

Newfield Township Board

3890 198th Ave.

Hesperia, MI 49421

September 19, 2017

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Joan David called the meeting to order. The pledge was stated. With a roll call all members were present, John Clark, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley.

Public Comments:

Dennis David had positive comments about the new paving on Loop Road.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Joan David made a motion seconded by Tami Ballantyne to Amend the Budget transferring in \$420,000.00 from 101-000-699 to Road Improvements 101-446-802. This is to be placed toward the cost of the Loop Road Project. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to pay the bills check #12916-12937 along with two EFTs for a total of \$169,237.08. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami gave her treasurers report. The total deposits for the month of August is \$1731.77. Total bills for the month is \$12,716.12. The total cash available is \$619,704.25.

Tami is preparing the Winter tax bills which will include a newsletter. She encourages suggestions for input on the newsletter.

Correspondence

We received a Thank you from Crandell Funeral Home on a referral from an out of town client.

Tami Ballantyne gave an update on what the County Treasurer is planning for Township Treasurers on the new computerized tax roll.

Old Business

Joan David reviewed the HAZMAT ordinance that was presented last month. We will revisit it in October.

New Business

Nancy Conley made a motion, John Clark seconded it to accept Jerry Heckmans proposal for snowplowing for the winter season 2017-2018 at last years rate of \$45.00 per plow. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept the L4029 as presented which states a Levy of Winter taxes for the 2017 billing. The levy will include a 1.2482 on the allocated and a 0.9986 on the Fire. Joan David seconded it. Motion carried

A complaint was stated to our supervisor over the condition of the Township Boat Launch at Campbell Lake. Nancy and Hugh Conley went out to inspect the launch. They reported the water table is very low which could add to the problems. There is several breaks in the concrete launch with holes around the break. They also reported that there is no signage at the launch. Joan suggested we revisit this in the spring when the water table is up. Nancy will check with the county on what they think it would take to remedy this situation.

Marijuana – Opt in or out is the question being put to all townships over the next few months. Joan distributed info for members to review before the next meeting.

Joan gave us an update on the Smart 911.com as told at the County Chapter MTA meeting last week. There are brochures to fill out, and Tami is looking at a way that we could link it to our Township website so citizens could fill out their form.

Joan reported on investment and depository designation resolutions that were suggested at our County MTA meeting. We have a standing resolution that was put in place in 2009 governing the procedures used in our Township.

Reports-Cemetery & Ox Bow- Dennis reported he has an individual who will be doing community service with him at the Cemetery. He will not be handling any equipment or operating any machinery.

Fireboard – The board is selling a Fire truck.

Planning Commission – The next meeting will be October 12, 2017.

Roads – Joan will check to see if they are painting white lines on Loop Road now that it is done.

Zoning- Steve Micklin handed out his monthly report. He reported that the fine to Slacks has been paid .Steve will be sending Tami the PDF for the new Junk and Blight ordinance to be put on the Website. Steve has been contacted by Harvest Solar another company interested in coming into Newfield Township. They normally do 10 acre projects. He will keep us informed on this.

Board Discussion – Lance Corey, director, from the Oceana EMS gave an update on activity in the township on Ambulance activity. He reported thru the end of Aug. they have responded to 63 calls in Newfield and Greenwood Townships, along with Leavitt and Ferry and Otto. He also updated us on what he presented to the Board of Commissioners in Hart on not only the activity but where we stand on funding and availability. Tami asked about possible CPR classes for the public at our hall. Lance gave her a synopsis of the particulars and cost etc..

John Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rick Roberson seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk