

Nelson Township Board Meeting
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
Nelson Township/Sand Lake Hall
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Noreen at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor Noreen, Clerk Hoffman, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: Austin. There were three people in the audience.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion by Mahoney with support by Armstrong approved the agenda. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Armstrong with support by Mahoney approved the minutes as written. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.

Public Hearing to discuss potential Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects.

- a.) Arbor Circle
- b.) ADA assessable sidewalk from library property through the field to Maple Street.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Accounts Payable: Mahoney, with support by Armstrong to approve the disbursements of funds as presented. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.

Reports

- a) Zoning and Enforcement: on file in the clerk's office.
- b) Fire Department: Received from the City of Cedar Springs 2015 year end synopsis.
- c) Roads: KCRC board votes on the paving project for 16 Mile Road.
- d) Library: had a small electrical fire, no damage to library and the light is scheduled for repair. The fireplace repair scheduled for spring.

Correspondence

Kent County Health Department approved the septic for 5337 17 Mile Road.

New Business

- a.) Armstrong with support by Mahoney approved Resolution 2016-001 authorizing the acceptance of Community Block Grant Funds from Kent County in the amount of \$28,000.00. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin
- b.) Armstrong made the motion with support by Mahoney to approve Resolution 2016-002 utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for North County Teen Parenting Service provided by Arbor Circle Corp. in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2016 calendar year. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- c.) A motion by Mahoney and supported by Armstrong to approve Resolution 2016-003 Supervisor's salary. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- d.) Armstrong made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-004 Clerk's salary. Mahoney supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- e.) Resolution 2016-005 was offered by Noreen and supported by Mahoney to approve Treasurer's salary. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.

- f.) A motion by Noreen and supported by Mahoney to approve the Trustee's salary. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- g.) Resolution 2016-007 was offered by Armstrong and supported by Mahoney to approve the poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Armstrong Mahoney Noreen Hoffman. Nays: none. Absent: Austin.
- h.) A motion by Noreen to approve Trugreen 2016 proposal dated December 9, 2015. Armstrong supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- i.) Hoffman made the motion to add a new chart of account 728-880 and amend the account by \$1,586.00. Mahoney supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- j.) A motion by Noreen to set the budget workshop meeting for Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., with Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 5:30 as the alternate date. Armstrong supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- k.) A motion by Mahoney and supported by Armstrong to approve the IRS business mileage rate of .54 per mile. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- l.) Mahoney made the motion to purchase the library a new vacuum, not to exceed \$300.00. Armstrong supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin
- m.) A motion by Mahoney to strike out Wednesday on the 2016 township calendar. Noreen supported. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- n.) Armstrong, with support by Mahoney to authorize work order 489-8625-013 for tree removal, drainage, grading and sand base, aggregate surfacing, HMA surfacing and restoration of 16 Mile between Tisdell and Keller Ave. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin
- o.) Armstrong with support by Mahoney to accept the annual mining renewal permit for Dean Wall. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Austin.
- p.) The board discussed the Open Burning Ordinance. No action was taken.
- q.) Grand Valley Metro is seeking input on antennas in the Road Right of Ways. Mahoney made the motion to join the conversation with Metro Council and local municipalities to draft an ordinance and equally share the cost. Hoffman supported. Yes 3, No: Armstrong. Absent: Austin.

Unfinished Business

- a.) The board discussed options for Zoning Ordinance Amendments to permit Farm Operations in the "C" District and Special Use for Commercial Greenhouse and Nurseries. Tabled.

Extended Public comments: None.

Board comments: The Supervisor shared with the board AMAR audit report and the townships corrective action plan. Armstrong commented principal functions for townships are assessing, taxes and elections and they need to get it right.

The supervisor asked for volunteers to develop a technology committee for the township.

Mahoney made the motion to adjourn the Nelson Township board meeting at 8:58 pm. Armstrong supported. Yes 5, No 0.

Laura Hoffman
Nelson Township Clerk