

Newfield Township Board

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

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

August 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David.

The pledge was stated and the Roll call went as follows: Micah Johnson, Mary Hopkins, Wayne Ferris, Joan David and Nancy Conley were all present.

Micah Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the July 2025 minutes. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the checks #15841-15872 , including several EFTs for a total of \$59,568.29, Mary Hopkins seconded it . The motion carried.

Mary Hopkins gave the treasures report. A total of \$4,447.22 was deposited, with \$44,704.65 withdrawn to cover checks, for a total cash available of \$151,220.21. We show a total of \$199,331.03 invested in our MichClass acct. with a total interest earned at this month of \$320.21.

#### Old Business

#### New Business

Nancy Conley made a motion to renew a two year contract with American Classic Recycle with the same perimeters as the last 2 yr. contract. Wayne Ferris seconded it. A roll call vote went as follows: Wayne Ferris- yes, Mary Hopkins- yes, Micah Johnson – yes, Joan David- yes, Nancy Conley- yes. The motion carried. Nancy will contact them to obtain a contract and bring it back to the board. Nancy will also write a letter to the other participating townships and the Hesperia Village on the past years activities and costs, asking for their continued financial support.

It has come to our attention that pricing on Land Splits within our township is one of the lowest in the County. Right now it does not cover a phone call to our lawyer if needed on the split. After some discussion it was decided to check into other township pricing and review a change. We may want to review other fees and permits and make an adjustment thru an ordinance to those also. This was tabled until next meeting.

#### Reports

MTA – County MTA meeting will be held on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, @6:00 p.m. at Colfax Twp. Hall.

Planning Comm-The Planning Comm is still reviewing the updating of the Zoning Ordinances. They should be wrapping this up. within the next month. Michael Jansma turned in his resignation , effective

at the completion of the Zoning Ordinance review. He would like to thank the Planning Commission for the time served, but feels it is time to move on.

Marijuana Enforcer- He has done three inspections this past week, as the farms are ready to begin harvesting. He has 1 more to make an appointment with.

Cemetery – This past month Dennis has had 3 burials and poured and set 6 foundations. He reported that we had a mess in one of the bathrooms at OxBow park. Someone had poured lime all over the floor and down the toilet. After a board discussion on this it was suggested that if we keep having problems with the bathrooms and vandalism we will close the bathrooms and bring in a porta potty.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report. He had 12 inquiries, issued 3 permits. We have 2 more new houses coming into the township. We are still awaiting court dates on violation offenders.

Public Comments- There were several.

Board Discussion – We discussed that we have not yet received our Hard Copies of the Master Plan. Steve will contact McKenna and request 10 copies for the office. He will also bring McKenna up to speed on the Ordinance situation expressing our dissatisfaction with the co. here at the end of the process.

Clean up Day is Sept. 6, 8-1 here at the hall. Volunteers are always welcome.

Micah Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mary Hopkins seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk