

Newfield Township

3890 198<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

February 20,2024 @7:00 p.m.

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

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the Jan. 16,2024 minutes. John Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Amanda Hunter made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for February 6, 2024 with the change made to remove the 2 hour training schedule language. Also to change wording that the board agreed to the board discussed for the new budget improvements. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Public Comments on action items only.

There was one comment.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the bills including checks # 15219-15260 including one EFT for a total \$49,629.53. It was seconded it by Amanda Hunter. The motion carried.

The treasurer gave her report. The following deposit for \$31,188.70 for January 2024 along with \$17,367.71 in bills for a total cash available of \$646,644.36.

Correspondence

Amanda talked of the up grades taking place at Shelby State Bank.

Nancy received information from the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services.

Nancy gave a report from American Classic Dumpster Service on the progress at the Recycle Center.

Joan introduced Eric Fox an Oceana County attorney who has been practicing here for many years. Eric is running for an opening for Probate Judge in Oceana County Court System. He gave a short talk about himself and why he is interested in running.

Old Business

Steve handed out copies to the board of the two ordinances we will be addressing tonight. The board all received copies prior to the meeting. Rick mentioned we had spent several hours working on them during a board workshop.

Joan David made a motion through Resolution #22024 to adapt the Blight, Junk and Vehicle Ordinance #NT2024-1. Rick Roberson seconded it. A roll call vote went as follows: John Clark-no, Amanda Hunter-no, Rick Roberson-yes, Nancy Conley-yes, and Joan David-yes. Some discussion followed. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion through Resolution #32024 to adapt the Civil Infraction Ordinance#NT2024-2. Rick Roberson seconded it. A roll call vote went as follows: John Clark-no, Rick Roberson -yes, Amanda Hunter-no, Nancy Conley-yes and Joan David-yes. The motion carried. These ordinances will go into effect 30 days after they are published in the Oceana Herald Journal.

#### New Business

Amanda Hunter suggested looking into waiving the late fees that occur on Property taxes between Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and the end of February. She stated the reason for this was she had received several calls from tax payers who were unable to pay their taxes until the end of February. Discussion followed. Nancy Conley suggested tabling this until next month , giving the board time to check with what other townships in the county are doing.

Joan received and distributed to the board a packet from the OCRC on the 2024 Brining for our gravel roads. There were two bids : one from Michigan Chloride Sales LLC, with 2 brinings per season @0.225 per gallon and Great Lakes Chloride with One brining per season @0.4105 per gallon. After a brief discussion with input from trustee, John Clark who lives on a gravel road, Amanda Hunter made a motion to go with Michigan Chloride Sales LLC. John Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### Reports:

Planning Commission- Wayne Ferris gave an update on the happenings of the Planning Commission. He talked about the progress of the Master Plan and the GIS mapping.

Cannabis Enforcer- He will be inspecting Hi- Cloud with in the next couple of weeks.

Paul Erickson-County Commissioner-Paul gave a report on the happenings in the county and our area. He mentioned the possible groundbreaking on 20 West of Newfield Twp in Ferry Twp. by Life EMS for an ambulance barn.

Cemetery- Dennis had 3 burials. He feels the need for gravel to be brought in and leveled in the pathways through out the West Cemetery and the Catholic. There are some real problem areas. He will check and get estimates and bring them back to the board.

Zoning- Steve passed out his report. He attended a virtual meeting with the state CRA and relayed some of the new things that are happening in the next few months statewide.

Public Comments- There were several Public comments.

Board Discussion – Nancy relayed some information that has been asked at several of our meetings during the public comments. In the fiscal year 2022 over \$32,000 was spent by the township in legal fees relating to Cannabis questions , events and law suits. In the fiscal year 2023 so far we have spent over \$14,000 in Cannabis questions, events and law suits. This does not include the one law suit that was asking for a monetary amount. That law suit was handled by our Liability Insurance Co., and they spent over \$5700.00 on that one alone.

Nancy also reviewed the 9 day early election that will be taking place at the Courthouse in Hart for all 16 townships in Oceana County. They will be open the 9 Days before from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m. They will be manned by Clerks and election workers from all throughout the county, 4 for each day.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. John Clark seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk