

Newfield Township Board

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Hesperia, Michigan 49421

854-4702

May 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Joan David, Supervisor. A roll call was taken with the following board members present, John Clark, Rick Roberson, Amanda Hunter, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of wording on letter I from budget to bills. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes as presented. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

#### Public Comments on Agenda Items

Amanda gave a treasurers' report. She showed total deposits of \$51,856.85 and \$39,285.80 in bills with a total cash available of \$894,525.50. Tracy Sumner from Shelby State Bank helped her with rolling over the Perpetual Care CD that was due.

#### Old Business

Joan has a new estimate on Zimmer Road by shortening the length of work done the estimate went to \$10,725.00. The new estimate on Hi-Tower road came in at \$211,464.00. Joan is going to check on possibly doing half this year and part next year. Nancy Conley made a motion to go ahead and add the new estimate of Zimmer road to the work load for the summer. Amanda seconded it. The motion carried. Nancy Conley made a motion to do the work on Hi Tower not to exceed \$160,000 ,possibly in two parts, seconded by Amanda Hunter. The motion carried.

Joan and Michael presented an update from Uline service on new office furniture for the hall office. Nancy made a motion to purchase 2 Downtown Storage Credenzas for \$1,550.00, Conference Table for \$1,185.00, 1 Downtown office Workstation for \$1635.00, and reception L Desk for 1,150.00 for a total of \$4,775 with a total with shipping of no more then \$1,000.00 added. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan made a motion to rescind the motion from the March meeting stating an election bonus for the clerk , for \$300.00 for off sight elections and \$1,000.00 for on sight elections , to a Resolution #5-16-23 for the same. Rick Roberson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken as follows : John Clark,no-Rick Roberson,yes-Amanda Hunter,no- Joan David,yes- and Nancy Conley,yes-. The motion carried 3 to 2.

New Business – Michael Jansma gave an estimate from Optic Edge for a two sided ,3ft x 6ft digital sign for out front for \$18,345.00. Michael did not receive an answer on the two other businesses he contacted.

Joan David received two quotes on pillars to mount the sign to one from John Yates for \$4700.00 and another verbal one for \$6,000.00. After some discussion a look for a lesser quote for the sign will be pursued. Amanda Hunter made a motion to table it until the next meeting. John seconded it.

Amanda Hunter talked to Huntington Bank and Choice One on possibly placing our accounts at their Fremont Banks. Nancy Conley suggested we table it until next month when Amanda will bring something more solid for us to look at.

Cameras are in at OxBow reported our IT Person , Michael Jansama. We do have audio. We do not have to publish on site cameras because it is a Public Park. It will cost about \$30.00 per month for NCats to handle the cameras. There will be a \$50.00 fee to install. Joan David made a motion, seconded by Amanda Hunter to transfer the Ncats account to OxBow for \$50.00. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the bills for the amount for the checks #14891 – 14917 plus an EFT for \$2,067.34 for a total of \$17,968.02. Amanda Hunter seconded. The motion carried.

#### Reports:

MTA- The Oceana County MTA will meet May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elbridge Township Hall. Listed on the agenda they will be addressing Blight and Grants.

Planning Comm.-Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission kicked off their first workshop on the Master Plan with Jeff, from McKenna. It was a township type meeting, reviewing the old Master Plan. They are looking at dates for community engagement meetings in the summer and fall. They are looking at input from local businesses, the Faith community, the schools and local law enforcement. The next regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 8 ,2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Marijuana Enforcer- Rick Martin – Has begun his monthly inspections of the grows.

Cemetery – Dennis reported he has sold 7 resident lots this past month. He placed 2 Foundation bases. The Girl Scouts, their leaders and parents helped place over 450 flags on the graves this past week. Along with Dennis 5 Senior boys looking for community hours helped paint and clean up the grounds at Oxbow that were vandalized this past spring.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report. Three new Zoning permits were issued. He has three civil infractions ready to be issued. He has been working on rewriting the Blight ordinance, that will be presented to the board and then sent to the lawyer. There was discussion on cleanup of properties once done by the township then added to the taxes of the offenders. Amanda will check with Hart on the process.

There were no public comments.

#### Board Discussion

Nancy Conley brought us up to speed on the Recycle Center. Miss Dig has been called, and the excavating and fill are ready to become a reality. The dumpsters have been ordered and should be here in about 5 weeks.

Joan has been working with the Road Commission on bringing all that work and estimates up to speed. Joan had several discussions with the Sherriff Mast on members from the community visiting his office

trying to persuade him not to accept the townships purchase of radios for his force. Several apparently tried to use their influence of former jobs as pressure, one being with the IRS of which the IRS has no legal standing over the grows other then to pay taxes. Joan talked to the Oceana Herald Journal editor about a write up in the paper that one resident of the township submitted saying we were donating the radios. The township can not legally donate anything, so the wording was retracted in the next issue and changed to purchased. Joan also wrote a contract up with the Sherriff and Under Sherriff on the use of the radios like she did on the Big Flag with the Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Hesperia.

Joan also noted that she, Steve Micklin and Nancy have been working on letters and FOIA requests for Mr. Talbott and Mr. Herin.

Steve wanted to remind us all of Dump Day at the township hall on June 3, 2023 from 8 a.m. until 1:00p.m.

Steve also stated that a request to change footprint of at Oceana Gardens 1 on 186<sup>th</sup> to include a second greenhouse will be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk

