

Newfield Township

3890 198th St.

Hesperia, MI 49421

November 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments:

Francine Grysen from 176th Avenue, read an article from a publication on Cannabis grows in Oregon and the problems there in. She also wanted to know who was going to police the Cannabis grows.

Harold Nash was concerned with the devaluing of property surrounding the Cannabis grows.

Steve Talbott asked for a referendum on issuing permits for the Cannabis grows until something could be placed on a ballot asking residents if they are in favor of more grows in the township.

James Draper cited what he felt were inaccuracies in the Fact Sheet that was presented by the board at a previous meeting. He would like to see Steve removed as our Zoning Administrator. He feels Steve is targeting him with an infraction that was issued against him since the October meeting. He quoted several points from the recent Town Meeting.

Diane Scripps from 176th Ave. questioned the board about not answering questions at the last board meeting.

Scott DeBrot on 176th stated his feelings against residents selling land to the Cannabis grows and what it does to his property if a neighboring property sells.

Rose Bower from 186th stated she and her husband had moved here 11 years ago. They are feeling very disheartened lately with all the traffic and road issues occurring since the Cannabis grows have went in.

Joan at this point did a summary addressing the questions raised, including Oregon's problems and values of homes in our township. She went over the rules for public comments.

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

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the October 19th minutes, seconded by John Clark. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the checks #14308 – 14338 including one EFT for 1,721.63 for a total of \$31,958.90. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter gave the treasurer's report. For October our total deposits were \$38,113.77 with withdrawals of \$38,112.86 for a total cash on hand of \$488,791.89.

Correspondence:

Nancy read a letter from Charter Communications stating the news of the merger that Spectrum has completed with Michigan Cable Partners, LLC dba MICom . Residents will soon have access to Spectrums advanced TV, Internet and Voice services.

Nancy informed the board of the FOIA request by resident James Draper.

Amanda gave a synopsis on the recent Town Meeting held earlier in the month. It is the second meeting of its kind for our community. She said approx. 30 to 40 people attended.

Unfinished business:

We are tabling action on the new sign for out front until Joan gets an updated report from the sign company.

Joan recommended tabling any action on an Assistant Zoning / Constable position.

New Business:

Amanda Hunter made a motion to rescind the motion from the September 2021 meeting increasing the charges for the FOIA hourly wage and per page amount. Included in this motion is a new hourly wage for \$15.00 per hour and 10 cents a page after the first 10 pages which are free. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports:

MTA- Waiting to hear BOR training dates.

Cemetery- Dennis stated he had 2 burials this month.

OxBow- Dennis had Sturtevant's come in and pump the toilet at the Park.

Fireboard-Joan stated that they had 25 runs with 23 of those being medical runs. They are still waiting on a quote for the parking lot. When talking to Bob Eichenberg the new radios are being programmed and they should be receiving them any day.

Parks- Len stated everything for the winter at Hi Tower has been shut down for the winter.

Planning Comm- Will meet for their January meeting on Monday January 17 at 6:30p.m.

Roads – Joan will be meeting with Mark and Jeff on roadwork for 2022. She is not happy with the thickness of the asphalt applied to the work on Hawley Street this past summer. She is looking at several roads in our township needing repair.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report to the board. He stated that by the end of the year we will see 30 Zoning Permits issued in the township. He received one complaint and upon checking found it was a valid complaint. A letter was sent, with no response. Next he is looking at a civil infraction being issued for a civil violation, sent by certified mail.

Board Discussion- Joan stated that Saturday, November 20, between the hours of 10 and 12 we will hold a Turkey giveaway. 100 turkeys have been purchased by RQMI and Oceana Gardens from Ed's grocery store to be given to residents in our township. This is not income based, but a goodwill gesture to the residents of our township. Potatoes also will be given compliments of an anonymous donor. The Revive

church has contacted Joan and they would like to donate supplies to round out a complete Thanksgiving meal for 15 families. As of right now we have almost 80 turkeys spoken for. Those not given will be held at the grocery store to be used towards the Christmas Dinner give away coordinated by Lacy and Kristen with Eds store.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk