

Newfield Township Board Meeting

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March 21st, 2017 @7:00p.m.

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. A roll call was as follows: John Clark, Joan David, Rick Roberson, & Nancy Conley present. Tami Ballantyne was absent.

Public Comments:

Gale Eitnrear expressed concerns over the Brining operations for the 2017 year.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the agenda. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve a Budget Amendment to the followed lines from unallocated 101-699-999 to Township Clerk-#101-215-702 for \$310.00, Board of Review #101-247-702 for \$750.00 and Township Hall and Grounds #101-265-702 for \$80.00. John Clark seconded it motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the checks #12736-12763 with an EFT of \$1,169.93 for a total of \$10,768.47. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Supervisor Report:

Joan reported on the Oceana County MTA meeting held here at our township hall on March 2. Sherriff Craig Mast and two State Police Officers presented a program on Medical Marijuana and the impact it could have on our Township and County. All townships must make a decision by the end of 2017 on whether they will allow it to come into their respective townships.

Joan also attended a meeting on March 16th about the changes taking place in our area concerning the Ambulance availability. She was told that as of June 30th, 2017 Pro-Med will no longer be servicing our area as it has in the past. They are running over \$200,000 in the red. Area officials are looking at another meeting to review what avenues are available for us.

Correspondence:

Joan read a letter and showed a picture taken and submitted by Donald Lynch of the mess across the street from his house on Garfield and Maple Island. Joan turned it over to our Zoning Admin. So he can further act on it.

Steve Micklin shared a letter from MTA for a training on Planning and Zoning in townships.

Business Items:

Unfinished Business:

Joan David gave a report as more information has come to light on the Brining Companies and cost of Brining for our Township, which included info on matching funds from the County. D & B Brining from White Cloud presented figures that were not available last month.

Joan David made a motion to rescind the motion she made last month to go with Great Lakes Chloride for our townships brining. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Joan David made a motion to hire D&B Brining from White Cloud for a 2 time Brining in 2017, for a total of 72,000 gallon @ .13 per gallon. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Joan David made a motion for a resolution #2017-3 to increase both the Clerks and Treasurers wages by \$1200.00 per year, starting April 1st, 2017. This would put the Clerks wages at \$16,200 per year and the Treasurers wages at \$18,700 per year. Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried.

A cemetery committee was formed with the following appointed to that committee: Dennis David Sexton and Rick Roberson, one of our Board Trustees.

New Business:

Ambulance Service meeting was covered in our Supervisors Report.

Junk complaint from Donald Lynch was also covered in our Supervisors Report.

We are in need of a new member for our Zoning Board of Appeals. Joan will check in to how many members are needed on this board.

Nancy Conley made a motion to approve the following election inspectors for the May 2, 2017 Election, Jay Peasley, Sue Gilliland, Nancy Conley, and Barb Wright. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Reports:

BOR – Joan reported on the March BOR.

Cemetery- Dennis reported Randy Daniels will be doing some welding on equipment for the cemetery. OxBow is to open April 1, 2017. Dennis is to check with Beaver Tree Service and Perez Tree Service on an estimate to have some trees removed from the West Cemetery.

Zoning- Steve Micklin passed out his monthly report on activity in the township.

Clean up Day- Steve Micklin reported that the annual clean- up day will be June 3rd, 2017. He will get 4 dumpsters this year. Andrew Slocum will pick up the scrap metal. Steve will put the ad in the Oceana paper. Nancy Conley will fix a lunch for the workers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Township Clerk