

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, MI 49421

January 17, 2023 @ 700 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated and the roll was called. The following board members were present: Rick Roberson, John Clark, Amanda Hunter, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

Amanda made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 in Unfinished business for Recycle update. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

No Public Comments

Nancy Conley made a motion for a Budget Amendment. \$300.00 to bonds from Unallocated and \$3,000.00 from Unallocated to Board. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the bills, checks #14759-14784 with an EFT for 1,710.67, for a total of \$16,276.67. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter gave the treasurers report thru December 31, 2022. We showed total deposits of 137,982.90. With a total withdrawl of \$17,360.83 for a total cash available of \$840,875.81.

Correspondence

We received some info from True Sream.

Amanda received two letters from Steve Talbott.

Supervisors report

On 1-12-2023 Joan met with Mr. Timmer and Jeff Balkema from the OCRC. We are first on the list for Brining this summer. (first part of May and then after July 4th).

At this meeting they went over a possible 12 roads to be worked on this year. They will have estimates for us before our February meeting.

The OCRC will be doing a chip seal on 192nd from M20 to the north side of Warren

176 th Ave. – crush and shape- just over a mile

Warren Road- 192nd to Baseline – 1.5 miles

204th from Newfield Township line to 200th – chip and seal

Baker – 200th – crush and shape – ½ mile

186th Ave. – 2 yr plan-slag, gravel down, let it set for 1 year, 2nd year pave.

186th from Yonker Road to dead end – chip seal

Yonker – 192nd – 186th Ave – wedging and chip seal

Hightower – getting 2 estimates- 1 for slag and 1 for paving

164th Ave. –M20 –Loop Road crush and shape

Zimmer & 172nd –(DeBrots residence to old Herin farm house) gravel upgrade

Buchanan – 176th – 160th turn into gravel- 1st year, 2nd year pave

Township Parking Lot – chip seal

Old Business

Upon checking with Randy Daniels, Dennis found out he did not keep his electrical license. Dennis called Nieboers electric, because this is an emergency situation to have them come out. Joan made a motion to go with Nieboers electric for this situation. Amanda seconded it. The motion carried.

Michael Jansma gave us a computer ordering update for the computers that were approved last month. Total cost of order has come to \$7,715.95. They should be here in about a week.

Nancy Conley gave an update on our Recycle grant. We received the paperwork from EGLE on the hows and whys of the grant. Included was the Recycling & Organics Infrastructure Agreement for Fiscal Year 2023 which includes Program Specific Requirements. The amount of the grant will be \$35,536.00 with Newfield matching at \$8,959.00, for a Project total of \$44,495.00. The end date of the grant will be 9/30/2024. We are looking at a spring project for the infrastructure. Next on our list will be meetings with the Village, and the following townships that gave a letter of support, Denver and Greenwood. Lola is prepared to educate us all, including the school, on proper recycling procedures. We will be looking for volunteers to help man the center. We will keep you informed as work progresses.

New Business

Arlene Kolbe presented an overview of the AED box situation in our area. In checking with the village and the fire department she was able to track down the location of several. However some are out of date and no longer safe to function. She has checked on the cost, and where grants are available for use. She is now wondering if the Township Board wants her to pursue the grant situation etc.. for our township .In checking it was found that we have several population areas that could possibly use a box, especially with a lack of ambulance service in our area. It was a general agreement by the board for her to gather the information and bring it back to the township. We want to thank her for work on this project. Arlene is a resident of Newfield Township, and is doing this research as a concerned citizen.

The Planning Commission recommendations for the board from their last regular meeting is as follows: Michael Jansma as Chairperson. John Clark made a motion to accept with a second by Rick Roberson. Motion carried. Mary Hopkins was recommended as Secretary. Joan David made a motion to accept with a second by Rick Roberson. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission recommended a Special Meeting on Feb.9th for the Commission to decide and then recommend to the Board which company to go with for our Master Plan.

Reports

MTA- Wednesday January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Crystal Township hall. They will be hearing information on several issues, one which is blight.

Planning Commission – Along with deciding on a company for our Master Plan, we will be looking in the future at a site review by HiCloud on M-20. They are looking at going through the process of adding another building to the new 20 acres they have added to their property. The 20 acres was an additional purchase from the commercial property of Beckman Brothers.

Zoning- Steve handed out his monthly and his yearly report to the board. He also showed the numbers of 2022 compared to 2021. His report showed for this year 4 demo permits, 8 new construction, 5 renovations, 6 porches or decks, 6 garage or sheds and 2 new commercial. We want to thank Steve for all of the numbers and reports presented to us.

Board Discussion-Rick Martin's 6 month review is coming up on his job performance as Marijuana Enforcer.

We need to look at a Budget Workshop for the board.

It was brought up that all township officials need to be using the township email accounts that were set up at the end of last year.

Joan David made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Rick Roberson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk