

Nelson Township Board Meeting
Held at the Municipal Building
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
February 8th, 2022
5 PM

The Nelson Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Britton at 5:02pm.

Present: Supervisor Britton, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Austin, Trustee DeJong, and Trustee George.

Absent: None. There were 13 people in the audience including the SL Jr Eagles.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made to amend agenda by DeJong seconded by Austin to add Community Recognition after Library and add Closed Session under the bottom of New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by DeJong and seconded by Austin to accept the Jan. 11th regular board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by George and seconded by Britton to accept the minutes, as amended, for the Jan. 20th budget workshop and wages meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Accounts Payable: Austin, with support by DeJong approved the disbursements of funds as presented.

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

Zoning and Enforcement: On file in the clerk's office.

Fire Departments: Fire reports received by Sand Lake and City of Cedar Springs.

Roads: None.

Library: Let it Snow reading program until March 31st. Paused in person programs for Feb. 2022.

Community Recognition: DeJong commended the Jr. Eagles for their efforts in the community.

Correspondence: Discussion on CDBG and Lockwood Drain assessment.

New Business:

Annual Mining Operations Renewal for John Sarniak 9175 Becker St: Motion to accept by Hoffman and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Mining Operations Renewal for Dean's - 17360 Shaner Ave. and Dean's - 6664 Pringle: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Mining Operations Renewal for Dean's 14055 Keller Ave: Motion to accept by DeJong and seconded by Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Mining Operations Renewal for Barczewski – 17750 Ritchie: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by Britton. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Mining Operations Renewal for Hansen – 16601 Ritchie: Motion to accept by DeJong and seconded by Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Salvage Operation Pro-Auto: Motion to table by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Salvage Operation J&R Auto Recyclers: Motion to accept by Austin and seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Charter Township: Discussion on pros and cons. Tabled.

Closed Session: Supervisor Britton at 5:46pm called for a closed session.

Supervisor Britton called the regular board meeting back to order at 6:06pm.

Motion to approve, with changes, Draft #1 by Austin, with support by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished business:

Nelson Township – Statutory and ~~Non-statutory Responsibilities~~ Other

Department Duties: Discussion on whether or not we were going to entertain new policies in the office.

Resolution 2022-001 set Supervisor’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by George for \$34,000. No second. Motion died.
Motion made by DeJong for \$35,000. Seconded by Austin. Britton: No, Hoffman: No, Austin: Yes, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

Resolution 2022-002 set Clerk’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023 and **Resolution 2022-003** set Treasurer’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by Britton for \$36,000. Seconded by DeJong. Britton: Yes, Hoffman: No, Austin: No, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

Resolution 2022-004 set Trustee’s salary for fiscal year 2022-2023: Motion made by Austin for \$5,000. Seconded by DeJong. Britton: Yes, Hoffman: No, Austin: Yes, DeJong: Yes, George: Yes

Schedule of Fees: Motion to keep the Fees the same made by Hoffman, with support by Britton. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Proposed general, Library and PLWC 2022-2023 Budgets: Reviewed only.

Noise Ordinance: Tabled.

Nelson Township - Creation of Mission, Vision, Core Values and Working Agreement: Tabled.

VFW – Fee’s: Discussion to set fees for the Nelson Township Hall Rental (VFW Hall)

Weekdays Monday – Friday

Weekends Saturday – Sunday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm \$50.00

9:00 am – 3:00 pm \$60.00

3:30 pm – 11:00pm \$50.00

3:30 pm – 11:00pm \$60.00

All day 9:00 am – 11:00 pm \$90.00

All day 9:00 am – 11:00 pm \$100.00

Deposit check \$150.00. Two separate checks are required one for the deposit and second for the rental. Motion made by Austin to set the fees discussed. Seconded by DeJong. Motion passed unanimously.

Extended Public Comments: Maggie Merritt asked, “Will my taxes go up with the salary increases?”

Board Comments: DeJong thanked the board for all their hard work.

Adjournment: Without objection the regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:06.