

Newfield Township

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

July 20, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments:

Jim Draper: Mr. Draper was concerned over the possibility of the 75 acres still owned by Beckman gravel pit, that is behind his property , was being sold to Hi-Cloud for development. He informed us that he talked to Mr. Beckman and that is not his intention. He is also concerned that the appointment of Steve Micklin our Zoning administrator as the Marijuana Enforcement Officer is a conflict of interest.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

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

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the bills check number 14188-14216 which includes and EFT for \$2115.92 for a total of \$24,217.83. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave the treasurers report for the month of June. Total deposits for the month are \$45,367.86 with bills totaling \$23,189.00 for a total cash on hand of \$493,676.06.

Supervisors report:

There has been reported by several neighbors that there is a noise problem again on Riverview Drive. It has been turned in to the police several times and continues after the officer leaves. The property is owned by Lindsey Love. Steve will be checking with the attorney about possible legal action against the property owner. He will be seeking the advice of Mr. Schrier.

Joan David made a motion, seconded by Tami Ballantyne to add #7 to our agenda concerning the hiring of attorney Mr. Schrier.

Unfinished Business

The FOIA request from Dykema Gossett PLLC has been compiled and is ready to send awaiting the check for the work.

New Business

Because of recent issues with our Staples card Tami Ballantyne made a motion to discontinue that card and explore an Amazon Account attached to our debit card. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Our Hi-Tower lake parks committee is requesting sign s to be placed at the entrance to the park, requesting no motorized vehicles on the beach area. To date Lenny reported a picnic table has been

destroyed, and vandalism to the Porta Jon this year. Tami Ballantyne made a motion to purchase 2 signs stating No Motorized Vehicles to be placed at the park entrance. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

We have a flyer from Fisher LP Gas for a lock in, on gas for the winter, at \$1.499 per gallon. Joan David made a motion to accept. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Rick Roberson to the Planning Commission to replace Tami Ballantyne starting with the October meeting. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

The ARPA award funds for COVID that are being released by the Federal Government are available to all Townships and Villages in Oceana County. Nancy attended a meeting in Hart on applying. The outcome of the meeting was to encourage all entities to apply for the funds even if they don't think they qualify.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion for our township to apply and deem or adopt any procedures necessary. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. Nancy will get everything in order to apply by July 27, 2021.

Planning Commission – The final draft of the Marijuana Ordinance will be presented to an attorney, A. Brandt, from Jackson, Michigan who specializes in Marijuana Law. Tami wants to make sure we include the wording that on a yearly review we can change language on allowed licenses as seen fit.

The Planning Commission is presenting to the board to relocate the Cluster Housing in Newfield Township. They are suggesting we relocate it from Sunset Blvd. south to Garfield Road.

We will have a truth and taxation hearing before the August meeting so we will be adding on to this the public hearing for the Marijuana Ordinance.

Joan David made a motion for Steve to get the Ordinance to the Marijuana Lawyer for review. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried. Hopefully we will have it back for our August meeting.

Joan David made a motion to relocate the Cluster Housing from South of Sunset Blvd. to Garfield Road. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to contact the attorney Schier for a quote on court costs to enforce ordinances. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports:

Cemetery/Ox Bow-Trees that are down in ox bow will be taken care of by the Boy Scouts.

Parks Comm- Joan thanked Lenny and his crew for all the work they do at Hi-Tower. We had already addressed his problems out there.

Planning Comm- They tabled the sign ordinance and the no Pets Ordinance.

Roads – First Brining has been done. Hawley Street has had the loose stone applied. 200th has been ground and returned to gravel. We have received the bill from the county already.

Zoning- Steve presented his report.

Board Discussion- The gutters have been ordered and will be delivered in August.

Tami made a motion to adjourn. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.at 8:13 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk