

Newfield Township Board

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

Hesperia , Michigan 49421

May 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Our meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. A roll call was called and the following were present: John Clark, Nancy Conley, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Joan David.

Public Comments: None

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items :BSA Township Website FTP site search and Marijuana Permit Resolution. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

John Clark made a motion to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> General meeting minutes. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to transfer \$1107.30 from unallocated to Elections to cover expenses from the May election. This will be reimbursed from the school districts involved in the election. Nancy submitted all expenses to the county clerk and she will collect and send the reimbursement. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Use Meeting from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to pay bills with checks numbered 14129-14155 with an EFT for \$1,828.55 for a total of \$16,485.95. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Tam Ballantyne gave her April treasures report with deposits of \$69,592.99 and bills for \$11,897.02 for a total Cash on hand \$401,335.69. Our perpetual care CD is collecting .01 interest at this point .We will be closing the account for the Fire Fund, depositing the interest earned of \$170.68 into the general fund.

Supervisor report-

Joan will check on the placement of new lines on Loop Road.

Correspondence:

There has been notification from FEMA on a change of rate structure for their flood program for flood insurance. This may affect our parcels in the flood plain.

Unfinished Business

We needed to make the business last month of approving the Class C permits from 20 to 50 from a regular motion to a Resolution. John Clark made a motion to approve a Resolution 5-021 to increase the

Class C permits from 20 to 50. Nancy Conley seconded it. . A roll call vote as follows Yes: John Clark, Rick Roberson, Joan David, Nancy Conley. A No vote: Tami Ballantyne. The Resolution 5-021 passed 4 to 1.

John Clark made a motion to accept the contract with BSA to pay for the general public to search on our Web site for free. The cost to the township will be \$2100.00 per year. We will revisit this again in another year. After discussion. Joan seconded it. A yes vote from Nancy, John and Joan, with a no vote from Rick and Tami. The motion carried.

In reviewing the job description on Cemetery Sexton, we are clarifying that the insurance mentioned is liability not health.

#### New Business:

Tami made a motion to pay \$50.00 per diem to the two members of the Planning Commission Committee when they meet while working on the marijuana ordinance. This will be retroactive to meetings starting in the new fiscal year. The members this year are Jan Wilson and Jay Peasley. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to have Steve Micklin write a safety ordinance addition on how many pets can be at each residence, licensed, unlicensed etc.. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Cheryl Miller to the Hesperia Library Board as a representative from Newfield Township. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan is looking at purchasing a book shelf unit for the office to hold info for elections, 3 ring binders for Marijuana info. Etc..

#### Reports

Cemetery – The Girls Scouts along with their leaders helped place American flags on all veteran graves at the West Cemetery. The flags are purchased by Newfield Township. The township board would like to thank Barb Wright and The Girl Scouts and all that helped Dennis and Joan David.

Ox Bow – Dennis took care of some downed trees.

Fireboard – They will be meeting at the Fire House on June 17, 2021.

Parks –A Porta Jon has been ordered for Hi Tower Lake Park

Planning Commission – Next meeting will be July 15, 2021. They will be addressing the Signs and signage in the township issue. They will be readdressing Cluster housing. An update on the Marijuana issue with a possible Public Hearing from one of the companies before the July meeting is in order.

Roads- The work is pretty much done on 186<sup>th</sup> except for the brining. They have begun work on Hawley but it is in its first phase. Work will be continuing on that. Work has not started on 200<sup>th</sup> yet.

#### Zoning –

Steve Micklin handed out his monthly report. He informed us that Hi-Cloud Facility along M-20 has ordered trees to be planted on the outside of the fence. At the True North Facility on 200<sup>th</sup> and the one at 186<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the fencing is going into place.

Board Discussion: The next BOR will meet July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Tami Ballantyne has informed the board she will be resigning in September from the board. She will be moving permanently to Florida.

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

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk