

Nelson Township Board Meeting
Nelson Township / Sand Lake Municipal Building
Tuesday, November 9th 2010
7PM

Called to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Board Roll Call

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Armstrong, Austin, Noreen and Mahoney. Absent: Hoffman

In addition, there were 5 people and Zoning Administrator Gross present.

Approval of the Agenda – Board Minutes -Financial Report

The agenda, October board minutes and financial report approved as submitted.

Motion made by Mahoney to pay the bills in the amount of \$40,435.72 for the general fund and \$803.30 for the Library account. Motion supported by Noreen. Motion passed, Yes 4, No 0 and Absent 1.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Zoning, Enforcement and Fire Departments

Library: Supervisor stated that the wild flower area has been mowed. Mahoney reported that the book sale was a success. Noreen asked if the post near the entry had been stained, Mahoney will check with Glenda or the Friends of the Library. Supervisor asked Noreen if he would check and see if the clock needed to be adjusted due to the time change

Other Reports or announcements not requiring Board action – Supervisor stated that at a recent Supervisors meeting it was discussed that Kent County is considering implementing septic tank regulations and possibly requiring an inspection when a home is sold.

Correspondence

Supervisor provided the board with a letter from MTA. MTA is now offering workers' compensation insurance.

Supervisor also provided an email from Chris Burns (City Manager of Cedar Springs) regarding EPA grant.

New Business

The Right Place: Mike DeVries (Supervisor of Grand Rapids Township) and Birgit Kloh's provided the board with information and asked the board to make a 5 year commitment of \$250 per year for a total of \$1,250.

Austin made the motion to support the Right Place for \$250 per year for a total of \$1,250 over 5 years. Mahoney supported. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1

Motion passed. Supervisor will return to the Right Place our letter of commitment.

Board of Review Appointments: Noreen made the motion to appoint Sue Vicari, Gabrielle Warner and Margaret Hawkins to the Board of Review each for 2 year term starting in January 2011. Supported by Austin. Motion passed. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Library Prairie request for sign and path: Melanie Gould (A teacher at Sand Lake Elem) and Lori Grant provided the township with a handout and asked the township board for their support and cooperation regarding their plan for a nature path and using the rain garden area at the library as an education experience for 4th and 5th graders at Sand Lake Elementary. Supervisor will review a letter that the township received from our insurance company to see if we are even allowed to make changes in that area.

Noreen made a motion for the township to support Sand Lake Elementary and KDL plan for the rain garden area at the library, Supported by Mahoney. Motion passed Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Resolution for Board of Review meeting date: Supervisor stated that the board had to have a resolution to move the BOR date. Motion made by Mahoney supported by Austin. Motion passed. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Wind Energy Conversion Ordinance: Motion made by Mahoney to table until next meeting. Supported by Austin. Motion passed Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Amend Budget Centers: Motion made by Mahoney to amend budget Centers:

FUND BALANCE			
Election	191-802	Contracted Services	Increase by \$1,500.00
Clerk	215-702	Deputy Clerk	Increase by \$1,600.00
	215-703	QVF Clerk	Increase by \$1,700.00
	215-860	Mileage	Increase by \$300.00
Treasurer	253-702	Deputy Treasurer	Increase by \$300.00
Roads	446-851	Minor Construction	Increase by \$12,000.00
Amend Fund Balance			\$17,400

ASSIGNED FUNDS	
Township Hall 265-727	Computer software and maintenance Increase by \$10,000.00 from the assigned funds

Motion supported by Noreen. Motion passed. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Unfinished Business – None
Extended Public Comment: NONE
Board Comment NONE

Without objection the Township board adjourned at 8:46 P.M.
 Katy Austin

Nelson Township Treasurer