

Nelson Township Board Meeting

Held at the Municipal Building

2 Maple Street

Sand Lake, MI 49343

January 12, 2021

7PM

The Nelson Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Britton at 7 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Clerk Hoffman

Present by Zoom: Supervisor Britton, Treasurer Austin, Trustee DeJong and George. Absent: None.

There was one person in the audience, along with five Zoom viewers.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Hoffman, with support by DeJong approved the agenda as presented. Y 5, No 0. Motion passed.
2. **Minutes:** Austin with support by Britton approved the minutes as presented. Yes 5, No 0. Motion passed.
3. **Financial Report:** Accepted as presented.
4. **Accounts payable:** DeJong, with support by Britton approved the disbursements of funds as presented. Motion passed.
5. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Dave Vogelar – 6987 19 Mile Road, Inquired on a noise ordinance.
6. **Reports**
 - a. Zoning and Enforcements: On file in clerk's office.
 - b. Fire Departments: Reports received.
 - c. Roads:
 - d. Nelson Township Library: Branch manager Jennifer is continuing with curbside pickup.
7. **Correspondence:** FEMA report stated Nelson Township is not in a flood zone, the report is available for review through the Supervisor office.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Resolution 2021-001 Supervisor Salary:** A motion by DeJong and supported by George to approve Resolution 2021-001 Supervisor's salary. Roll call vote: Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes – George – Yes, Motion passed.
 - b. **Resolution 2021-002:** DeJong made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-002 Clerk's salary. George supported. Roll call vote: Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes – George – Yes, Motion passed.
 - c. **Resolution 2021-003:** A motion by DeJong and supported by George to approve Resolution 2021-003 Treasurer's salary. Roll call vote: Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes – George – Yes, Motion passed.

- d. **Resolution 2021-004:** A motion by DeJong and supported by George to approve Resolution 2021-004 Trustee's salary. Roll call vote: Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes – George – Yes, Motion passed.
- e. **Resolution 2021-006:** Austin, with support by Britton accepted the Nelson Township Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset as presented. Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes – George – Yes, Motion passed.
- f. **Budget Workshop:** Set for Wednesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:15 pm.
- g. **Amend Budget Center:** Britton, with support by Austin approved amending budget centers 000-405, 253-753; 445-804 and 751-800 as presented. Britton Yes - Hoffman Yes - Austin Yes - DeJong Yes - George Yes, Motion passed.
- h. **Annual Mining Permits:** Austin, with support by George accepted the five (5) annual mining permits as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. **CDBG:** Britton, with support by Austin accepted the Urban County Cooperative Agreement for the 2021-2023 recertification period. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Kent County Drain Assessment – Cedar Springs Drain:** Britton, with support by Austin approved to pay the total cost of \$22,547.86 for the assessment. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. **COVID Coordinator:** Britton made the motion to relieve Treasurer Austin of her duties and additional pay as COVID Coordinator duties. Hoffman supported. Motion passed unanimously.
- l. **Annual Salvage Permit:** Britton accepted Pro Auto annual salvage license as presented. Austin supported. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. **Resolution 2021-007:** The following resolution was offered by Austin and supported by George authorizing taxpayer to file a protest before the Board of Review by letter without personal appearance. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. **Planning Commission Board Appointment:** George with support from Austin, nominated DeJong to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term consecutive with his Trustee term.
- o. **Planning Commission Vacancy:** Hoffman, with support from DeJong appointed Maureen Mahoney to finish Robert McKown term. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Amend Zoning Ordinance Section 3.27:** Hoffman, with support of Austin hereby amends Section 3.27 Wireless Communication Facilities of the Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Township Board meetings remotely:** No action taken.
- c. **Amend Ordinance 2019-001 Prohibition of Marijuana Facilities:** Hoffman, with support by George chose not to amend Ordinance 2019-001. Yes 4, No 1. Motion passed.
- p. **Extended Public Comments:** None

- q. **Board Comments:** Britton thanked the staff, treasurer and clerk for their hard work during the last year.
- r. **Adjournment:** Without objection the regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk

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