

Newfield Township
Monthly Board Meeting

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July 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by our Supervisor, Joan David at 7:00 p.m. The pledge was stated and a roll call was taken. John Clark, Rick Roberson, Tami Ballantyne, Nancy Conley and Joan David were all present.

Public Comments:

Jay Peasley asked a question about assessments. Joan said she would pass it along to the assessor.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda moving #4 to New Business and changing the date at the top of the agenda to July 18, 2017. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept the June minutes as presented. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to pay the following bills checks # 12862-12888 including two EFT's for a total of \$20,170.58. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Tami gave the treasurers report. The total deposits for the month of June were \$20,011.59, with bills of \$24,916.60 and a total cash available of \$302,221.60.

Supervisors Report:

Board of Review will meet on Wednesday July 19th at 6:00p.m. here at the hall.

Old Business:

Ambulance Report: Nancy reported she received a call from the Fremont EMS director to update us on activity for the first 10 days in July. Fremont had received 6 calls and Oceana EMS reported a total of 10 calls. It was noted that the Oceana Ambulance has been sitting at the Fire Barn on 20 a different times. He noted again that a possible solution (10 hours per day) to our Ambulance availability could result with more funding. She suggested contacting the County of Newaygo and the Townships therein to see if they are willing to up the amount they are giving.

Loop Road Project: Joan reported the new culverts are in. The road construction should start the first week in August and be done by the end of the second week.

Township Land Use contract: After some discussion Rick Roberson made a motion to table this until the August meeting, Tami Ballantyne seconded it. Nancy will write up a contract with a clause that will allow for township usage of the property if deemed necessary.

Dennis David has placed signs at the public access at Hi Tower Lake and Ox Bow Park stating no Drinking or Drug usage. He will place a sign stating Cemetery Rules and Hours at Gale Cemetery.

Joan David made a motion to appoint Mary Jo Uhen to the Library Board for a full term. John Clark seconded it. Mary has been fulfilling the term vacated by Michelle Bieri. Motion carried.

New Business:

Joan David made a motion to appoint John Stratton to the Fire Board. Rick Roberson seconded it. It is Newfields turn in the rotation to have the floater. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to have the Clerk, Nancy Conley, become a Notary Public, and the township pick up the fees that would incur. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cemetery & Oxbow – Dennis has cleaned up animal garbage at Ox Bow that often happens this time of year. He is seeing a Buckhorn problem in the cemetery and is asking to look into a solution for obtaining spray and a sprayer to take care of it. Rick Roberson will check with area farmers to see if someone would be available to help.

Fire Board – The old Firetruck is for sale.

Planning Comm.-Jay Peasley reported they are reviewing the updated zoning manual that Steve has put together from recommendations from our attorney. Tami also commended Steve Micklin on his outstanding work on that ordinance. In the future they will be looking at adding a possible solar ordinance and revisiting the set-backs on the rivers and lakes.

Zoning – Steve Micklin handed out his report of activity within the township for the month. There was once again a discussion about support or lack of from the Sheriffs Dept and the County Prosecutor. The board recommended that the Zoning Board members receive the MTA magazine. Nancy will follow up on that.

John Clark made a motion to adjourn. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:18p.m.

Nancy Conley

Newfield Township Clerk