

Newfield Township Board

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

Hesperia, Michigan

December 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. The following Board Members were present: Wayne Ferris, Nancy Conley, Joan David, Mary Hopkins and Micah Johnson.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Micah Johnson seconded it. The motion carried.

Wayne Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Nancy Conley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items only. There were no comments.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, checks # 15601-15634 along with several EFT s for a total of \$18,051.54. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Mary gave the treasurers report for the month of November. We show \$67,150.88 in our General Fund Money Market, with \$69,578.92 in our General Fund Checking, with a total cash available of \$149,505.90.

Correspondence:

Joan David received the contract renewal from the Oceana County Sheriffs Dept. for their continued service in our Township. This contract will run thru 2028.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Joan David made a motion to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption guidelines. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the appointment of Wayne Ferris to take Rick Roberson's place on the Planning Commission , representing the board. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Jon Sauser to the Planning Commission. It was seconded by Mary Hopkins. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Tabitha Druso to the Planning Commission. It was seconded by Wayne Ferris. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Butch Bolles to the Planning Commission. It was seconded by Mary Hopkins. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Thomas Jackson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Wayne Ferris seconded it . The motion carried.

Joan made a motion to appoint Marlene Willis to the Newfield Township Board of Review. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Thomas Meoak to the Newfield Township Board of Review. Wayne Ferris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Nancy Walzer to the Hesperia Library Board. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Cheryl Miller to the Hesperia Library Board. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to remove Barb Wright s name from all banking accounts, and replace it with Tabitha Druso our new Deputy Treasurer. Joan seconded it. The motion carried.

#### Reports:

MTA- Joan met in Lansing two weeks ago for a State MTA meeting. The next Oceana County MTA will meet January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Shelby.

The spring State Conference will be in Grand Rapids March 31 to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let Joan know if you plan on attending before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> so reservations can be made.

Planning Commission- Steve stated that we finished the new Master Plan and now will be revisiting and updating the new Zoning Ordinance. The next Planning Comm meeting will be January 14,2024.

Marijuana Enforcer – All permits have been turned in to the township along with the appropriate Money per permit.

Cemetery- Dennis made 1 base this month. One resident questioned if they could pay for plowing in the cemetery during the winter. Dennis stated that there are two reasons we will not allow plowing in the winter. We just had the roadways in the cemetery regroomed and graveled. In the past stones have been damaged because of being hidden by snow. The resident was told no.

Zoning – Steve handed out his December report to the board. He reported this past year we had 9 parcels split. In following up on several complaints we have been working on , we will be writing citations in the new year.

#### Public Comments-

There were several comments.

Board Discussion- Wayne Ferris went over information he received from the last training he attended. 1) The state will be placing more of a workload on the townships clerk, this next year. 2) Townships need

to decide who is eligible to contact the Township attorney.3) The township is not required to take bids on any work to be done.

Mary Hopkins will be taking the same training online on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

They suggested that Special meetings be run like a Town forum.

Paul Erickson our County Commissioner stated the County Board will be voting on someone to take Phil Moses spot on the board.

The Cannabis Enforcer stated he would be willing to meet with our new board member Micah Johnson, to review procedures used when reviewing them. Steve Micklin also stated he would be willing to show him the procedures and processes used in evaluations, etc..

Nancy Conley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Ferris. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk