

Township of Nelson  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 15, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bishop called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bishop, Hoffman, Reed, Armstrong and Noreen. Absent: None. Also present Zoning Administrator, Jerry Gross along with nine citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reed made the motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2006 as corrected. Noreen supported.  
Yes – 5, No – 0.

Financial report received and filed, subject to audit.

Noreen made the motion to disburse the monthly bills: general \$30,483.45; Library \$10,803.97; Pine Lake Weed Control \$00.00. Support by Reed. Roll call vote Yes - 5. No - 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** John Wier, Planning commission member stated that Jim Sturdevant, Planner working on the Nelson Township Master Plan gave an impressive visionary report.

**Guest: Kent District Library**

Pamela Vander Ploeg, Carol Simpson and Glenda Middleton presented the annual Kent District Library report for the Sand Lake/Nelson Township branch library.

**Prien & Newof**

Chad Sosnowski gave a presentation on Master Storm Water Plan for the township. Chad included an update on an existing storm water permit for Cedar Springs Middle School. Chad will draft a letter for the township supervisor to send to the Cedar Springs Middle Public Schools.

**Reports**

- a. Monthly zoning report is on file with the clerk's office.
- b. Fire Department's reports were received from City of Cedar Springs, Spencer and Sand Lake Fire Departments.
- c. Planning Commission will discuss goals and objectives for August 24, 2006 at 7 pm.
- d. Parks & Recreation's will hire a new director by weeks-in.
- e. North Kent Transit had one rider for July 2006.
- f. Kent County Road Commission luncheon will be held on September 19, 2006.
- g. Nelson Township board was invited by the City of Grand Rapids to "walk the bridges" in the city of Grand Rapids during Labor Day weekend.
- h. Nelson Township Library – Sand Lake Branch ground breaking will be held on Friday, September 8, 2006 at 10:00 am.

**Unfinished Business: Resolution Zoning Administrator Duties & Authority**

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**New Business: Pine Ridge Bible camp**

**Pine Ridge Bible camp**

Noreen made the motion that non-profit organization shall be charged the full building permit fee, a refund may be returned after all actual costs of the project have been applied. Reed supported. Yes -5. No – 0. Motion carried.

**Request Paving Stout Ave**

Tony von Pongracz 6758 Fawn Drive, requested information on paving Stout Ave., between 16 Mile and 17 Mile Road. Tabled.

**Deputy Supervisor**

Supervisor Bishop appointed Glen Armstrong as Deputy Supervisor; they will work on establishing office hours for the deputy.

**Michigan Zoning Enabling Act Ordinance 06-153**

Noreen made the motion to amend Sections 21.14, 21.15 and 21.16 by renumbering them as Sections 21.15, 21.16 and 21.17, respectively, and so as to insert a new Section 21.14. Under Chapter 21 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Nelson, these Amendments will conform to Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Reed supported. Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.

**Amendment No. 1 Legal Services Agreement – Resolution 2006-009**

Armstrong made the motion to approve amendment No1 for the Legal Services Agreement dated August 1, 2006, which increases the allowance for legal service from \$12,500 -\$16,500 for legal fees plus \$1,250.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements to \$26,000 for legal fees plus \$2,000 for out-of-pocket disbursements that has been submitted to the Township Board. Hoffman supported. Yes – 5, No – 0.

**Extended comments: None**

**Board Comments: None**

Without objection the Nelson Township board meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Laura Hoffman  
Nelson Township Clerk

