

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th St.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

August 20, 2024 ,7:00 p.m.

Joan David called the meeting to order. The pledge was stated. The following board members were present: Mary Hopkins, Wayne Ferris, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July Meeting. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Public Comments – none

Nancy Conley made a motion to transfer \$22,000 from unallocated with \$12,000 going to Road Improvements and \$10,000 to Resident Services. It was seconded by Joan David. The motion carried.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, checks # 15450 – 15492 with an EFT of \$2,674.75 for a total of \$391,676.92. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Mary Hopkins gave her treasurers report. We show \$559.70 deposited with \$39,121.34 in withdrawals for a total of \$460,978.97.

Correspondence –

Nancy presented an annual report for the Hesperia Community Library.

Joan read a letter that was left in Michael Jansma s mail box. The letter was unsigned, with no envelope and no stamp. The letter was sent to our lawyer and was filed with the Michigan State Police. The Michigan State police is treating this as a hate crime. Joan stated the boards feeling on this latest incident and how our support is behind Michael. Joan also stated if anyone is aware of who sent this letter or knows anything about this incident please contact the Michigan State Police.

Old Business

Joan made a motion to use ARPA funds to purchase a Microwave, a Stove and a Refrigerator for the Scout House at Ox Bow Park in for no more than \$1300.00. Wayne seconded it. Joan handed out estimates to the board members. The motion carried.

New Business

Joan made a motion to approve the language for the Fire Protection Millage Renewal for the November election. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan brought up the dates for the Fall MTA meeting in Ludington. The workshop date is September 25, 2024. Anyone wishing to attend from the board please let Joan know.

The Fall continued ZBA training in Hart is Sept. 19 ,2024 . Please let Joan know as soon as possible if you plan on attending. The county is only taking 45 participants. The training is 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Joan has heard from an area resident of Hi Tower Lake who is interested in placing a dock at the Boat Launch. Joan talked to EGLE. There are qualifications on the land and also the dock. Who ever owns the land must apply for the variance to have the dock placed. She is waiting for a call back with the information.

Joan made a motion to implement a Budget Line for the FOIA Coordinator. This would amount to \$15.00 per hour. Mary seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan made a motion to implement a Budget Line for the Clerk Election Coordinator at \$1,000 per election not to exceed \$5000.00 per year. This she feels is due to the extra work that is placed on the Clerk at this time with everything from early voting, preelection and post election work. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports-

MTA – The Oceana MTA will meet on September 25, 2024 in Pentwater. The meeting will start at 6:00p.m.

Planning Comm- Michael Jansma reported they met with MeKenna and discussed and reviewed the presented material that had been collected. They are looking to have it all in order to present it to the Planning Comm. in September, hopefully with a recommendation to the board for October Board meeting.

Cemetery - Nick from White River Excavating has begun grading on the roadways in the West Hesperia Cemetery. He is hoping to have the gravel down by the end of next week. Dennis also worked on two bases.

Zoning – Steve handed out his report. He has had 21 permits and 56 inquiries so far this year.

Nancy Conley will contact Mike Anderson from Denver township on the process of the repair of one mile on Maple Island Road.

Public Comments- There was one letter read in response to the Hate Crime letter dropped off in Mr. Jansma's mail box.

Steve reminded us of Clean Up Day, September 7, from 8 to 1 here at the hall.

Board Discussion – Joan wanted the boards input on phones for personal use. Our technology director will also check on prices etc..

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Hopkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk

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