

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

September 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor Joan David. The pledge was stated. A roll call was taken with the following board members present: Wayne Ferris, Mary Hopkins, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

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

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2024, meeting. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to move \$16,000 from Unallocated to Resident Services in the budget line. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve to pay the following bills with checks #15493 – 15528 along with 2 EFTs for a total of \$38,151.57. Mary Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Shelby State Bank site was not accessible this afternoon and there for an updated treasures report could not be compiled for the board. She will make sure one is given to each member as soon as it is available.

No Correspondence

Old Business

Bruce Bart presented a detailed report on the Oxbow Boat Launch site. He and two other residents went down to check out the site and evaluate what was there. There is two sites to launch from. Site one seems to be in good shape but could use some cleaning up. Site two has several big timbers that are falling into the water , and he actually had pictures of nail and spikes sticking out of the timbers, which could be quite a hazard. The Third photo shows a natural wash out which they felt needed to be dug out and refilled properly. The board felt that EGLE should be contacted and possible the DNR. The board will be checking into a few agencies with questions and get back to everyone next month. The project was tabled until next month.

Joan gave an update on the new dock situation at Hi Tower Lake. She has talked to EGLE and they sent her a list of requirements not only for the land but the dock itself. She is waiting for a response back from Kristen at EGLE s Grand Rapids office.

Because our IT person was called out of town we will table any discussion of Board Cell Phones until next month.

New Business

NONE

MTA - The county MTA will meet in Pentwater on September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – A Public hearing of the final draft of the Master Plan is scheduled for October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Steve will be mailing copies to neighboring municipalities and the Oceana County Planning Comm. . This will contain a comment period from the public. That day after the public hearing we will begin discussion on the update of township ordinances. It was also proposed that their might be Grant Money available for Ox Bow park situation.

Marijuana Enforcer – Rick reports no problems. There was an Open house at True North on 200th Ave. Several Board members and Planning Comm. Members attended.

Cemetery- No burials. Dennis had to fix a pretty good sized water leak at the cemetery. It was in a spot that had been fixed before. He removed the damaged portion of the pipe and replaced it. It was suggested that maybe a timer be put on the pump so it would be off at nite. He noted we have had people out to the cemetery filling containers from our water faucets for personal use.

Roads- Buchanan is finished. Joan is putting together a list of roads to be possibly looked at for next year.

County Comm. Report – Paul Erickson our County Commissioner highlighted a couple of things for us in the County. He reported that once again this election there will be Early voting at the county building , October 26 – November 3rd. Voting is from 8-4 all days. You may vote in the Jury room. He also reported that the Oceana County Fair was a big success.

Zoning- Steve handed out his monthly report. He reported he has received numerous calls on properties within the township for possible purchase. He reported the Parketon Road folks are working on clean up with the pending transfer of property from the father to the son. The son has proposed building a tiny house to live in.

Loop Road property on west Loop is at a stand still right now. The owner has passed and his two sons are going through the proces of taking ownership and proceeding.

Brenlor Property – He has made progress on his clean up. Steve will be checking back by Oct. 1, to check again on his progress. If he has not made prograss the next steps will be taken to further the process.

Riverview Property - The owner has done some clean up. Steve is contacting him to set up a meeting with the Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau here at the township next week. We are hoping to resolve the case without going to court.

The other Loop Road property owner has made an effort to clean up the yard. Mainly a few toys left.

Steve also reported on the success of the bi annual Clean up Day, that was the Saturday after Labor Day. We filled 3 – 30 yard dumpsters. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Day such a success.

Public Comments – There were several Public Comments.

Supervisor s Report – Joan reported that with the ARPA funds we purchased a Refrigerator for the Ox Bow Scout Camp building.

Board discussion – Wayne had a question concerning the 2ooth grow . He said because the plants are so tall they at times can be seen over the 8 Foot fence, that is around the area. Steve reported because of the lay of the land that happens usually just before the harvest.

Nancy also stated she has sent the wrap up report to EGLE on the Recycle Center. She also gave a copy of the report to Mike Farber at the Village, Mike Anderson at Denver Twp. and Jeff Hunt at Greenwood. She included a cover letter explaining the report and asking each entity to respond with an amount designated toward the tips on the dumpsters for the next year. The village of Hesperia has once again designated \$1800.00 toward the dumping for this next year. We would like to Thank the Village for their contributions for the past year and this next year.

Rick Roberson made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Wayne Ferris. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk