

Nelson Township Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
Sand Lake/ Nelson Township Municipal Building  
2 Maple Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343  
7pm

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Board Roll Call**

Present: Armstrong, Hoffman, Noreen and Mahoney.

Absent: Reed and Zoning Administrator Gross. There was one citizen present.

**Approval of the Agenda – Financial Report**

Agenda and Financial report were approved as presented.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The township board approved the December 9, 2008 board minutes as presented.

**Accounts Payable**

The monthly bills for January 13, 2009 were approved by Hoffman; seconded by Noreen. General \$61,994.08; Library \$1,255.16; Library construction \$788.15.

Yes 4, No 0. Absent 1. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

Grand Rapids Community College will impose a summer property tax levy.

**Kent County Drain Commissioner William Byl** spoke on the history of Lincoln Lake Drain & Black Creek Intercounty Drain. In 2006, Spencer Township originally filed a petition with the Kent County Drain Commission to clean out, relocate and for the consolidation of the Lincoln Lake Drain & Black Creek Intercounty Drain which did not include riparian owners on Lincoln Lake. Mr. Byl also reported the engineering study results show erosion at Lincoln Lake drain outlet channel causing 8' banks. Four solutions that were offered:

- (a.) Do nothing
- (b.) Dredge channel outlet
- (c.) Build check dams
- (d.) Pull back the banks

Last month Spencer & Nelson Township had filed an appeal with Kent County Circuit court not to proceed with the project.

**Reports**

Zoning and Enforcement-Fire Department reports filed with clerk's office.

**New Business**

**1. Community Development Block Grant Funds**

Hoffman made the motion with support from Mahoney to approve the 2009-2010 vendor contracts, with a projected budget of \$35,209.21 in the HUD community

Development Block Grant funds. The Arbor Circle \$1,000.00; Nelson Township Park fund \$34,209.21 are the vendors for the 2009-2010 program year, which runs from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

## **2. P.A. 116 Application**

Hoffman offered the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mahoney to grant a Malcolm Brigham a P.A.116 farmland application approval for parcels 41-03-13-100-002 and 41-03-13-100-003. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried.

## **3. Public Education Resolution**

Noreen made the motion to endorse Resolution Supporting Public Education. Mahoney supported. Yes 0, No 4, Absent 1. Motion failed.

## **Old Business**

- 1. Maintenance Agreement for M100 Voting Equipment – Tabled.**
- 2. Asset Test for Property Tax Poverty Exemption – Tabled.**

## **Extended Public Comment - None**

## **Board Comments**

Supervisor asked the board to consider officials and employees salaries for the upcoming 2009-2010 fiscal year.

## **Adjournment**

Without objection the Nelson Township board meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Laura Hoffman  
Nelson Township Clerk