

Nelson Township Board Meeting  
Held at the Municipal Building  
2 Maple Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343  
February 8th, 2022  
5 PM

The Nelson Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Britton at 5:02pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Britton, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Austin, Trustee DeJong, and Trustee George.

**Absent:** None. There were 13 people in the audience including the SL Jr Eagles.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion made to amend agenda by DeJong seconded by Austin to add Community Recognition after Library and add Closed Session under the bottom of New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by DeJong and seconded by Austin to accept the Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George and seconded by Britton to accept the minutes, as amended, for the Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> budget workshop and wages meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Accepted as presented.

**Accounts Payable:** Austin, with support by DeJong approved the disbursements of funds as presented.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Reports:**

**Zoning and Enforcement:** On file in the clerk's office.

**Fire Departments:** Fire reports received by Sand Lake and City of Cedar Springs.

**Roads:** None.

**Library:** Let it Snow reading program until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Paused in person programs for Feb. 2022.

**Community Recognition:** DeJong commended the Jr. Eagles for their efforts in the community.

**Correspondence:** Discussion on CDBG and Lockwood Drain assessment.

**New Business:**

**Annual Mining Operations** Renewal for John Sarniak 9175 Becker St: Motion to accept by Hoffman and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Mining Operations** Renewal for Dean's - 17360 Shaner Ave. and Dean's - 6664 Pringle: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Mining Operations** Renewal for Dean's 14055 Keller Ave: Motion to accept by DeJong and seconded by Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Mining Operations** Renewal for Barczewski – 17750 Ritchie: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by Britton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Mining Operations** Renewal for Hansen – 16601 Ritchie: Motion to accept by DeJong and seconded by Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Salvage Operation** Pro-Auto: Motion to table by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Salvage Operation** J&R Auto Recyclers: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Charter Township:** Discussion on pros and cons. Tabled.

**Closed Session:** Supervisor Britton at 5:46pm called for a closed session.

Supervisor Britton called the regular board meeting back to order at 6:06pm.

Motion to approve, with changes, Draft #1 by Austin, with support by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished business:**

**Nelson Township – Statutory and ~~Non-statutory Responsibilities~~ Other**

**Department Duties:** Discussion on whether or not we were going to entertain new policies in the office.

**Resolution 2022-001** set Supervisor’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by George for \$34,000. No second. Motion died.  
Motion made by DeJong for \$35,000. Seconded by Austin. Britton: No, Hoffman: No, Austin: Yes, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

**Resolution 2022-002** set Clerk’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023 and **Resolution 2022-003** set Treasurer’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by Britton for \$36,000. Seconded by DeJong. Britton: Yes, Hoffman: No, Austin: No, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

**Resolution 2022-004** set Trustee’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by Austin for \$5,000. Seconded by DeJong. Britton: Yes, Hoffman: No, Austin: Yes, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

**Schedule of Fees:** Motion to keep the Fees the same made by Hoffman, with support by Britton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review Proposed general, Library and PLWC 2022-2023 Budgets:** Reviewed only.

**Noise Ordinance:** Tabled.

**Nelson Township - Creation of Mission, Vision, Core Values and Working Agreement:** Tabled.

**VFW – Fee’s:** Discussion to set fees for the Nelson Township Hall Rental (VFW Hall)

Weekdays Monday – Friday

Weekends Saturday – Sunday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm \$50.00

9:00 am – 3:00 pm \$60.00

3:30 pm – 11:00pm \$50.00

3:30 pm – 11:00pm \$60.00

All day 9:00 am – 11:00 pm \$90.00

All day 9:00 am – 11:00 pm \$100.00

Deposit check \$150.00. Two separate checks are required one for the deposit and second for the rental. Motion made by Austin to set the fees discussed. Seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

**Extended Public Comments:** Maggie Merritt asked, “Will my taxes go up with the salary increases?”

**Board Comments:** DeJong thanked the board for all their hard work.

**Adjournment:** Without objection the regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:06.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk  
Nelson Township