

Newfield Township Board

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

Hesperia, MI 49421

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025- 7:00 p.m.

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

Nancy made a motion to Approve the Agenda adding #3 to New Business, Roads. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan went thru the proposed budget for the 2025-2026. She asked for questions from the board. There was no questions and no comments.

Micah Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. It was seconded by Mary Hopkins, the motion carried.

Public Comments – No public comments

Nancy Conley made a motion to run a Budget Amendment for a total of \$8355.78 from Unallocated to the following lines: \$6215.77 Board- \$209.34 BOR- \$849.51 Treas- \$1081.16- Roads for a total of \$8355.78. Joan David seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to approve the payment of bills with the following checks 15700 – 15731 an 2 EFTs for a total of 84,675.60. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Mary gave the treasurers report with deposits of \$39797.35, with expenditures of \$38,758.01 for a total cash available of \$334,757.70.

Correspondence\_

Nancy shared correspondence from the County Admin office of Oceana on a MSU training on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m. . The training will be on the Open Meetings Act.

Old Business – none

New Business

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the Budget for 2025-2026, with Joan David seconding it. The motion carried.

On March 11, 2025 the Newfield Township Planning Comm. Voted 5 to 0 to recommend the approval of the sand and gravel mine application for Rick Mansfield and sons excavating for the property located at 7400 E. M-20 Hesperia, MI 49421 , with the condition that the man-made topsoil berm be rounded off and extended ,as far as is practicable up the eastern boundary of the property as a measure to mitigated

sound and dust pollution to the neighboring parcels. This recommendation came after a public hearing was held in accordance with our ordinances.

Nancy Conley made a motion to accept the Newfield Township Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Mining and Gravel operation requested by Rick Mansfield and Sons Excavating at 7400 E. M 20, Hesperia, MI 49421. Wayne Ferris seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Wayne Ferris-yes, Mary Hopkins- yes, Micah Johnson – yes, Joan David – yes, Nancy Conley -yes. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Joan David presented several estimates from the Oceana County Road Commission for road work in our township. The first was for chip seal on Grant Road from 192<sup>nd</sup> to Loop Road for \$29,958.33. The second was for a Slag Upgrade on Baker Road from Maple Island Road to 204<sup>th</sup> for \$47,778.50. Joan made a motion to go with the work on both of the above roads. Wayne Ferris seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Wayne Ferris- yes, Mary Hopkins-yes, Micah Johnson-yes, Nancy Conley- yes, and Joan David – yes. The motion carried.

Joan also talked about work to be done on Logans Lane. The road commission is checking on what can be done, as the work is more extensive than first thought. The Road Commission will be getting back with us.

Joan is also checking with the Road Commission for work to be done to preserve the 5.1 miles of Loop Road that was done several years ago. She will get back to us on that.

#### Reports

MTA- Joan reported the next Oceana County MTA will meet in Weare the last Wednesday of May at 6:00 p.m. Joan, Nancy and Wayne will be attending the annual MTA Conference in Grand Rapids, the first week in April.

Planning Comm.- We will be and have been revisiting our Zoning Ordinances with McKenna as suggested in our New Master Plan. New outcomes so far has been the change from the state for no Adult Entertainment section needed.

Cannabis Enforcer – Will start within the next month visiting the grows as they will begin greenhouse planting.

Cemetery – Dennis reported he had sold 5 lots this last month. Purchasers will receive a copy of Cemetery rules, which will include the addition of no entrance to the cemetery with vehicles during the winter months. It was discussed again that poles and chains will be placed across each entrance. There was damage to our newly graded and filled roadways and a headstone by someone with a plow last winter.

He also reported the dumpster at Ox Bow needs to be dumped.

Zoning- Steve passed out his monthly report. He received one complaint which he responded to. He is issuing 3 citations on past complaints with court dates being set.

Public Comments- Several folks spoke.

Board Discussions-Joan reviewed the April MTA State Conf. Joan also stated everyone is watching the state sick time policy that is a House Bill. We may learn more at the conference.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion passed with the meeting ending at 7:50 p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk

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