

Newfield Township Board

3890 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

February 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David, The Pledge was stated. A roll call included the following members: John Clark, Amanda Hunter, Rick Roberson, Joan David, and Nancy Conley.

Public Comments on Action Items: none

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 2022 meeting. Amanda added a correction pertaining to last month's Cash Available which read \$626,528.82 but should have read \$626,543.82. This was a NSF charge payment that made the difference. John Clark seconded with the change, the motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to amend the budget for the lines that were over: Elections \$5000.00 – BOR \$3000.00- Twp. Hall and Grounds \$3,000.00- Zoning \$5,000.00 – and Planning Commission \$3,000.00 for a total of \$19,000.00. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the checks #14389-14420 including an EFT for \$1,565.54 for a total of \$13,093.54. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter gave her Treasurers report for the month of January 2022. Total deposits for the month were \$159,425.71, with bills totaling \$20,948.63 for a total of cash available of \$765,020.90.

Correspondence:

Included a letter from the state saying we do not qualify for Charter Township status. They had included the Village of Hesperia in the census when determining and should not have.

A note from a Francine Grysen was read pertaining to the PAC that was formed in Oceana County. It was stated at a previous meeting that Nancy presumed that Steve Talbott formed the Pac and that he was the President and John Grysen was treasurer. Francine stated that was blatantly false. This information was given to this clerk by the office of the Oceana County Clerk.

Old Business:

Joan David made a motion to purchase the Fire Department Equipment previously submitted in the January meeting. A Lucas CPR device \$16,200.00, Battery Powered Scene Lighting \$1,000.00, Gloves and Cancer Prevention Hoods \$5,520.00 and a Hurst Edraulic Comi Tool (battery operated extrication tool) for \$14,000.00, for a total of \$36,720.00. Joan's motion included for the funds to be used from ARPA funds. John Clark seconded it. A roll call vote as follows: John Clark, yes, Amanda Hunter abstained,

Joan David, yes, Nancy Conley, yes, and Rick Roberson, yes. The motion carried 4 to 1. Joan will notify the Fire Chief of the decision.

#### New Business:

Joan David made a motion to purchase 7 updated planning/zoning guide books to be used by our Planning Commission. The price for the books totals \$356.50. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan made a motion to purchase an updated Township Officials Book for the office. The total cost will be \$71.50. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to set the wages for the Planning Commission training through Citizen Planner to \$15.00 per hour. This is to be paid at the end of the training when they submit a completed certificate. There are 6 sessions with 3 hours per session and will be done remotely on their own computers. A discussion followed with Amanda noting that we may be setting a precedent by paying for this training, when it comes to future trainings of other committees. Nancy felt that we need to pay for the trainings because of the time and efforts involved. In doing this it may help get folks to be more active on our various boards. Rick Roberson seconded it. A roll call vote as follows: Rick Roberson, yes, Nancy Conley, yes, Amanda Hunter, no, John Clark, yes, Joan David, yes. The motion carried 4 – 1.

Joan David made a motion to reappoint Jan Wilson, to our Planning Commission until 01/07/2025. John Clark seconded it. Amanda Hunter abstained. The motion carried 4-1.

Nancy Conley made a motion to reappoint Mike Rosema to the Planning Commission until 1/16/ 2025 and the White River Zoning Board until 1/16/2025. Rick Roberson seconded it. Amanda Hunter abstained. The motion carried 4-1.

Joan David made a motion to reappoint Darlene Homrich to the Planning Commission until 12/31/2023. Nancy Conley seconded it. Amanda Hunter abstained. The motion carried 4-1.

Joan David made a motion to remove Cathy Herin from the Planning Commission. Mrs. Herin has asked to be removed. Nancy Conley seconded it. Amanda Hunter abstained. The motion carried 4-1.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Mary Hopkins to the Planning Commission from 2/15/2022 until 2/15/25. Nancy Conley seconded it. Amanda Hunter abstained. The motion carried 4-1.

Joan David made a motion to accept the Federal Poverty guidelines for Newfield Township's BOR for the year 2022. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

#### Reports

MTA – Ad in the paper for BOR is taken care of by our Assessor.

Roads – Joan meant with Jeff Balkema to go over the 6 roads she would like estimates on for this spring and summer. He will be getting back with her on those. We received the Brining contracts for this next summer. Joan will review them and present her findings next month. She will compare last years to the quotes for this year, which seem to be more.

Zoning – Steve handed out his monthly report. He is going over an application for a new Marijuana facility that he has received.

#### Public Comments-

Ruth Betar stated a complaint of a violation of the Blight/Junk ordinance in her neighborhood. She presented pictures and a letter from Joan that was dated 1 ½ years ago when we addressed the problem. Joan will follow up with her on this.

Other comments were presented about Campaign violations /and letters. Positive comments about the board and questions about tabled items. One of the growers shared the monies spent on his grow facilities this past year, most spent locally. Comments on water usage in the township at the grow s and for the big farms. This included size and output of the wells.

Joan David made a motion to adjourn. Rick Roberson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk