

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Avenue

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

May 17, 2022

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David.

The pledge was stated and the Roll called. John Clark, Amanda Hunter, Joan David, Rick Roberson, Nancy Conley were all counted as present.

Public Comments on Agenda Items only. There were no comments.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of #3, Preeminent Labs, LLC for New Business. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

John Clark made a motion to approve the April 19th meeting minutes. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the following checks #14489-14516 with an EFT of \$2403.58 for Federal Withholding and two EFTs totaling \$75.77 for Election food for workers, for a total of \$22,479.86. Rick Roberson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter gave a treasurers report for April. Total deposits were \$35,623.05, with bills for \$48,775.04 for a total Cash available of \$943,693.59.

Correspondence:

Amanda reported on the ARPA funds report. She is awaiting paperwork from the state to finish the report.

Supervisors Report:

The Hesperia Area Girls Scouts along with their leader will help place Flags on the Veterans graves at the West Hesperia and Catholic Cemeteries before Memorial Day. The Hesperia Boy Scouts plan on helping with the removal of the flags after Veterans Day in November. Our Thanks to all of these young scouts and their leaders.

Joan is still waiting notification from the Health Dept. for the water testing kits for the folks that live along Loop Road from 192nd to 198th. We will double check and if they are available in the Ludington office one of us will run up and get them.

Old Business:

Nancy Conley made a motion to rescind the motion she made at the April meeting to approve the contract with Great Lakes Energy. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion for a Resolution for Ordinance No. 5-2022 which is 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. There is a plan for notification etc.. for the township to follow. The ad in the paper of record for Oceana County, the Oceana Herald Journal, will be paid for by Great Lakes Energy.

A motion made by Conley and seconded by David to pay The Household Hazardous Program \$100.00 for their services. The motion carried. It is sponsored by the Mason-Lake Conversation District. This years collection of Hazardous waste will be Saturday, August 20th, 2022. A list of waste products that can be contributed and a location can be found on their website www.mason-lakeconservation.org.

New Business:

Joan David made a motion to have 6 trees removed from West Hesperia Cemetery and 2 from Gale Cemetery by RS Tree Service. They are insured and the cost will be \$5,500.00 for the removal and clean up. She received two quotes and this was the lower of the two. This does not involve stump removal. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to contact Mike Mayo to have a load of sand delivered to the beach at Hi-Tower Lake. John Clark seconded it. Joan will make a phone call to EGLE to make sure what we are doing is approved by them.

The township received a letter from the Kempklein law firm regarding Preeminent Labs LLC previous request for a Marijuana Facilities Permit Application dated for January 18, 2022 and received by the township on January 20, 2022. Two Marijuana Facilities Permit Applications have been filed with Newfield Township for a cultivation facility to be located at 7400 M-20, Hesperia, MI 49421. Filing fee checks in the amount of \$5000.00 for each license have been issued and deposited by the township.

On March 10, 2022 the Planning commission recommended approving the Company for 2 Class C permits based on the site plan received. The Company attended the board meeting held on March 15, 2022. As per meeting minutes the 2 requested Class C permits for Preeminent Labs, LLC were rejected as all available Class C Permits, 18 total, were given to RQMI/Oceana Gardens II.

Preeminent Labs LLC is officially requesting 2 Class B Cultivations Licenses. One to be used for medical and one for recreational Marijuana. As per Section D.3 of the Newfield Zoning Ordinance states The Township Board shall approve or deny the Permit within one hundred twenty (120) days of receipt of the completed Application and fees, or within or one hundred fifty (150) days if the location of the Permitted Premises or Property is proposed to be amended. An official decision in writing by May 20th, was due to them.

After some discussion Amanda Hunter made a motion to deny the request for 2 Class B Cultivations Licenses. One to be used for medical marijuana and one for Adult-use recreational marijuana. After discussion the motion died from lack of support.

After more discussion on our options Rick Roberson made a motion to grant Preeminent Labs LLC two Class B permits, one to be used for medical and one for Adult use recreational marijuana, for Indoor grow only. Nancy Conley seconded it. A roll call vote went as follows: John Clark, no- Rick Roberson, yes- Amanda Hunter, no-Joan David, yes-Nancy Conley, yes. The motion carried.

Planning Comm- Jen is setting up a 2 member workshop to start review on the sign ordinance.

Zoning – Steve handed out his report. Dump Day will be at the hall on June 4th, 8-1 or if Dumpsters fill first. May be asked to show proof of residency or tax bill. Nancy will post it in the Hi Lites. Volunteers are always welcome.

Cemetery – Dennis has been busy with spring burials, 8 in the last month. He also has been working on the placing on new headstones. He also has been busy with spring clean up in all cemeteries.

Public Comments: There were several comments made.

Paul Erickson gave an update on the Ambulance Service. He also brought flyers to share with the public on an EMT training program put on by Life Ambulance, June 29th – August 26, 2022. It is tuition free. You can contact careers@lifems.com or 616-356-5757.

He also gave an update on the proposed new jail project, that will be on the August ballot.

Board Discussion:

Amanda Hunter suggested the board review the policies and update them where needed. This also includes hiring practices and appointments, dispersals etc..

Nancy Conley made a motion to adjourn. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.