

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th

Hesperia, MI 49421

September 16, 2025

7:00 p.m.

The pledge was stated. A roll call of board members was stated. The following were present, Micah Johnson, Wayne Ferris, Mary Hopkins, and Nancy Conley. Joan David was absent.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to appoint Wayne Ferris to run the meeting. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Wayne Ferris called the meeting to order.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Budget Amendment as #2 under New Business. Micah Johnson seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the August 19, 2025 minutes. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Public comments on action items: none.

Mary Hopkins made a motion to approve the bills presented checks # 15874 – 15896 along with 3 EFT s for a total of \$128,390.06. Micah Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Mary Hopkins. Deposits for the month of August totaled \$218,088.34, with withdrawals for \$59,868.29 for a total cash available of \$151,220.21.

Correspondence : Nancy shared an annual report from the Hesperia Community Library for the years 2024-2025. She again shared a thank you to our two library representatives: Sherry Miller and Nancy Walzer.

Nancy also shared a letter to Supervisor Joan David from David Fiskars. David is a resident of our township who has concerns over the lack of storm water management on the access road in front of his cabin. Joan has met with him and the Oceana Road Commission on this matter.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Nancy Conley made a motion to accept the new contract from Rob Forbes for plowing and salting for the 25-26 winter season. Rob has increased the amount to \$75.00 per service. Wayne Ferris seconded it, the motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion for a Budget Amendment from unallocated for \$40,000 to the following lines: \$30,000 to Board and \$10,000 to Cemetery. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports: MTA will meet in Weare the last Wednesday of September at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Comm. – Steve read a report from the Planning Comm. Chairperson, Michael Jansma. Steve also stated that they were looking at 2 dates in October to meet. One date will be for a regularly scheduled meeting to finish the Ordinances with McKenna and the other is a special meeting to review a request from Oceana Gardens for a Processing Permit. They had one a year ago but did not renew for this year. Now they would like to renew it through the end of this year. Steve and Michael will contact Planning Comm. Members , coordinating the dates. Wayne Ferris made a motion for the Planning Comm. To meet two times in October. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Zoning- Steve presented his report of activities in the township. He also presented an up date on fees for lot splits etc.. in other townships that are in our area. We are low on amount charged in most of the 16 townships in Oceana County. Joan David had also checked into the fees. We will address this at the October board meeting.

Public Comments- There were several.

Board Discussion – The board and the planning comm. would like to thank Mike Mayo and Bill Stevens , and all the volunteers for their work at the Dump Day on Sept 6,2025. The total dumpster cost was \$1,875.00 for the 3 Dumpsters. This comes out of Resident Services.

Micah Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk