

Newfield Township Board
3890 198th Avenue
Hesperia, Michigan 49421
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September 20, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge and a roll call of board members was called. John Clark, Rick Roberson, Joan David, Amanda Hunter and Nancy Conley were all present.

Joan David made a motion to approve the agenda and adding two new items to New Business, Vance Sanders from the Thomas Richard Annis Post of the American Legion #1 and Robert Eichenberg, Chief of the Fire Dept. at #7. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting. John Clark seconded it. In discussion Amanda wanted to change the wording in the fifth paragraph to read Special Meeting Minutes. The adjustment was added to the motion and so noted. The motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Dale Hornbrook made a comment on The Entertainment License letter that was sent to the American Legion, Thomas Richard Annis Post. Joan explained the purpose of the letter.

There was also some comments on the agenda item: Hiring a marijuana enforcer.

Nancy made a motion to amend the budget ARPA funds #101-705-808 to 101-000-528 for \$23,980. This will adjust the transfer of ARPA funds to cover the work by the Road Commission on Hi Tower lake road and the work on Riverview. Also for \$6485 to adjust the Cannabis Fund 101-705-809 to 101-000641 for legal fees. A budget amendment from Unallocated 101-699-999 to Resident Services 101-705-727 for \$29,365.29. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy made a motion to approve the bills as presented check # 14632 – 14665 with two EFTs totaling \$3352.19, for a total of \$107,568.49. Rick seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda gave a treasurers report, as of August 31, 2022. Total deposits were \$35,269.52 with bills of \$27,407.71 for a total Cash available of \$633,720.68.

Correspondence:

Nancy shared several letters of correspondence :A letter with a confirmation from MTA on receiving our renewal for the 22-23 year, a confirmation from Lola Harmon and EGLE on the township receiving the Recycle Center Grant that she had written in the spring, a letter dated Sept. 9, 2022 from the Fremont Regional Digester on a timetable and place they will be spreading material in our township, an email from Senator Bumstead on bill #5981, a letter from the County Clerks office with the wording on

3 proposals the state will be placing on the November ballot, and a letter from James Draper left for the township upon paying his taxes.

Amanda had been asked by Mr. Draper upon paying his taxes to read the above letter, which she did.

All correspondence is always included with the minutes as a matter of record.

Supervisors report:

Joan gave an overview of the fireboard meeting and its Cadet program which includes Lily Eichenberg.

She will place an ad in the Hi Lites for openings on the Planning Comm.

Old Business:

Amanda presented 3 quotes from companies for updates on our Microsoft Office 365 E3, 365 E online 1 plan and exchange online archiving which would be annual fees. The companies were Hendon and Slate, DMC Unlimited, and Datalliance. Nancy made a motion to go with Hendon and Slate seconded by John Clark for \$2,556.00. The motion carried.

New Business

1. Vance Sanders, commander of the Thomas Richard Annis Post of the American Legion located in our township, commented on the letter sent to the Post concerning our entertainment ordinance. He feels since the Post is a non profit, and licensed thru the State of Michigan with a liquor license this does not pertain to them. Steve explained how the letter came about and explained the ordinance. He explained that the Planning Commission will begin to review all of our ordinances including this one over the next year. Mr. Sanders read the letter that was received by the Post. Georgia Downs, a member of the American legion Auxillary and a State Board member of the American Legion explained the difference between the American Legion and the Thomas Richard Annis Post. Also, she cited that the Post is a 501.C319 non profit and an entertainment license falls under the State Liquor license. Several other Veterans from the Post stated concerns. Joan assured them this ordinance was being looked at following a similar question that came up last month with HiTower Bar initiated with a complaint of the Noise Ordinance. This in no way reflected anything against any veterans and that we appreciate them and all they have done and continue to do. After more discussion Rick Roberson made a motion to drop all action on the entertainment letter and hold off on all entertainment permits until further investigation and review of the ordinance by the Planning Commission. The Thomas Richard Annis Post will continue to go on as planned with activities. The motion also included revoking the action taken with Hi Tower Bar and Jon J. Sauser, last month and returning his \$100 fee paid for the Entertainment Permit. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

2. Amanda Hunter made a motion to Levy the operating millage of 1.091 mills as presented in the Truth and Taxation Hearing. Nancy seconded it. The motion carried.

3. Joan David made a motion to accept Jay Peasleys letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to accept Brian Sukups resignation from the Planning Commission. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

4. Joan presented an estimate from Asphalt Paving, Inc. to do work on our existing parking lot. The estimate would include work of sawcut limits of removal on 198th, pulverize the existing asphalt, shape and compact the pulverized material and fine grade and pave with two 1 ½ inch average courses of mix asphalt and stripe the lot. Total cost would be \$62,920. If approved the work would be done in the spring, at the same quote or less. We could use ARPA funds for the project. Discussion followed with a question on the amount. It was suggested to try to get another quote. No action was taken. It was tabled until next month.

Nancy presented a bid from Shoreline Register systems on security cameras, for \$986.70, for the hall and office area. These will be installed coordinating with the installation of our parking lot security approved last month. Amanda wondered if we need to place signs stating that security cameras with audio are being used. Nancy will check in to it. Joan David made a motion to hire Shoreline, John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion and Rick Roberson seconded it to hire Rick Martin as a Marijuana Enforcer to assist Steve Micklin. He would be hired to help with inspections of the grows and assist and learn the paperwork involved and help with Zoning business. Joan suggested a yearly salary of \$4500. Discussion followed. Joan rescinded her original motion and Rick rescinded his second. Joan made a motion to hire Rick at \$2750 for 6 months at a temporary position to be reviewed in 6 months. Nancy seconded it. A roll call vote was called with John Clark –no, Rick Roberson-yes, Amanda Hunter – no, Joan David- yes, Nancy Conley – yes. The motion carried.

Robert Eichenberg , Chief of the Fire Dept. brought in several pieces of equipment to show the board what was purchased by the township for the Department. He also introduced Lily Eichenberg who has entered into a cadet program sponsored by the department. We want to thank them for their time and all that they do to help our community and keep it safe.

Reports:

County MTA- September 28, 2022 will be the next meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Claybanks Township.

Planning Commission – They are looking at several consulting firms to help with the review of our Master Plan. The last time it was reviewed was 2008. They are looking at on line and in person input. They will also start reviewing our Zoning ordinances.

Cemetery – Dennis had 3 cremation burials this month.

Parks – The porta jon has been removed from Hi Tower Park.

Zoning – Steve handed out his report. This month he has addressed a problem at 198th and Parketon.

Public Comments: There were several public comments.

Board Discussion – Nancy gave a total cost of the Primary Election which does not reflect postage, because the township had purchased a large amount of stamps before the price went up last summer. The total cost was \$3084.76

Joan David made a motion to adjourn. Rick Roberson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk