

Newfield Township Board

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July 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Joan David made a motion to Approve the agenda with the addition of #4, Fish Road to the New Business. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 board meeting. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

There were no public comments on agenda action items.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the bills as presented, including checks #14956 – 14986 and an EFT for \$2084.20 for a total of \$43,600.12. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Hunter gave the Treasurers report for the month of June. Deposits were \$45,602.69 with a transfer for bills at \$31,446.25 for a Total Cash Available of \$911,854.43.

Correspondence:

Nancy received information on the counties Hazardous Waste collection, which will be held August 19, 2023 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Hart Public Works , 1010 State Street, Hart, Michigan .

Amanda reported the levy for the winter taxes. It is 1.1910 for operating and 1.000 for fire protection.

Amanda had presented the board with a flyer titled TextMyGov. The site could be used to report issues and receive alerts. She is going to do a phone conference with them and bring the information back to the board.

Old Business

Joan had presented the board members with the three bids for painting the inside of the hall. Amanda made a motion to accept the bid of Ali Townsend of \$1693.00. Joan David seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Steve reported he has not heard back from the lawyer on the Public Ordinance update. Amanda will email Steve on a couple of questions she has for him.

New Business

Nancy made a motion to approve Mike Rosemas bid of \$2,000 on the approach to the Recycle Center. He and Mike Mayo will remove and haul away the 18 to 20 ft. of asphalt on the north side of the parking lot and build an approach of crushed concrete. John Clark seconded it the motion carried.

Amanda presented the board with a handout showing an analysis of area Trustees wages. After much discussion Rick Roberson made a motion to increase the Trustees wages to \$3,000 per year starting in August of 2023. John Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amanda made a motion to renew our Quick Books subscription on line for \$30.00 per month. The start up fee is \$15.00 per month for the first three months. This is cheaper than a yearly subscription and can be cancelled any time if we decide to put a server in or switch to BSA. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

A proposal on the closing of a proportion of Fish Road by Vicki Burrell was received by Joan. In reviewing it the board had some questions and Joan is going to check with the Road Commission in Hart on a couple of items concerning the proposal. We will revisit it again next month.

There is a County wide MTA meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Ferry Township hall, on July 26th.

Paul Erikson our County Commissioner gave a report on happenings at the County Level. He reported on the proposed updates at the area County Parks. He reported on a Grounds and Building tour he took of County buildings. An update on the Ambulance situation shows 3 vehicles being used for the summer, with several new graduates to the program to start work shortly. Mears has its 150 year celebration coming up in August. The county fair is in August and is always a big draw and a busy time in Hart.

Dennis reported on burials and stone bases placed in the cemetery.

Steve handed out his Zoning Report. He states he had 3 new Zoning Permits in June. He reported that he attended a workshop training in Newaygo on using Civil Infractions instead of the method we have been using. He reported several new builds are going up in our township.

Joan reported that Baker Road is being worked on and they will finish the roads around Hi Tower on Friday.

Public Comments:

There was one public Comment.

Board Discussion:

The board wanted to clarify that the joint meeting on Thursday July 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. was a workshop meeting with McKenna on our Master Plan. Amanda made a motion seconded by Joan to pay per diem to the members of the board and planning commission attending the meeting. The motion carried. We will have 2 more Public meeting sessions in the future.

Amanda would like a meeting on our Security Policy including liabilities and access. Amanda will work on the policy with Michael Jansma.

Amanda Hunter in checking with Mike Jansma found out we could get a two sided sign for the parking lot cheaper then the first voted one sided sign. Amanda made a motion seconded by Joan David to go with the two sided sign as long as we stay under the designated \$15,000. The motion carried.

Nancy gave an update on the fencing for the Recycle project. Also noted the new dumpsters will be in Newwaygo at the Recycle site on Tuesday, July 25th. Signage has been approved and we are awaiting a cost estimate for that.

Supervisors Report:

Joan stated they just completed the July Board of Review. In total our Township has 24 veterans getting exemptions for an approximate total of 1.3 million dollars in assessed value.

Joan stated the fire department and first responders had 31 runs last month . She said they now have 16 certified fire and first responders with 2 more coming on board.

Steve noted the area news letter that is coming out to up date on all activities happening and in progress through Julie Burrell at the Right Place. Nancy stated she has sent Julie all current information on the Recycle Project.

Joan hopes to have the new bids for the parking lot paving by next meeting.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick Roberson. The motion carried with the adjournment at 8:08 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk