

Newfield Township
Monthly Board Meeting
3890 198th Hesperia, Michigan April
18, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joan David. The Pledge was stated. All roll call showed John Clark, Tami Ballantyne, Rick Roberson, Joan David and Nancy Conley were present.

Public Comments:

Jon Bumstead brought in pamphlets for us to distribute. He is also running for Geoff Hansens seat in the senate next term.

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to approve the agenda. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Rick Roberson made a motion to approve the bills Checks #12765-12799 plus an EFT for \$1,349.75 for a total of \$12,582.12. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried.

Tami Ballantyne gave her treasurers report. Total deposits for the month of March were \$4423.47, with bills totaling \$10,768.47 for a total cash available for \$278,566.51.

Joan gave her Supervisors report. She reported that all docks are out on the area lakes after a call to the DNR. She reported on the Road Commission meeting of last week. Joan handed out meeting guidelines for all to follow. She stated that she hoped we all use local businesses for our purchases for the township. She would like to set an open house for people to come in and see the hall, possibly during the dump day.

Unfinished Business:

The junk complaint is still an issue on Maple Island and Garfield. Steve will again address it.

Tami gave a report on the Ambulance meeting she attended.

New Business

Nancy Conley made a motion for a resolution for a partial Termination to release 5 acres from the PA116 for Ken and Peg Rumsey. The resolution is numbered 2017-4. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The motion carried with 5: YEAS and 0: NAYS .

Tami Ballantyne made a motion to prepay for our NCats bill for the year. This will give us a savings of \$60.00 per year. John Clark seconded it. Motion carried.

Joan David nominated James Ballantyne to our Township Board of Appeals. Nancy Conley seconded it. Motion carried.

Nancy Conley made a motion for a Resolution for the Newfield Township Board to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators (if applicable), accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software. The full funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations, if any, are detailed in the attached Dominion quote. Newfield Township will be responsible for maintenance in years 6-10. Newfield Township plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2018. Tami Ballantyne seconded it. The following persons voted on AYE on a roll call vote: Rick Roberson, John Clark, Tami Ballantyne, Joan David and Nancy Conley. 0 people voted NAY. The motion passed.

Tami Ballantyne and Nancy Conley will address the Risk Management suggestions for our Townships access to Beach Properties and what signage needs to be in place for the summer.

Steve Micklin handed out and explained the new proposed Blight, Junk, Vehicle and Public Safety Ordinance #2017-01. We decided not to table it and Tami Ballantyne made a motion to accept the Resolution and Rick Roberson seconded it. The motion carried with a Roll Call vote as follows: AYES: are John Clark, Tami Ballantyne, Joan David, Rick Roberson, and Nancy Conley. NAYS: 0. The motion carried.

Steve has been contacted by a company named Cypress Creek Renewables out of Arizona. They are interested in placing a solar farm in Newfield Township. Steve will get with them and collect more information and get back with it.

Reports –

Parks– Because of individuals possibly spending the winter months we have advised Mr. David to place locks on the doors.

Fireboard- Two firemen flew to Georgia this past month to drive home a new firetruck that was purchased.

Roads – All brining for Newfield Township will be done by D&B Brining.

Zoning – Steve passed out his report.

Board Discussion- Nancy passed out the Annual Report for the Library.

Tami updated us on the quote for the AntiVirus for the computer which will be \$39.00 per year.

John Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Roberson seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Nancy L. Conley

Newfield Township Clerk