

Nelson Township Board Meeting
March 11, 2008
Held at Nelson Township/Sand Lake Municipal Building
2 Maple St.
Sand Lake, MI 49343

Public Hearing 2008-09 Proposed Budgets
General, Library and Pine Lake Weed Control Funds

Bishop called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bishop, Hoffman, Armstrong, Reed. Absent: Noreen. The zoning administrator and two citizens were present.

Supervisor gave a brief report on the proposed 2008-2009 General, Library and Pine Lake Weed Control Budgets. There were no public comments. Bishop adjourned the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

General Board Meeting

Bishop called the regular board meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Hoffman made the motion to adopt the 2008-2009 General, Library and Pine Lake Weed Control Budgets. Support from Reed. Roll call vote Yes 4, No 0. Absent: 1.

Hoffman made the motion to amend the agenda to add under New Business item (g.) Combine precincts for May 6, 2008 School Election - Resolution 2008-06. Reed supported. Yes 4, No 0 Absent: 1.

Minutes of February 12, 2007 board meeting were approved as circulated.
Financial Report was approved as presented.

Reed made the motion to pay general fund \$14,100.73; library construction fund \$00.00; PLWC \$00.00; Library \$4,873.39. Hoffman supported. Roll call vote Yes 4, No 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Beth Miller, clerk of Village of Sand Lake took this opportunity to ask the township board if they would make a contribution towards a new staging area that adjoins the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail.

Kent County Farmland Open Space Preservation is hosting a fundraising event Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Watermark Country Club.

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Reports

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

Fire Department's reports were received from three contracted departments.

Parks & Recreation report emailed to board.

Supervisor will sign the contract with J & S Service for township cleanup June 26, 27 and 28.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Unfinished Business

CDBG Funds

Supervisor will forward the three bids from various gutter companies estimates to Kent County Community Development Block Grant.

Amend Zoning Ordinance

Reed made the motion to amend the Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance by the addition of a new chapter which shall be entitled Chapter 7A, PLR Pine Lake Residential District, and which shall be located between Chapter 7 and Chapter 8. Supported by Hoffman Yes 4, No 0 Absent 1.

Schedule of fees

The following motion was made by Hoffman and supported by Armstrong.

Principal residents residing in Nelson Township may request to be added to the Planning Commission agenda for one of the four regular scheduled quarterly meetings. The \$500 fee shall be waived. An escrow account of \$2,000.00 shall be established in advance. Agenda requests are taken in order received with a maximum of two special use requests per meeting.

Remove Kennel from Schedule of fees, and include Zoning Board of Appeals fees.

Yes 4, No 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.

New Business

Sand Lake/Nelson Township Staging Area

Bishop made the motion to allocate \$5,000.00 from CDBG funds for the Sand Lake/ White Pine Trail staging area. Armstrong supported.

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

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New Business

Relocation of the 63rd District Court

Bishop made the motion to oppose the relocation of the 63rd District First Division Court. Armstrong supported.

Yes – 2

No – Hoffman, Reed

Absent 1, Motion failed.

Supervisor's Salary – Tabled

Amend Budget Centers

Reed made the motion to amend the following budget centers Audit & Legal \$6,488.05; township hall \$6,504.77; Planning Commission \$6,309.09; Other \$2,595.15. Hoffman supported. Roll call vote Yes 4, No 0 absent: 1. Motion carried.

Appoint Board Planning Commission Member

Supervisor Bishop made the motion to appoint Laura Hoffman as township board member to serve a one-year rotation term ending April 2009, on the planning commission. Reed supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comments – None

Board Comments – Supervisor Bishop announced she will retire the 31st of May 2008.

Without objection the board meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk