Nelson Township Board Meeting

Held at the Municipal Building

2 Maple Street

Sand Lake, MI 49343

September 10, 2019

7PM

The Nelson Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Britton at 7 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Britton, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Austin, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: None. There were seventeen people in the audience.

- 1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Mahoney, with support by Austin approved the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. **Minutes:** Austin, with support by Britton approved the August 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. **Financial Report:** Library CD matured at GRB funds were deposited into Independent Bank library savings. PLW CD also matured at GRB those funds were also deposited into Independent PLWC saving account.
- 4. **Accounts payable:** Accepted as presented.

5. **Public Comments:**

- **a.** Dave Vogelar 6987 19 Mile Road, requesting a Noise Ordinance.
- **b.** Pat Dignum 13757 Sunset Shores, presented to the township board a proposed Blight Ordinance for Vacant/Abandon residential property in the Pine Lake District for the board consideration.
- **c.** Lisa Johnson, 13745 Sunset Shores, stated the "blight" issues devalues the adjacent properties.
- **d.** Deb Kimball 13625 Sunset Shores, share her concern on the "blight issue" on abandoned structures in the Pine Lake District and request the township board to consider as an environmental health issue.
- **e.** Mike Baczewski 5555 Sand Lake Road, inquired if the township would rezone his property before seeking a special use permit from the planning commission.
- **f.** Paul Chiklon 14672 Aveinida Drive, is seeking direction from the township board regarding not being an association and the condition of the private road.
- **g.** Thomas Sluys 14695 Aveinida and Brad Reynolds 14660 Aveinida, letter and email are attached.

6. **Reports**

- **a.** Zoning and Enforcements: On file in the clerk's office.
- **b.** Fire Departments: Austin, with support by Britton to allocate \$300.00 for Hazmat training November 3, 2019 for City of Cedar Springs, Spencer Township and Village of Sand Lake fire departments. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Roads: Culvert was placed on Whipple Road.
- **d.** Nelson Township/Sand Lake Library: Report on file.

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7. Correspondence: None.

8. New Business:

- **a. Autumn Woods Road Maintenance Agreement**: Supervisor Britton will contact the attorney.
- **b. KDL Sharp Containers:** Austin, with support by Britton will approve installation of two containers at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake library expense, contingent on written policy received by KDL board. Motion passed unanimously.
- **c. Purchase of Scanner:** Austin, with support by Mahoney approved the purchase up to \$300.00 for the administrative assistant. Motion passed unanimously.
- **d.** Hansen Mining Permit Review: No board action.
- e. Quality Air Library Maintenance: No board action.
- **f. Cancellation of Township Cleanup**: Supervisor Britton reported the former cleanup supervisor chose not to return this fall; Britton will check on another companies.
- **g. Kent County Fire Commission Member Agreement:** Nelson Township contracts with the City of Cedar Springs, Spencer Township and Village of Sand Lake fire departments, has opted out of the Kent County Fire Commission Member Agreement.
- **h. MTA on the Road:** Armstrong, with support by Britton to approve all board members to attend training and the township to pay all expense. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. Extended Public Comments:

Dave Vogelar – 6987 19 Mile Road, inquired on the status of widening the last ½ mile of 19 Mile Road. Supervisor will contact the Kent County Road Commission for an estimate.

- 11. **Board Comments:** Supervisor Britton presented the idea of a joint round table discussion with the Planning Commission and township board.
- 12. **Adjournment:** Without objection the regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk

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