

Newfield Township Board Meeting

3890 198th Avenue

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

July 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by our Supervisor, Gale Eitniew. The Pledge was stated. A roll call was taken the following were present, Joan David, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Gale Eitniew and Nancy Conley. All members were present.

Public Comments:

Lance Corey the Director of the Oceana County EMS gave a report on the status of the EMS in our county and township. He also talked about the proposal that is on the Aug. 2 ballot for the ambulance service. He gave an overview of a new program for this area with a three year grant from the Trinity Organization to involve Paramedics and home visits with former patients. Somewhat like a visiting nurses program does now.

Mary Lou Phillips is running for Oceana County Treasurer. She gave an overview of her qualifications for the job.

Joan David made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Recycling under old business. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. Motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to accept the June minutes. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the bills check numbers # 12485 - #12516 with an EFT of \$1320.92 for a total of \$14,613.19. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave her treasurers report for June for a total deposits of \$16,536.17, with total bills of \$22,135.99, and the total cash available of \$321,712.73.

Correspondence-

Old Business

Tami made a motion to resind the motion from last month to send \$600 to the Newaygo County Recycle because they have cancelled service here. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept the Cemetery Sextons resignation as of July 31st. Rick Roberson seconded it. He will stay on as needed until we hire someone else. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission is working on a solution to the junk ordinance. Tami Ballantyne made a motion, Gale Eitniew seconded it, to make an appointment with an attorney to work on a solution to redefine the junk ordinance so it is more enforceable. Gale will check with our attorney and make an appointment for him and Tami to talk to about it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne entered a resolution for accepting credit cards to pay property taxes. This is Resolution #16-2. Whereas, taxpayers can pay their property taxes through Point and Pay on the internet with their credit cards. Point and Pay will charge a fee for each transaction. Point and Pay will deposit the base tax amount directly into the tax account currently at Choice One Bank. Now therefore, be it resolved that Credit Cards can be used by tax payers to pay property taxes. The resolution #16-2 was seconded by Rick Roberson. A roll call vote was as follows Joan David yes, Tami Ballantyne yes, Gale Eitniear yes, Rick Roberson yes, Nancy Conley yes. Motion carried.

The township received a letter of resignation from Michelle Bieri as one of our representatives on the Hesperia Library Board. They also received a letter of interest from Mary Jo Uhen for the position. Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept Michelles resignation and appoint Mary Jo to the said position. Joan David seconded it. Motion carried.

Reports:

Zoning- Steve Micklen handed out a monthly activity report. Reported on a successful Clean Up Day.

OxBow- Gale cleaned up a mess aftermath of a busy weekend.

Planning Commission- We registered 6 spots and 1 book for the Planning seminar sponsored by MTA.

The meeting was adjourned by Gale Eitniear at 8:00p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk