

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

854-4702

January 18, 2022

7 :00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. A roll call of members went as follows: John Clark, Amanda Hunter, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley. All members present.

Public Comments on Agenda items met with several commenters.

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

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

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve Budget Amendments of \$8,000 to Building Permits and \$5,000 to the Cemetery account. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda made a motion to approve the payment of bills, checks # 1368 -14388 with an EFT of \$1675.69 for a total of \$21,027.12. It was seconded by John Clark. The motion carried.

Amanda gave a treas. report for Dec. with a total of bills of \$17,822.15. The total deposits of \$182,393.40 for a total cash available of \$626,543.82.

Correspondence: Nancy presented a letter from NCats on reduced payments to users of their service who may need help keeping this service. This available through The Affordable Connectivity Program.

Nancy also presented a letter from the State congratulating us on our status with an increased census to make us eligible for Status as a Charter Township.

The following grows presented to the board asking for the renewal/applications of their permits, True North, Hi-Cloud and Oceana Gardens.

Old Business

Nancy presented the latest update on the Recycling Grant. It has been submitted and we should hear something by the end of February.

In a report from Will Zueverink from NCats, it has been determined that the only way the tower on 186 can be of any use to surrounding residents is if a taller mother tower was erected in the township to help with that. That is more information than we had received before. In looking over this information Nancy talked to the people at RQMI and asked if they would be willing to give us back the \$3,000.00 that we invested in the tower. They agreed to this. This will give them ownership of the tower, and we will look at other broad band opportunities for our residents. Nancy made a motion to give up rights to

the tower, thus giving RQMI ownership of the tower, if they pay us the \$3,000.00 that the township invested. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

The treasures class that Amanda had applied to take was full. They will be refunding her fee. She will take a later one.

New Business

Joan presented a list of equipment that the Fire Dept. has requested .and would like to see purchased, it includes: Lucas CPR device \$16,200, Battery Powered Scene Lighting \$1,000.00, Gloves and Cancer Prevention Hoods \$5,520.00, and a Hurst Edraulic Combi Tool (battery operated extrication tool) for \$14,000.00. Joan David made a motion to purchase this out of our Cannabis permit monies. Rick Roberson seconded it. It was questioned if we could use the Cannabis monies for this. John Clark asked if we could use the COVID relief monies for this. At this time it is tabled until further investigation.

Joan made a motion to approve the Planning Commissions training classes to MSUs Extension Planning Citizen for the required training they will need to sit on the Commission The cost is \$225.00 a piece, if they get 4 or more to take the class and \$250.00 if less. The class is an online class of 6 days and 3 hours each day for a total of 18 credit hours. Amanda seconded it. The motion carried.

The following renewal/applications permits were recommended by the Planning Commission for the board approval:

1. RQMI is requesting 15 cultivation permits (11 Class C permits and 4 Excess permits) and 1 Processing, at its 186th location.
2. True North Collective is requesting 8 cultivation permits (7 class C permits and 1 Excess permit) at its location on 200th/Yonker Ave.
3. Hi Cloud LLC is requesting 15 cultivation permits (14 class C permits and 1 Excess permit) and 1 processing permit. At is location on West M-20Highway.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the renewal/ applications for each facility. John Clark seconded it. A roll call voted followed: John Clark, yes- Rick Roberson, yes- Nancy Conley, yes – Joan David, yes- Amanda Hunter, no. The motion carried.

Reports:

Fireboard – The next meeting will be February 17, 2022. Joan reported that a total of 364 runs for 2020 were compared to the 417 runs for 2021. In 2021 the breakdown came out as 291 medical, 126 with a firetruck.

Roads – Roads to be repaired for 2022 have not been finalized this year pending our budget hearing.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report not only for the month but for the year as well. The yearly report showed that there was \$971,000.00 in new construction, \$6,000.00 in additions or renovations , \$22,300.00 in Porch/Deck , \$362,000.00 in Garage/Shed, \$70,000.00 in Agricultural and \$1,211,000.00 in Commercial invested in 2021 in our township.

Steve also stated we have received our new CL Infraction forms. We needed to update our forms so they can be used in the Court system in Oceana County.

Public Comments were opened to the meeting.

Sherriff Craig Mast gave his annual report on the state of the township and county. This is given every year as an update on calls responded to by the County Dept. A handout was given to the board. We would like to thank the Sherriff for all he and his department does for us.

A few more Public Comments were taken by the board.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. It was seconded by Rick Roberson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk