

Newfield Township Board Meeting

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October 18, 2016@ 7:00 p.m.

Gale Eitnrear called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken. The following members were present: Joan David, Tami Ballantyne, Richard Roberson, Gale Eitnrear, and Nancy Conley.

Public Comments

Sandy Clarke is running for District 100 State Representative. She gave a short synopsis of her background and goals if elected.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the agenda and adding the following budget amendments: Move \$1,000 from unallocated #101-699-999 to Planning Comm#101-410-702--\$230.00 from unallocated #101-699-999 to Ins. And Bonds #101-851-910--\$82,485.70 from #101-000-699 transfer to #101-446-802 Road Improvements. Joan David seconded it. The motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to approve the Sept. 19th minutes. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami made a motion to approve the payment of bills check #12587 – 12613, with an EFT of \$1366.23, for a total of \$101,020.66. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami gave the treasurer report. She showed a total deposits for Sept. of \$25,553.54, will bills totaling \$22,142.65, for a total cash available of \$313,135.24.

Correspondence:

Nancy shared a letter from MDot showing area meeting times available to share ideas on the development of a Grand Region Nonmotorized Plan as well as the creation of updated Grand Region Bike maps.

Old Business

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New Business

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to change to NCats as our internet provider. She gave a report on info pertaining to the new provider and an estimated cost of \$100-\$150 for a new router. Nancy Conley seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept the amendment of the Ordinance Number 94-1, Article #20 – Wireless Communications Towers and Antennas as presented by the Planning Commission. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

Reports:

Cemetery – Jim David , sexton, gave a report on cemetery activity. He has ordered 6 more bases.

Zoning – Steve Micklin handed out his monthly report.

Planning Comm. Jay Peasley gave a report on activity of the commission. He noted they had set the meeting dates for 2017. He said the commission agreed to go along with the recommendations of our attorneys Rose & Rose on replacing and fixing areas with short comings .He stated we need a Public Safety ordinance to enforce resolutions of the board. In talking with Greenwood township who has just went through this, we will see if we can partner with them using their language on the Blight Ordinance and assuming some of their costs. Tami will follow up with Tom Deater on this.

Fire Board – Joan David reported the Fire Board hired a company to refurbish the light duty rescue unit for #134,136.00. She asked about dry hydrants and was told where they were and where they are looking at adding more. She reported that they currently have 14 fireman with only 9 active. They are in need of more fireman.

Oxbow Park- The toilet there has been pumped for the season by Sturtevant's Septic . He also pumped the porta jon at the cemetery at the same time.

Board Discussion

The state government has recently acted upon the Michigan Marijuana Law. Jay explained there are 3 laws acted upon with 5 different classifications. At the township level we have about 1 year to act upon it, as far as approving or disapproving the activity, as it goes into effect December 2017. We will revisit this at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk