

Nelson Township Board Meeting
April 8, 2008
Held at Nelson Township/Sand Lake Municipal Building
2 Maple St.
Sand Lake, MI 49343

Bishop called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Bishop, Hoffman, Armstrong, Reed and Noreen. Absent: none. The zoning administrator and five citizens were present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of March 11, 2007 & March 25, 2008 board and special meeting were approved as circulated.

Financial Report was approved as presented.

Hoffman made the motion to pay general fund \$62,574.32; library construction fund \$00.00; PLWC \$00.00; Library \$2,336.37. Noreen supported. Roll call vote Yes 5, No 0.

Correspondence – None

Reports

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

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

Library construction lot requires seeding

Parks & Recreation report emailed to board.

Planning Commission meets next Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Bed & Breakfast draft Zoning Amendments were reviewed by the board.

Public Comments

Elsie Waller 5785 Becker Ave; asked the board to consider three dust layers for 2008 also expressed concerns over the appearance of East Nelson Cemetery.

Jerry Seevers 17600 Pine Lake Ave; questioned the township expenditures and the assessor's ability to raise and lower property taxes.

Unfinished Business

CDBG Funds

Final decision for the Library pole barn will be discussed at May's board meeting.

New Business

Beckering Advisor

Tom Wallace of Beckering Advisor spoke to the Township Board regarding outstanding work items on the Library building project including the "thru - bolts" on the entrance

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canopy, the priming and painting of the trusses and the steel plates on the trusses. The threaded rods are not rust protected and, as a result, are rusting and staining the entrance canopy.

Trustee Noreen noted that Beckering was required by the bid and construction documents to provide the thru-bolts and not the threaded rods. Beckering could not unilaterally substitute the threaded rods for the required thru-bolts without (1) calling out the proposed change in its bid, and (2) obtaining the Architect's and Township's approval for the substitution. The Township Attorney has reviewed the related provisions of the bid documents and concurs with the Architect that Beckering is and was required to install the thru-bolts and that no substitution was requested or approved.

Cemetery Maintenance Proposal

Hoffman made the motion to approve 2007 Cemetery and Pine Lake Access Maintenance proposal with Venman's Landscape Service. Armstrong supported. Yes: 5, No: 0. Motion carried.

Yes 5, No 0.

QuickBooks 2008 update

Reed approved the update for QuickBooks 2008. Noreen supported. Yes 5, No 0.

Board of Appeals Resignation

Dave Gilson resigned from the Board of Appeals effective April 8, 2008.

Board Comments – Supervisor Bishop submitted her letter of resignation, effective May 29, 2008.

Without objection the board meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk

