

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

July 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our supervisor Joan David. The pledge was stated. The following board member were present: Rick Roberson, Wayne Ferris, Mary Martin Hopkins, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Wayne Ferris. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18th meeting. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Nancy Conley made a motion for a budget amendment to move \$500.00 from unallocated to the Zoning Board of Appeals line. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve and pay the bills for the month, Checks #15413 – 15449, with one EFT for a total of \$39,121.34. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Mary Martin Hopkins gave the treasurer report. Total deposits for the month of June totaled \$35,757.89. Bills paid for a total of \$208,988.42. Total cash available is \$686,939.91.

Correspondence:

Nancy received confirmation that WM Shredding will be here on the 25th to pick up materials to be shredded.

Joan had a report for FEMA that needed to be filed. Mary Hopkins took the report to file.

Old Business

Joan made a motion to renew our Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for the year 24-25. The cost of the renewal will be \$3929.00. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan presented a lock in price form for Fisher LP gas for the next winter season, at 1.89 per gallon . She will send the form in.

Joan presented several new changes to our policy 4.9 Expense Reimbursements. 4.9.2 Off Site Expenditures , 4.9.2.2 Meals: When attendance is 4 hours or greater, meals shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed \$30.00 per meal and not exceed \$70.00 per full day. Also a change in 4.9.3 On site expenditures rates(for work at the Newfield Township Hall statutory meetings, training, Election workers), 4.9.3.2 Meals: when attendance is 4 hours or greater, meals shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed \$40 per meal and not exceed \$75.00 per full day. Joan made a motion for the change of policy and Mary Martin Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

There was no new business.

Reports:

Oceana County MTA will meet the last Wednesday in September at Pentwater.

Planning Comm.-A zoom conference is planned with Jeff from McKenna and Michael and Steve. They are looking at a possible Publishing for August , with a presentation to the Planning Comm. In September and to the Board in October.

Marijuana Enforcer- Rick has been making regular inspections at the grows, with the growing season in full swing with no violations.

Cemetery – Dennis reported the sale of two lots. He sprayed for Buckhorn in the cemeteries and at the hall. We are looking at possible improvements at Gale cemetery, with the possible removal of the Sumac by the fence, removal of the metal fence, and replacing that with corner fencing of some sort. Maybe looking at some other sprucing up. Dennis will check out the cost of corner fencing.

The board would like to thank Dennis for his work installing the Ballot Box at the hall.

Zoning- Steve ended up with 2 new complaints to act on. Wayne and Steve road around checking out the sites of the previous complaints. This included two on Riverview, Wilson and Smith. One on 198th Dow and one on Loop, Storms. Steve informed us of Court Cost incurred at this point for the violation in the village for the same problems. He and Wayne feel the board should come up with a budget for this process.

Steve will have a zoom meeting with our lawyers from Parmeter on the 18th at 1:30 to discuss the possibility of going to Circuit Court with the landowners on 198th and S. Riverview. Joan will be included in the is meeting. They will report back to the board.

Public Comments:

Anna Rabe a candidate for Probate Judge spoke to our board and presented information on her background.

No board discussion.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Ferris. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk