

Newfield Township Board

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Hesperia, Michigan 49421

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April 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Joan David called the meeting to order. The pledge was stated and the roll was taken. John Clark, Rick Roberson, Joan David, Amanda Hunter and Nancy Conley were all present.

Public Comments on Action Items only-

Joan David made a motion to approve the agenda. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to accept the minutes of the March Budget Hearing. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the March Regular Board meeting minutes. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the bills ,checks # 14451 – 14488 including an EFT for \$2,124.60 for a total of 48,736.29. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda gave the treasurers report through March 31, 2022. Our deposits were \$24,642.94, with bills of \$13,672.66, for a total cash on hand of \$956,845.58.

Correspondence-

We received a letter from EGLE with an update on a dock going in on McLaren Lake.

We also received a letter from Jon Bumstead concerning Senate Bill SB 565 that he has introduced. The bill includes infrastructure improvements. It uses \$4.1 billion in federal funding and \$571 million in State resources to go toward protection of natural sources, dams, drinking water and many other initiatives.

Supervisor report-

Joan went over the estimates on the following roads to be worked on this summer. All but two came in under the estimates and those stayed the same.

Roads	Original estimate	New Cost	Savings
Lakeview Dr. around Hightower Lake	\$13,200 .00	\$9,624.00	\$3,576.00
Loop Road (192 <sup>nd</sup> –Village limits)	\$50,512.00	\$37,372.26	\$13,139.74
200 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Pierce S to Baker)	\$397,749.00	\$311,251.05	\$86,497.95
Riverview Dr.	\$10,780		

Hawley St. (Riverview to Village Limits) \$35,000-\$40,000 paid for by OCRC

176<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Loop Road to Zimmer Rd) \$58,850.00 is put on hold until it is checked again in a couple of weeks after the weather warms up. It may need more work than first quoted.

Joan was called out on a tree removal site on 186<sup>th</sup>. She found a private individual was having their property logged off.

Old Business

New Business

Paul Erickson is running for County Commissioner this year from our newly reorganized district. The districts were reorganized and went from 7 to five Commissioners. Our district now includes Newfield, Leavitt, Weare, Coalfax and Crystal Townships.

Al Blohm introduced himself, he is running again this year for the County Road Commission.

Nancy Conley made a motion to accept the bid from Nieboer Electric for parking lot lighting. The bid is for a 25' wooden pole in the S.W. corner of the parking lot with (2) 140W LED fixtures to light the lot. The power is to be trenched from the existing breaker panel around the drain field to the new pole. The total cost is \$2,660.00. The motion was made and passed last fall to install more lighting but was put on hold as we were looking at a possible grant for a Recycle Center at the hall, that would need lighting. In writing the grant we had a site drawing indicating where the lighting could go and proceeded with the quote. The lighting will be here either way. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to once again have Lake Michigan CPA Services and Sara Krantz run our audit for 2021. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried. We will set up a date for the audit.

The Planning Commission recommended the following action from their meeting on 4-14-2022.

- A. The Planning Commission recommends to the Board to allocate funds for the ability to form a subcommittee which will review our ZA manual, make revisions and seek legal advice from an attorney. Joan David made a motion for 2 members of the Planning Commission to be a subcommittee to review our ZA manual along with our Zoning Administrator. They will be paid \$15.00 per hour. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.
- B. Planning Commission recommends to the Board to allocate funds for the ability to form a subcommittee which will review and revise our sign ordinance. Joan David made a motion to allocate funds for the ability to form a subcommittee of 2 from our Planning Commission to review and revise our sign ordinance. They will be paid \$15.00 per hour. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.
- C. The Planning Commission recommends to the Board that it is added to our bylaws that each member of Planning and Commissioning have individual Newfieldtownship.org emails for correspondence. Amanda Hunter made a motion that the Planning and Commission members and board trustees have individual Newfieldtownship.org emails for their correspondence. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

- D. The Planning Commission recommends to the Board that we send the drafted letter by our Marihuana attorney addressed to our Governor. This letter expresses concerns with unregulated growth of hemp to be used in place of marihuana as a synthetic additive and or replacement. Such actions could hinder current local business, as well as township residents with the possibility of unlimited hemp fields in the area. After a discussion the Board decided it would be an individual preference to write a letter and not one from the Board as a whole.

The Hesperia Chamber of Commerce has been approached by a group of local citizens with a proposal to install a new flagpole in downtown Hesperia. The plan is to install a new pole on the northwest corner of Division Street and Michigan Avenue, and raise a LARGE American Flag that will be visible from the four-way stop at M-20 and M120.

The Chamber is raising funds for this project. They hope to have it ready and in place by our July 4, celebration. Once the pole and flag are installed, the Chamber will turn ownership of the pole and flag over to the Village to ensure proper maintenance and care.

Because our township cannot donate monies for such causes, Joan David made a motion for our township to purchase 2 flags for no more than \$1,000 total. The money for the flags will come from Resident Services in our Budget Line. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried 4 to 1.

At this time Paul Erickson showed us and donated a new Oceana County Flag.

Nancy Conley made a motion to enter into a Franchise granting to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate electric and fiber lines, poles and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to conduct a local electric, broadband, and communication business in Newfield Township, Oceana County, Michigan for a period of Thirty years. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

## Reports

Planning Commission – Presented their 3 recommendations to the Board. The next meeting is in June.

At this time Nancy Conley thanked the Planning Commission for all of their time spent on all projects throughout this past year. Many hours have been spent for the betterment of this township.

Zoning- Steve handed out his monthly report. He reminded us that June 4<sup>th</sup> is our Spring Clean up day here at the hall. It opens at 8 a.m. and runs until 1P.M. or until the dumpsters are full, whichever happens first. Mike Mayo will come with his excavator to pack down the trash. Four dumpsters have been ordered from Uganski s this year. If you would like to volunteer just show up!

Public Comments- Several were made.

Joan informed the meeting that she has requested Water test kits for the residents living along Loop Road from 192<sup>nd</sup> to the Village limits. One house that sold recently on that stretch of road tested high on Nitrates. When the township was notified, Joan checked with the Health Dept. of availability of testing kits. They are going to notify her when they become available and she will get them to you.

Steve shared some information on Zoning Blight.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk