

**Nelson Township
Board Meeting
January 9, 2007
7pm.
Held at Nelson Township/Sand Lake Hall
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake MI 49343**

Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bishop, Hoffman, Reed and Armstrong. Absent: Noreen.
The Zoning Administrator, Jerry Gross and nine citizens were present.

Amendments to the Agenda were offered by Armstrong. Support by Reed. Yes: 4,
No: 0, Absent: 1.

Motion by Reed to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2006 as circulated.
Support by Armstrong. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1.

Financial Report received and filed, subject to audit.

Reed made the motion with support by Armstrong to pay General fund \$13,246.65;
Library \$00.00; Pine Lake Weed Control \$00.00 and Library Construction fund
\$3,102.78 for January 2007. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1.

Correspondence

Two letters from Village of Sand Lake were received:
Drinking water report dated 12-19-06
Sewer rate increases dated 12-20-06.

Received a thank you letter from West Michigan Trails & Greenways
for the townships donation to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail.

Reports

Zoning and Enforcement on file in the clerk's office.
Fire Departments Reports from Spencer Township and Cedar Springs
Kent County Road Commission will hold an Informational meeting scheduled
January 16, 2007 at 7PM. Held at Nelson Township Hall for proposed paving project
for Ritchie Ave south of 22 Mile Road to Northland Drive.
Parks and Recreation Sharon Myers reported on winter programs. Website is being
established.

Reports

North Kent Transit no riders for December 2006.

Library Construction next meeting January 25, 2007 at 10 am.

Planning Commission regular next meeting January 17, 2007

November Report – Kent County Public Works monthly report for November 2006 on the library construction.

Budget Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 9am.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business

Library facility advisor board

Armstrong made the motion not to establish a library advisory board. Support by Reed. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Library Water Runoff Expenses

Armstrong made the motion with support from Bishop to reject the request from the Village of Sand Lake for reimbursement to. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

New Business

Beckering - Library

Dave Beckering discussed the discrepancies on the framing of the clerestory and included the breakdown for the additional cost of \$11,126.00, which specific direction was given from the architect on November 13, 2006; see attachment (A); and the additional cost of the mechanical revisions for proper installation of the duct work, additional cost of approximately \$8,500.00 to accommodate the building structural system. Attached Beckering letter dated December 29, 2006

Motion by Hoffman and supported by Reed to approve the preliminary change orders for the wall framing revisions in the clerestory area per Beckering Advisor's letter of December 18, 2006, at additional cost \$11,126.00; along with the revisions per direction from the mechanical engineer to accommodate the building structural system increase of 13,062.50 As a future proposed change orders, Yes; Bishop, Hoffman, Reed, No: Armstrong, Absent: Noreen. Motion carried.

Library Construction payment #5 Resolution 07-003

By Resolution 07-003, Hoffman made the motion with support from Bishop to release payment to building contractor Beckering Advisory, Inc., for the amount of \$119,162.86. Roll call vote Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Community Block Grant Funds 2007/08

Township board decided not to participate with North Kent Transit for 2007-2008 year.

Armstrong made the made the motion with support from Reed to approve the 2007-2008 vendor contract, with a budget of \$22,107.00 in the HUD community Development Block Grant funds. The Arbor Circle \$1,000.00/ Kent County Road Commission \$21,107.00 are the vendors for the 2007-2008 program year, which runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions 2007/08

Reed made the motion to approve the Supervisor salary base amount \$22,000.00 Resolution 2007-004, for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Supported by Hoffman. Roll call vote

Yes: Armstrong, Hoffman, Reed. No: Bishop, Absent: Noreen. Motion carried

By Resolution 07-005, Armstrong made the motion with support from Hoffman to approve the treasurer's base salary to \$22,000.00, for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Roll call vote Yes: Armstrong, Hoffman, Reed. No: Bishop, Absent: Noreen. Motion carried.

Motion by Reed and supported by Armstrong to approve Resolution 07-006, Clerk's base salary to \$23,000.00, for 2007-2008 fiscal year. Roll call vote Yes: Armstrong, Hoffman, Reed. No: Bishop, Absent: Noreen. Motion carried.

Reed made the motion with support from Hoffman to approve Resolution 07-007, the trustee's base salary to \$1,486.00 for 2007-2008 fiscal year. Roll call vote Yes: Armstrong, Hoffman, Reed. No: Bishop, Absent: Noreen. Motion carried.

Assessor's Agreement

Armstrong made the motion with support from Reed to approve the Assessor's agreement for 2007/2008 subject to salary wage to be set at the workshop meeting. Yes; 3, No: 1, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Poverty Guidelines

By Resolution 07-001, Hoffman made the motion with support from Reed to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines as presented. Yes:4, No: 0, Absent 1. Resolution approved.

Board of Review Member Reappointments

Bishop made the motion with support from Hoffman to reappoint Beth Miller and Frank Austin to the Board of Review for 2007. Yes: 4, No:0, Absent:1. Motion carried.

School Election Administration 2007 through 2009

By Resolution 2007-002, Bishop made the motion with support from Reed to support the clerk to administer all school elections for 2007 through 2008. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Master Plan Distribution

Armstrong made the motion with support from Hoffman to send out the draft Master Plan for distribution. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Donation to CS Museum Building Fund in Memory of Jerry Ford

Request by the City of Cedar Springs to donate \$500.00 to a memory fund for President Jerry Ford was denied by the Nelson Township board. Motion by Armstrong and supported by Reed. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Grand Valley State Contribution – Flat River Watershed

Nelson Township board chose not to donate towards this program. All ayes, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

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Annual Salvage License

Armstrong made the motion to approve the 2007 annual Salvage License for J&S Auto Recyclers. Support by Reed. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Library Furniture Bid

Hoffman made the motion to accept the Media Technology/Silver Street, Inc. bid of \$107,350.00, for library furnishing as submitted to Andrus Architecture on December 26, 2006. Reed supported. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comments

A letter was submitted to the supervisor by a citizen.

Board Comments: None

Without objection the Nelson Township board adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk