

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

March 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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

Nancy Conley made a motion , seconded by Wayne Ferris to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Wayne Ferris made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Seconded by Micah Johnson. Motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve a budget amendment moving \$12,886.16 from Elections, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Administrator and Cemetery to Township Board, Supervisor, Clerk, treasurer, assessor, recycling expense, Planning Comm and Parks and Recreation for a total of \$12885.54. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

With the treasurer gone she will email a treasurer report when she gets back.

Joan made a motion approve bills Checks # 16040 – 16074 with 4 EFTs for a total of \$27,100.76. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to give the following board actions last month Resolution Numbers as follows: A-3-17-26 Supervisors Line adjusting the budget from \$20,000 to \$21,200. B-3-17-26 Election Line adjusting the budget from \$7,000 to \$8,300. C-3-17-26 Clerks Line adjusting the budget from \$22,000 to \$23,225. D-3-17-26 Treasurers Line adjusting the budget from \$22,000 to \$23,225. E-3-17-26 Zoning Admin. Adjusting the budget from \$22,000 to \$25,780. F-3-17-26 Hourly Wage Sexton adjusting the budget from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour. G-3-17-26 Election workers and Lead Election worker adjusting the budget from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour with the Lead Election worker adjusting the budget from \$18.00 to \$21.00. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Nancy presented a letter and a request from the Hazardous waste department for money to fund their collection based on per capita . Micah Johnson made a motion to pay them \$100.00 from the Township. Wayne Ferris seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan read a letter from Michael Jansma on behalf of the Planning Commission. The letter showed the recommend approval of the Special Use Permit application submitted by the Towers, LLC for a 255 foot freestanding cell phone tower for property in the vicinity of S 192nd and East Gale Road with no special conditions or alterations. Joan David made a motion to accept the recommendation and approve the request. Wayne Ferris seconded it. Discussion followed. The board voted as follows: Micah Johnson-yes, Wayne Ferris-yes, Nancy L. Conley – yes, Joan David -yes. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion seconded by Nancy Conley to approve the Zoning Administrators certification program for Steve Micklin our Zoning Administrator. The motion carried.

Reports –

MTA – Oceana Chapter will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Ferry Township hall. Program will refer to Data Centers and batteries.

Planning Comm. – The results of the our March meeting were the recommendation of the company The Towers to place a free standing 255 foot cell tower.

Zoning- Steve handed out his report. He also reported on the meeting he attended in Montague on the Data Centers.

Public Comments- none

Wayne Ferris made a motion to adjourn. Micah Johnson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk