

Newfield Township

3890 198<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

854-4702

June 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the May 17, 2022 minutes. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

#### Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The following people commented on the agenda item, Appointing a new Planning Commission member. Several people wanted to add their names to the list to be considered. John Grysen, stood and gave his qualifications and asked to be considered along with David Herin, Steve Talbott, and Brian Sukup and Jim Draper. Nancy informed Steve she wasn't sure he could be considered because he is not a resident of this township.

Nancy Conley made a motion to move \$2,369.84 from unallocated to Resident Services. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda stated she did not approve all bills to be paid. She made a motion stating that all bills relating to the Court Case relating to the Ballot Initiative, that was held Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Hart, Michigan should not be paid. The reason being that Joan David, Supervisor and Nancy Conley, Clerk acted as individuals in the filing to stop the Ballot initiative to be on the August ballot. In the discussion that followed it was stated from both Joan and Nancy, that they acted on behalf of Newfield Township. John Clark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called with the following: John Clark- yes, Rick Roberson- no, Amanda Hunter- yes, Nancy Conley- no, Joan David -no. The motion failed with 2 yes votes and 3 no votes.

. Amanda Hunter presented a bill, Check # 14519 made out to Joan David for expenses which included an amount for a Newfield Township debit card bill that had been paid. Joan stated that the receipt had been given to the Clerk for her records and the clerk had mistakenly added it to Joans expense sheet. Nancy Conley clerk admitted to the mistake and apologized for the mistake. She said she would correct it. Amanda made a motion to adjust the check#14519 minus the amount for the debit card expense for a total of \$198.93. .Roberson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Rick Roberson-yes, John Clark-yes, Amanda Hunter – yes, Nancy Conley-yes, and Joan David-yes. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to pay the bills as presented with the adjustment of Check # 14519. His motion died from failure. Amanda Hunter then questioned an expense turned in by Dennis David for

mileage travel to Gale Cemetery. She made a motion seconded by John Clark not to pay this bill . Dennis hauls the mower from where it is stored in the West Cemetery to Gale Cemetery when he mows there. He uses his own truck to do so. Nancy Conley stated we have always paid for that expense if the sexton turns it in. Dennis hasn't always turned it in but with the price of gas the clerk encouraged him to do so. The former sexton always turned this expense in. A discussion followed. A roll call vote was called: Rick Roberson- no, John Clark-no, Amanda Hunter- yes, Joan David – no, Nancy Conley –no. The motion failed with 1 yes and 4 nos.

Rick Roberson made a motion to Pay bills Check #14519-14560 with 2 EFTS totaling \$3066.79 , with the exception of check # 14519 for an adjusted amount to read \$198.93, for a total amount of \$59,029.37 .Nancy Conley seconded it. A roll call vote was called: John Clark – yes, Rick Roberson – yes, Amanda Hunter – no, Joan David-yes, and Nancy Conley – yes. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Amanda Hunter gave the treasurer report. As of May 31, 2022, deposits for \$26,793.92 and bills totaling \$22,506.36, for a total cash available of \$947,981.15.

#### Correspondence:

Nancy read a letter from Charles Bronkema withdrawing his application for permits for a Cannabis grow he had pursued on 5703 Loop Road, Hesperia, Michigan 49421. He had filed under CGCC LC. He is asking for a refund. Based on the denial we have to give him 50% of his application fee. The amount of \$5,000.00 will be sent to him.

Nancy received information from Jon Bumstead on the Senate bill 784 that he had introduced that contained Michigan family inflation relief. This bill passed the congress but was vetoed by the governor.

We received an update on the IRS mileage rates, which we follow for mileage reimbursement. As of July 1, 2022 we will be adjusting it to 62.5 cents per mile.

Nancy received an update from Sheriff Mast on the proposal for the new Jail. She downloaded it and placed it in each board members box so they would have accurate information to share when asked about it.

Nancy received two FOIA requests that can be seen in the office.

There is a reorganizational meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the Oceana chapter of the MTA. It is at Grant Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Election info-Total price of recall election was \$4764.87.

#### New Business:

Sheriff Mast gave an informational talk on the New Jail millage to be proposed on the August Ballot. A campaign is being organized and that was talked about. The website for that is [saferoceanacounty.com](http://saferoceanacounty.com). There are pamphlets here at the hall if anyone is interested.

Joan David made a motion to accept a letter of resignation from Planning Commission member Jan Wilson. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried, 5 to 0.

Joan made a motion to appoint Brian Sukup to the Planning Commission to fill the spot vacated by Jan Wilson. Rick seconded it. Discussion followed. Joan reminded everyone that the Supervisor appoints to

fill the opening and it is presented to the board to be voted on. A roll call vote followed: John Clark – no, Rick Roberson-yes, Amanda Hunter-no, Joan David-yes, Nancy Conley- yes. The motion carried 3 to 2.

Joan David made a motion to hire Jackie David as an office assistant to work when needed. Jackie helped us out catching the filing up this spring. The assessors files had to be organized with files placed back in that had been pulled over the last several years for BOR meetings. We had 3 large file boxes from the North Country Inspection services that held all permits with their activity from several years. We found a file for them and she did that. We are looking at organizing all cabinets using our retention schedule. Rick Roberson seconded it. After discussion, Joan motioned to table it. Rick seconded it. No vote on it.

Our Fire Millage is up and needs to be placed on the ballot. It is renewed every 2 years. After talking to Alan Daniels who is chairman of the Fire Authority and asking if 1 mill is enough for them to operate on, Nancy Conley made a motion to place the renewal of 1 mill on the November ballot. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried. Nancy will get the language to Amy in Hart on the ballot proposal.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to remove the white ballot box by the front door of the hall. It was placed for the recall election. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to call a Special Meeting to review our Boards policies. John Clark seconded it. A roll call vote was as follows: John Clark –yes. Rick Roberson-yes, Amanda Hunter-yes, Joan David-yes, Nancy Conley – yes. The motion carried. Joan will coordinate dates to set it up.

Joan motioned and Amanda seconded about signage needed on Zimmer Road/176<sup>th</sup> Ave. and High Tower Lake. Joan made a motion to purchase 4 signs for Zimmer and 176<sup>th</sup> pertaining to drivers being aware of autistic children in the neighborhood. The motion carried. Joan made a motion for a sign for Hi Tower Park with hours stated 8 am – 10 pm and no overnite camping. Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

#### Reports:

Planning Commission- August 11, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

Roads- 200 th is done and we just received a bill for it. It came in under quote. Joan has talked to Hart about extending the paving around the curve on Baker. They are contacting Reith Riley to see when they will be in the area to do this. She is checking into a complaint on Buchanan road for large potholes to be fixed. They are working on Loop and Riverview. They are not done with those two roads yet, still a work in progress.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report.

There were several public comments.

Joan made a motion to adjourn. Rick seconded It .Amanda opposed. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Nancy L. Conley- Newfield Township Clerk

