, 2021. Steve is taking a consideration to the Planning Commission to review the Ordinance of transferring of licenses etc..when the property is sold . This would include the possibility of back ground checks, although they are required by the state too.

Steve also talked to Monton about the cost of dealing with the residents who are not responding to the normal path of handling Blight Ordinance issues. To further prosecute would cost about \$500.00 per case. We would then have a judgment from the court, could hire someone to do the cleanup at the landowners expense. The board agreed for Steve to pursue this avenue with the most prominent cases. These are the cases that have not cooperated and have not picked up their Certified letters at the Post Office to start.

Zoning – Steve handed out his report. He also went over the activity with the Marijuana Growers including the selling of some real estate already, and applications and permits.

Roads- Joan went to Hart to talk to the Road Commission about them paving the primary part of Loop Road from 192nd to the Village limits, approximately 2 miles. The road is in bad shape. She is waiting to hear from them as all Primary Roads are the responsibility of the county. She is also waiting for a quote on the stretch of road from Grant to Johnson Road.

Board Discussion- Nancy announced there will be a May Special election. This is for the Shelby School District and West Shore Educational School District. This will be run with 4 workers with all the rules and regulations followed as if it was a general election. This district includes only 31 parcels with 20 registered voters in our township. The cost of the election will be paid in full by the said school districts.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Newfield Township Clerk

Nancy L. Conley