

Nelson Township Board Meeting
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
Nelson Township/Sand Lake Hall
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

7 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, Treasurer Austin, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong absent: Clerk Hoffman. There were four people in the audience.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion by Noreen with support by Austin approved the agenda as amended. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Public Hearing to discuss the proposed: General Fund, Library, and Pine Lake Weed Control budgets for FY2015-2016. No comments from the public. Hearing closed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Mahoney with support by Armstrong approved the minutes as written. Yes 3, No 0, Absent 1, Austin abstained. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2/11/15) Budget Workshop: Austin with support from Mahoney approved the minutes as presented. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Accounts Payable: Armstrong, with support by Mahoney to approve the disbursements of funds as presented. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.

Public Comments – Craig Bruno (KDL) spoke about a leak in the library as well as telling the board that February was a slower month, visitor count was down. He said there are some really cool programs coming up and that adult canvas painting was a success. The main door has been updated to reflect the new library hours. Youth para-pro position is open again but he has some great referrals.

Reports

- a) Zoning and Enforcement on file in the clerk's office, Jerry Gross discussed inconsistencies in the migrant housing ordinance.
- b) Fire Department: on file in clerk's office, on Monday 2/9/15 the Sand Lake fire department passed their inspection and now are able to start offering classes. They also had a white board donated.

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- c) Roads: Supervisor Noreen presented a letter from KCRC regarding an offer to visit the township board meeting with information about Proposal 1, the general consensus of the board was that this was not needed. Supervisor Noreen will let them know.
- d) Library: Craig Bruno emailed his report to the board.
- e) Permit report was present.

Correspondence

Sheriff's report was emailed to Supervisor Noreen and forwarded to the rest of the board.

New Business

- a) Replace FOIA policy with new requirements. MMBJ will put together a package that will meet all the new standards. After board discussion, Supervisor Noreen suggested tabling until April meeting to see if MTA has a template available then.
- b) The board was considering relocating \$11,000 from Fire protection education 336-810 to fire department capital outlay 336-970 for Sand Lake rescue vehicle. It was decided to reallocate \$8,658.91 (2013 and 2014) from the Sand Lake Portion of the Nelson Township Fire Mileage and to then discontinue the practice of withholding that money from this point on. It was recommended by Armstrong that we replace this money with a set amount from the general fund and have Sand Lake amend their fire contract to reflect this. Motion made by Noreen and supported by Armstrong. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- c) Adopted FY2015-2016 General Fund Budget. Austin with support from Armstrong. Yes, 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- d) Adopted FY2015-2016 Library Fund Budget. Austin with support from Mahoney. Yes, 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- e) Adopted FY2015-2016 Pine Lake weed control Budget. Noreen with support from Mahoney. Yes, 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- f) Adopted Resolution 2014-009 FY2015-2016 General Appropriations Act. Armstrong with support from Mahoney. Yes, 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- g) Adopted FY2015-2016 Township schedule of fees as amended. Changed line 14 (Removal of Natural resources) reduced fee to \$50.00 and adding line 18 (Special Use renewal fee specified in special use agreement) for a fee of \$50.00. Noreen with support from Armstrong. Yes 4, No 0, absent 1. Motion passed.
- h) Approved Comprenew for \$300 for May Township clean-up. Mahoney with support from Austin. Yes, 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.

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- i) Approved Advanced Pest Control contract of \$55/month for library. Armstrong with support from Austin. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motion passed.
- j) Approved H2Oasis quote of \$205 for library sprinkler service. Austin with support from Armstrong. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motioned passed.
- k) Approved Right Place 5-year membership request. Noreen with support from Armstrong. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1. Motioned passed.
- l) Decided not to participate in Cedar Springs' community night this year.

Unfinished Business - None

Extended Public comments: Sand Lake Fire Chief Ed Holtzlander spoke about the townships decision to not withhold the Sand Lake portion of the Nelson Township fire mileage. He feels like it is taking a step back in regards to the township funding the Sand Lake fire department. He would like Supervisor Noreen to discuss the decision with Village President Roger Towsley.

Board comments: None

Austin made the motion to adjourn the Nelson Township board meeting at 8:43 pm. Armstrong supported. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Katy Austin
Nelson Township Treasurer