

Newfield Township Board Meeting

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May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David. The pledge was stated. The following members were present: John Clark, Joan David, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, & Nancy Conley.

Public Comments: Tami Ballantyne stated that she was more than pleased with all the work that has been done to improve the hall and grounds. Nancy Conley added that in working with an area Funeral Service they have had nothing but good things to say about working with our new sexton.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda adding #5. Risk Management. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Rick Roberson made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the following bills, Checks #12800-12833 plus and EFT for \$1,772.62 for a total of \$16,192.36. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave the treasurers report. In April total deposits were \$27,912.14. The total bills were \$12,534.12 with a total cash available of \$293,944.53.

Supervisors Report:

Joan reported that on June 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. the county MTA will meet at Crystal Township Hall.

June 3 is our annual Dump Day. We will open at 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. or until the containers are full. It is a first come first serve basis.

Muskegon Haze mat is asking each participating township to donate \$250.00 per year in order for them to keep going. They service our area in emergency situations.

June 8th, 2017 is an Open House at the County Road Commission building in Hart.

Joan stated another Junk Issue has been reported on 176th Ave. Steve will look into it.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from Consumers Power about their energy efficiency program.
2. Gov. Licensing and Regulation Bureau letter concerning Cable in our area.
3. A letter with an update from the DEQ on licensing at Turtle's Campground.

Old Business:

1. The Junk complaint on Maple Island and Garfield Road has started to look better. She has been given an extension until our Dump Day June 3, 2017.
2. Ambulance Service- We have been informed of a couple of meetings that are scheduled for this week on the ambulance service. We will wait to hear the outcome before we proceed with a multi Township meeting concerning this issue.
3. Steve has heard nothing more from Cypress Creek Renewables on the solar farm they sent information on.

New Business:

1. Loop Road Project-This project covers 5.1 miles on Loop Road. We received two quotes one from Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$561,946.00 and one from Reith Riley for \$419,536.07. Tami talked to Shelby State Bank and Choice One on financing. Choice One Bank responded with the following: We are looking at 5 years with quarterly payments at 2.5% interest for a total to be borrowed as \$325,000. The balance of the project will be paid out of our General Fund. They need a current financial statement, a copy of the Resolution passed at the meeting, and minutes stating as such. John Clark made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-3, seconded by Rick Roberson to go with Reith Riley for the quoted price for 5.1 miles, with \$325,000 financed at Choice One Bank at 2.5 % interest with quarterly payments. The balance to be paid out of General Fund. A roll call vote shows as follows: John Clark – yes, Tami Ballantyne-yes, Joan David-yes, Rick Roberson –yes, Nancy Conley-yes. The resolution passed with all voting yes and 0 nos.
2. Joan would like us to provide the contract with Zeerips and the land we own behind the fire barn that they are farming and the contract with Hunts for the land they are farming alongside of the West Cemetery. Nancy will check into it.
3. Dump Day will be June 3, 2017 and is free to all residents.
4. Old Computers – Tami is going to check on donating the computers to a good cause after uninstalling data.
5. Risk Management- We will check the signs on our Public Access and Tami will look at quotes for No lifeguard on duty, Swim at your own risk signs.

Reports-Dennis David gave a report on the Cemetery activity and Ox Bow. He would like to turn the electricity on in the pavilion April – October.

Fireboard- The new fire truck has arrived. Tami will put a picture of it on our website.

Roads- Brining will be done in the next few weeks. We will observe roads done with New Style in other townships this year.

Zoning- Steve passed out his monthly report. He is going to send our habitual offenders a copy of the new Blight Ordinance.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Rick Roberson seconded it.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township , Clerk