

Newfield Township Board
3890 198th Ave.
Hesperia, Michigan 49421
231-854-4702
December 21, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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

There were no Public Comments on the agenda.

Joan David made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a New Business item of Handling Nonsufficient funds #7. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the November minutes with the change of the Planning Commission meeting in January from the 13th to the 17th. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the bills Checks #14339 – 14367 including EFTS for a total of \$17,807.15. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda gave a treasures report with a total of deposits of \$5,213.07, and bills of \$31,995.50 for a total cash on hand of \$462,046.06.

Correspondence

Nancy submitted a letter from Jim Draper on violations he has noted on the sites of the three grows plus a statement on the renewal process we must observe as a board.

A second letter was from a Francine Grysen on our use of Marijuana funds within our Chart of Accounts and the general fund.

A third letter was from John Grysen on his request of board minutes that had not been approved yet. He cited an 8 day turnaround for minutes to be available which is true. But it had not been 8 days with the Thanksgiving holiday. Hereafter a copy of the minutes can be made available before being approved with the words DRAFT printed across them.

Another item was the ad that appeared in the Hi-Lites Buyers guide inviting residents to the monthly meeting on December 21st. It stated that Recall petitions would be available to sign. The ad was not signed by the folks that placed the ad.

Joan submitted a letter from Jon Bumstead and the Right Place – Oceana housing.

Supervisors Report-

She reported on the water systems at the grows, and the security systems by law. These were questioned asked at previous meetings. We have no dispensaries. We produced a fact sheet going over these questions raised that was handed out in October.

Old Business

Nancy Conley reported on her communication with Will Zueverink at NCATS. He pointed out several areas that may benefit from the placement of NCATS tower. Their smallest possible project is an 80 ft tower with line-of-sight services. These are roughly 10k in material and labor per site. Area's where this type of tower would be useful include: A property on Blogget Lake, 7204 E. Garfield Rd, Newfield Dr. off Hawley Rd, and Riverview Dr. and Loop Rd.

He said a bigger picture consideration would be a cell tower. A 190th Cell Tower would be a low maintenance structure, being short enough to not require lighting. Such a tower could be used to serve NCATS Internet to a larger area and also feed smaller wireless sites in the township. Additionally, this could attract cell carriers (serving more people and technologies) for your area and provide an ongoing revenue source to the township.

Nancy again brought us up to speed on the Recycle center grant. She has been working with Lola Harmon-Ramsey from Cart-Right recycle to write a grant from Next Cycle Michigan. We have received letters of support from the Village of Hesperia and Greenwood Township towards the project. We have received verbal support at this point from Denver township. We have use of the site plan that was used in Grant that would fit our needs. The grant is due January 7 ,2022.

New Business

Joan made a motion to purchase a new paper shredder at the cost of \$204.00 Amanda seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda has requested support to register for a training program on Jan 13 & 14. The cost is \$150.00 and its for a certification of an assessor tech. She felt it would serve her in better understanding the dealings of the assessor and the township. It is an online class. Joan David made a motion and Rick Roberson seconded it for approval. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to send 3 BOR members for training. The cost is \$20.00 per person. BOR training will be in Golden Township this year in February .John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion seconded by John Clark to go ahead with the pursuit of the Recycle Grant. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Mark Burrell has offered .6 acres of property to the Newfield Township. It joins the property the town hall is on along 198th to the corner of Loop Road. He had contacted Joan earlier with an offer of \$6000.00. Joan ran it by a local relator. Mark's son, Chad, was here representing his dad. Joan made a motion to offer Chad \$4600.00. John Clark seconded it. Discussion followed. It was tabled until the January meeting.

Joan David made a resolution to approve the dates for the 2022 Board meetings. John Clark seconded it. The following dates are :January 18, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 17, June 21st, July 19th,

Aug. 16, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th. John voted yes, Amanda – yes Joan – yes Rick yes and Nancy –yes. The motion carried.

Amanda made a motion by resolution to amend our Non-Sufficient Funds policy to charge any person who writes a dishonored check be charge the amount of the dishonored check and a \$25.00 administrative fee if the full payment is received within 7 business days, or the full amount of the dishonored check and a \$35.00 administrative fee if the full payment is received after 7 business days but within 30 days after the date the notice was mailed. John Clark seconded it. The following voted as: John Clark –yes, Amanda Hunter – Yes, Rick Roberson-yes, Joan David – yes, Nancy Conley – yes. The motion carried.

Reports

Planning Commission – The January date has been changed to the 17th @ 7:00 with a public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Roads – January 3rd Joan meets with Road Commission on possible roads to repair next year.

Zoning – Steve handed out his report. He indicated that we have received the most permits granted ever this year to date. He indicated that the tickets used for infractions we have at the hall are out of date. He has ordered new ones.

Public comments: 3 minutes

We acknowledged several residents to 3 minute public comments. Everything was discussed from Cannabis grows to responses to Correspondence.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk