

Newfield Township Board Meeting

3890 198th Avenue

Hesperia, Michigan 49421

May 17th, [2016 @7:00p.m.](#)

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Gale Eitniew. The pledge was stated. A roll call was read. The following members were present Joan David, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Gale Eitniew, and Nancy Conley. All members were present.

Public Comments:

The following candidates running for County offices gave short speeches listing their qualifications: Lt. Craig Mast for County Sheriff, Jerry Kroll for Drain Commissioner, and Tim Priese for County Sheriff.

Julie Rogers was here with questions about the zoning on Ryan Wilson property off from Riverview. Steve Micklin took her aside and gave her the info she requested.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda. Joan David seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the March 15, meeting minutes with the correction made. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the April minutes with the spelling change for Kasza. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the bills for the month, check numbers 12434-12455 with the addition of #12394 for North Country Inspection for \$647.00 and an EFT of \$1,484.75 for a total of \$15,197.76. Joan David seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave a treasurers report with total deposits for April for \$27,037.60, and bills for \$12,098.57, with a total cash on hand of \$318,121.45.

Correspondence:

Nancy passed out a checklist from BHS insurance on our coverage for our buildings. A couple of questions were raised and Nancy will check on them.

Gale received a notice on a seminar through MTA on Cemeteries: Challenges and Solutions. It is scheduled at the Shack in White Cloud on July 27th, 2016. Any interested board member should let Nancy know before next meeting.

Old Business:

Our yearly Trash Day is scheduled for June 4, 2016 from 8a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until dumpsters are full. We have ordered 4 dumpsters this year @\$395.00 per dumpster. Nancy will get the info to the Hearld Journal for an ad publication.

New Business:

Gale Eitniew presented and made a motion to accept an estimate on our Township Building parking lot repair. The estimate is for \$2375.00 to Kasza Asphalt Sealing. Joan David seconded it. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cemetery- U.S. Flags are on the graves for Memorial Day. Jim ordered a few extra as needed.

Roads- Gale presented a signed work order that had to be in last Wed. at the Road Commission meeting, for work to be done on 3 parcels of road in our township. The parcels are Wedging/Chip seal & fog coat for Carmean Drive and Francis, Wedging/Chip seal & fog coat 180th Ave (North of Gale Road) Wedging/Chip seal & fog coat for 198th Avenue (Loop Rd. to broken bridge). The total amount is for \$68,790.88 and our matching funds are for \$15,075.00.

Zoning – Steve Micklin handed out his report and updated the board on activities.

Board Discussion:

Gale is concerned due to the recent fire at Pearsons house about the safety of the Cemetery records. Jim and Joan assured him everything is safe and that backups were originally scheduled with Lil quarterly but are being done in June and December. Joan made comment that there are 3 copies of the Cemetery records one each with Jim, Joan, and the hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Nancy Conley

Clerk