

Township of Nelson  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bishop, Hoffman, Reed, Armstrong and Noreen.

Absent: None

Also present Zoning Administrator Jerry Gross and twenty-eight citizens from the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved with amendments.

Financial report received and filed, subject to audit.

The January 10, 2006 minutes were corrected and approved as presented.

Noreen made the motion to disburse the monthly bills: general \$16,078.32; Library \$5,371.01; Pine Lake Weed Control \$00.00. Supported by Reed. Roll call vote. Ayes 5 – Nays 0. Motion carried.

### Reports

- a. Monthly zoning report is on file with the clerk's office.
- b. Fire Department's reports were received from City Cedar of Springs, Spencer and Sand Lake Fire Departments.
- c. Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 15, 2006 as been cancelled.
- d. Parks & Recreation Spring & Summer brochures will be available soon.
- e. North Kent Transit had one rider for January 2006.
- f. Library a new timetable has been established.
- g. Proposed budgets for the general, library and Pine Lake Weed Control 2006-2007 funds were reviewed.

### Unfinished Business

**John Hancock Pension Plan Amendment:** An Amendment to the Manulife Financial Contribution Plan, to amend the current required minimum distribution regulations. The amendment was executed and filed with Township plan documents and mailed to Manulife Financial Co.

### New Business

- a. **Salvage yard license** Hoffman made the motion to grant the annual salvage license to J&R Auto Recyclers Inc., and Georgia Bowen. Reed supported. All ayes motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **b. Home Based Excavation, Bulldozing and Trenching Businesses Ordinance**

Supervisor Bishop asked Hoffman to explain the ordinance then opened the floor to the audience.

1. Brian Pouget 14300 Tisdal asked the board to vote no on this ordinance.
2. Rick Gibson 8445 19 Mile Road opposes the zoning draft.
3. Jan Booy 8704 19 Mile Road agrees with Mr. Gibson and Mr Pouget.
4. Beverly Pouget – 14300 Tisdal stated this is wrong for the township.
5. Sue Wolfe 15290 Tisdal submitted her letter to the board along with two petitions opposing this draft ordinance.
6. Jim Rule 8414 18 Mile Road is opposed to the draft ordinance.
7. John Wier – 16100 Myers Lake Ave is supportive of this draft.
8. Robert McKown 7120 Carolyn Dr. also is supported of this draft.
9. Larry Nankervis 8511- 19 Mile Road stated this was a bad idea.

Armstrong made the motion to remove Section 2,19.4 (D) of the draft Home Based Excavation, Bulldozing and Trenching Businesses ordinance and insert the language, (authorizing the Zoning Administrator unscheduled property site inspections.)

Reed supported. Roll call vote Ayes - Armstrong, Noreen, Reed and Hoffman.  
Nay - Bishop. Motion carried.

Armstrong requested information regarding possibility of limiting the number of home based excavation businesses.

**c. John Hancock Pension Plan** Hoffman made the motion to accept the termination —letter from John Hancock as current Plan Administrator, and execute the —Administrative services agreement with Burnham & Flower has the new Plan Administrator. Reed supported. All ayes motion carried.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Bishop made the motion to appoint Tom Noreen for a three-term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Armstrong supported. All ayes motion carried.

**Treasurer's Institute** – Hoffman made the motion to deny the Treasurer tuition for Treasurer's Institute. The township board will approve up to \$350.00 for travel and lodging expenses. Armstrong supported. All ayes motion carried.

## **Extended Public Comment**

Beverly Pouget asked the board to consider- a co-op parking lot for commercial vehicles.

Without objection the Nelson Township board meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.