

Township of Nelson  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bishop called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Reed made the motion to amend the agenda under new business add:

e. Pat Huffman, Electrical Inspector request

f. Change Order Request

Support from Noreen. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Financial report received and filed, subject to audit. Armstrong made the motion to approve the August 15, 2006 regular minutes and July 17, 2006 Special meeting minutes. Support by Noreen. Ayes 5 – Nays 0.

Hoffman made the motion to disburse the monthly bills: general \$19,754.86; Library \$28.00; Pine Lake Weed Control \$1,800.00; Library Construction fund \$689.48. Support by Noreen. Roll call vote Yes 5 - No 0. Motion carried.

#### 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 and Spencer Fire Departments.

c. Next Planning Commission visioning report meeting scheduled for September 27 2006.

d. Sharon Myer's introduced Amanda Gerhardt, has their new Cedar Springs Park & Recreation director.

e. North Kent Transit had one rider for August 2006.

**Public Comment: None**

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

Hoffman made the motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance 06-163; Section 19.4 of the Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance, (Zoning Administrator Duties and Authority). The ordinance amends Section 19.4.D of the Zoning Ordinance so as to authorize the Zoning Administrator to revoke special use permits for noncompliance as an alternative to revoking the occupancy permit, which is already authorized.

Support from Armstrong. Yes 5 – No 0. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Nelson Township Electrical Inspector**

Reed made the motion to approve a 6-months leave of absence, for Pat Huffman, Nelson Township Electrical Inspector starting September 25, 2006 through March 25, 2007. Eric Stroh, current Electrical Inspector for Spencer Township will cover all electrical inspections. Support by Armstrong. Yes 5 – No 0. Motion carried.

Building Official, Dave Chapin supported the Pat Huffman 6 month leave of absence.

**Application for payment of Library Construction**

By Resolution 2006-010 Hoffman made the motion to approve Library Construction payment in the amount of \$19,044.00. Support by Noreen. Yes 5 - No 0. Resolution adopted.

**Sand Lake Legal Fees**

Noreen made the motion to return the request for reimbursement of Village of Sand Lake library legal fees back to the village without action. No prior agreements were written concerning the requirement of legal fees made prior to/in conjunction with the transfer of the library property to the township. Armstrong supported. Yes 5 – No 0. Motion carried.

**Reappointment Planning Commission**

Bishop recommended reappointing Robert McKown for a three-year term, ending September 2009, on the planning commission. Reed supported. Yes 5 – No 0, Motion carried.

**POW/MIA Proclamation**

By resolution 2006-011, Hoffman made the motion to provide for the designation of September 16, 2006, as POW-MIA Recognition Day. Support by Armstrong. Yes 5 – No 0. Resolution adopted.

**Service Agreement between Cedar Spring Historical Society and Nelson Township**

Bishop made the motion by Resolution 2006-012, the agreement set forth the terms and conditions whereby the Historical Society will provide services and incur certain expenses in furtherance of the historical interest of Nelson Township; also recognize Tom Noreen as representative for Nelson Township. Reed supported. Resolution adopted.

**Change Order #1**

Hoffman explained the two scenarios (1.) Whereas the township elects not to sprinkle the attic space, the change order #1 additional cost would be \$7,167.00; or (2.) Township board decides to proceed with the additional attic fire suppression, at additional cost of \$24,630.00. Both scenarios included additional charges after plan review changes were made by Gary Campbell. The board had questions on the additional charges. Tabled.

**Extended comments: None**

**Board Comments: None**

Without objection the Nelson Township board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk