

Newfield Township

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, MI 49421

September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Joan David called the meeting to order. The pledge was stated. The following board members were present: John Clark, Nancy L. Conley, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson and Joan David.

Public Comments: none

Joan David made a motion to accept the agenda items with the addition of a Budget Amendment to move \$30,000 from unallocated to Resident Services. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2021 monthly meeting. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to pay bills with checks #14246-14273 including two EFTs, one for \$1,973.42 and the second for \$1352.90 for a total of \$15,665.52. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave her treasurers report with total deposits of \$62,803.51 and bills of \$33,386.92 for a total cash available \$502,962.06. She also noted that our revenue sharing check was the biggest one she has received since taking office for a total of \$32,703.00.

Correspondence:

Jennifer Sherburne gave a report on the Community Meeting that took place last month at the School.

New Business:

Nancy Conley made a motion to increase the FOIA request billing to \$25.00 per hour, first 10 pages are free and \$1.00 per page after that. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David read a letter of resignation of Tami Ballantyne as Treasurer as of October 1, 2021. Joan made a motion to accept the resignation and John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve Amanda Hunter as the new Treasurer taking Tami's place effective October 1, 2021. Amanda has been the Deputy Treasurer for Tami. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to levy and collect taxes on the winter 2021 bills as per stated in the Public Hearing previous. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to accept and approve the updated language on our Marijuana Ordinance #2019-01 Section 22 by Resolution with a roll call vote. John Clark – yes, Tami Ballantyne-yes Rick Roberson –yes Joan David – yes and Nancy Conley-yes. The motion carried. The updated version can be found on our website.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to update the policy for NSF checks. It will read as follows:1. Whatever the bank charges the Township 2. Plus a \$25.00 administration fee for billing. 3. An additional \$25.00 administration fee will be added per notice that required to be sent for collection of said fees. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to hire Robert Forbes for snow plowing at \$60.00 per plow. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried. We have been very happy with his work here at the township in past years.

Joan was checking on bids for 3 trees to be removed on the township hall grounds. The workers from True North Grow volunteered to cut and remove the trees no charge. They also volunteered to help Lenny with cutting and clean up at the Hi Tower Park. There offer was accepted and appreciated.

Reports:

Cemetery/OxBow- Dennis will remove the speed bump at OxBow before winter. He also graded the Boat Launch at Blodgett Lake.

Fireboard – Joan David noted that the Fireboard was very pleased with our offer to purchase the radios needed. The purchase will be made with some of the Marijuana Permit and Licensing monies.

Planning Commission – The next meeting will be October 14, 2021

Roads – Joan is putting together a wish list for next year of roads needing repair. The following were added to the list Buchanan, Warren, and HiTower Lake.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report. He noted responses to certified letters were received. One on 192nd is cleaning up and the other has applied for a Special Use Permit with a business opening.

He is currently working on letters to be sent on a complaint on 186th.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by John Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk