

Newfield Township  
Monthly Board Meeting  
3890 198<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Hesperia, MI 49421  
July 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Joan called the meeting to order. The Pledge was stated and a roll call of members present was called as follows: John Clark, Rick Roberson, Amanda Hunter, Joan David, and Nancy Conley. All members were present.

Joan David made a motion to approve the agenda with the edition of #2 under new business Signs. Amanda asked to add a resolution for #3 for an over and under tax collection policy and #4 credit card policy. Amanda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda made a motion to approve the last months minutes with the following revisions: The fourth paragraph should read Amanda motioned for check#14519 to be changed to reflect only mileage amount. Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under election information it should read the total price of the recall election was \$4764.87.

Joan made a motion to appoint Brian Sukup to the Planning Commission. It should read also that Rick seconded it. Motion passed. 3-2.

The next paragraph down should read after discussion, Joan tabled the motion and Rick seconded it. There was no vote.

In the paragraph beginning Joan has been approached about signage on Zimmer Rd and 176<sup>th</sup> should read Joan made a motion and Amanda seconded it. Motion carried. The sign for Hi Tower park should read no overnight camping, no open fires, etc... David made a motion and Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Also in the adjournment it is noted Amanda voted no.

John seconded Amandas motion for the June 21<sup>st</sup>,2022 minute changes.. The motion carried.

Joan made a motion to pay the bills check #14563 – 14595 with an EFT of \$1,852.00 for a total of \$399,621.84. In a discussion Amanda said she would not agree to pay the Parmentor Law firm bill because it reflected an amount owed in the court case to keep an initiative off the August ballot. Rick seconded it. A roll call vote was taken as follows: John Clark, no-Rick Roberson,yes- Nancy Conley ,yes- Joan David,yes- Amanda Hunter ,no. The motion carried.

Amanda gave a treasurers report for the end of June, 2022. The toal cash available was \$ 1,019,314.34. There was an error in part of the report so she will present an updated report next month reflecting the correct totals for June.

Correspondence- Nancy talked about the new updated Voter information cards that were sent to all registered voters in our township. It reflects the downsizing and arranging of the former 7 commissioners to 5. It also reflects the realigning of the congressional district. Joan read a letter from Jon Bumstead. Amanda read a notice about the Hi Tower lake road closures while work is being done on the road.

Joan is collecting information for our next newsletter. She also gave an overview and answered several questions from last months meeting.

Unfinished business

New Business

Nancy Conley made a motion for a resolution, seconded by Rick Roberson to approve the Great Lakes Energy application for a permit to access your townships public rights-of-way pursuant to the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights of way oversight act along with the \$500.00 fee contemplated by the Metro Act. Great Lakes already holds a franchise to provide electricity, and this METRO Act franchise will allow it to also offer broadband internet service in our area. A roll call vote went as follows: John Clark,yes-Joan David,yes-Amanda Hunter,yes-Rick Roberson,yes-Nancy Conley,yes. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion upon request by surrounding residents to buy two signs to be placed on the road around Hi Tower pertaining to a Deaf Adult. Nancy seconded it. The motion carried. Joan will take care of the ordering and language.

Amanda handed out paperwork on a Resolution 7-2022 that would allow the treasurer not to request a secondary payment due of any tax amounts totaling \$5.00 or less, once the primary payment has been received. This board also approves the underpayments to be taken from the interest being earned.By a roll call vote as follows: John Clark yes, Amanda Hunter yes, Joan David yes, Rick Roberson yes, Nancy Conley yes. The resolution carried.

Amanda handed out paperwork pertaining to a credit card policy of the township .Joan pointed out our policy right now prohibits the Township to own a credit card. This item was tabled until further policy studies were made.

Reports

MTA- Joan reported a reorganizational meeting of the Oceana County MTA was held. The meetings will take place the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Board members elected were Board President- Connie Cargill, Chairperson is Richard R., and Secretary Joan David.

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

Cemetery – Dennis David returned the mileage check he received from last month to the treasurer. The check was for miles put on his truck hauling equipment from West Hesperia cemetery to Gale cemetery. After much discussion and dispute last month on how the miles were obtained and what they were for, Dennis stated he will never put in mileage for hauling equipment from one cemetery to another.

Parks- It was reported to Joan there was a huge fire at the park at Hi Tower Lake outside of the fire ring that has once again disappeared. Nancy Conley made a motion to place a sign stating no open burning on the beach. Joan seconded it . The motion carried.

Roads- Joan reported that 200<sup>th</sup> Ave is done. She received a quote to do from 200<sup>th</sup> on Baker Road to 204<sup>th</sup>. She is checking into the quote for more details.

Zoning - Steve handed out his report. He reported that 5 new homes are being built in our township.

He reported some complaints on Hi tower bars noise over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Steve is checking into an entertainment license. Rick gave input on what the state already would have in place through his liquor license for an entertainment license. Steve is going to check with our attorney John Schrier on this matter . Amanda suggested we table it until next month. The bar has been made aware of our noise ordinance.

Public Comments : There were many public comments.

No board discussion.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn . It was seconded by Rick Roberson. The motion carried.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk