

Newfield Township Board
3890 198th Ave.
Hesperia, Michigan 49421
December 19, 2023-7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Richard Roberson.

The pledge was stated and roll call of members was called. The following were present: Rick Roberson, John Clark, Amanda Hunter and Nancy Conley. Joan David was absent.

Nancy Conley made a motion for Rick Roberson to assume the duties of Joan David , Supervisor, and run the meeting . Amanda seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the contract approval for UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants as #2, under New Business. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

John Clark made a motion to approve the board minutes for November. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Nancy Conley made a motion for a Budget Amendment of \$15,000.00 to be moved from Unallocated to the Board line. Amanda Hunter seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter gave the treasurers report. \$33,439.37 was transferred to cover the bills for November, with total deposits for \$43,722.94 for a total of cash available of \$588,932.82.

Correspondence:

Nancy presented the latest report from Parmenter Law on the Draper VS Newfield Twp. Case. The lawyers have responded with a second motion for dismissal. We received a court date of Jan. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Circuit court in Hart.

Amanda reported that we received two checks , one each from the Hesperia Comm. Schools and one from the Newaygo County RESA for reimbursement on the election costs for the November 7, 2023 elections.

Amanda presented a letter that Joan had received concerning the ARPA funding and the designation of funds time table.

She commented on the recent audit report made by UHY LLP accounting firm. Each board member received a copy.

Old Business:

Amanda made a motion by Resolution 121923-1 to accept the meeting dates for the board for the 2024 year. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the UHY LLP contract as presented: Years Ended March 31, 2024 Audit, F-65 and Municipal Qualifying Statement for \$6,800.00---March 31, 2025, F-65 and Municipal Qualifying Statement only for \$850.00—and March 31, 2026, Audit, F-65 and Municipal Qualifying Statement for \$7,500.00. If additional work is needed, they will consider the work to be a separate agreement to be negotiated outside of this audit proposal. The fees were listed. John Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills, check #15160 -15192 with several EFTs for a total of \$27,661.03. Rick Roberson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports:

Technology Report- A copy of the report from our Technology coordinator was given to each member of the board.

Cemetery --Dennis David gave a report on our cemeteries. He had two full burials this month. He is still doing this as long as the ground is not frozen. He also removed and cleaned up the tree that was hung up in Ox Bow park. He finished removing the leaves out of Gale Cemetery.

Zoning- Steve gave his report. He also stated there are 2 more new houses being built in the township.

Public Comments:

There were several public comments.

Board Discussion- none

Nancy L. Conley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Clark seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk