

Nelson Township Board Meeting  
2 Maple Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343  
Nelson Township/Sand Lake Hall  
Tuesday, February 9, 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, Treasurer Austin, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: None. There were six people in the audience.

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion by Hoffman with support by Mahoney to amend the agenda to include under New Business e.) Annual Mining Application refund; f.) Assessor verbal resignation. Yes 5, No 0.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Mahoney, with support by Hoffman approved the minutes as written. Yes 5, No 0.

**Financial Report:** Accepted as presented.

**Accounts Payable:** Hoffman, with support by Noreen to approve the disbursements of funds as presented. Yes 5, No 0.

**Public Comment:** Tom Norton, 250 Lake Street offered his service to negotiate on behalf of the township for phone service.

### Reports

- a) Zoning and Enforcement on file in the clerk's office.
- b) Fire Department: received fire reports from all departments.
- c) Roads
- d) Library: minor repairs were completed.

### Correspondence

#### New Business

**a) Amend TruGreen proposal**

Noreen, with support by Hoffman approved to amend the current contract to a three-year term at the same rate of \$4,985.00 per year. Yes 5, No 0.

**b) Approve Pro Auto Salvage license**

Austin, with support by Mahoney to approve 2016 salvage yard license application for Pro Auto. Yes 5, No 0.

**c.) Approve Amendments to the Open Burning Ordinance**

Noreen made the motion to amend the Open Burning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 135, 2001). Austin supported. Yes 5, No 0.

**d.) Approve Community Development Block Grant**

Noreen, with support by Austin approved the request for accessibility improvements in Gordon Park for \$42,037.60. Yes 5, No.

**New Business**

**e.) Refund for Dean's Landscaping & Excavating Annual Mining Application**

Noreen made the motion with support from Hoffman to refund Dean's Landscaping & Excavating for each annual \$50.00 mining application fee. Yes 5, No 0.

**f.) Assessor resignation**

Supervisor informed the board the assessor verbally resigned at the end of April 2016.

**Unfinished Business**

**a.) Approved Zoning Ordinance amendments to Farm Operations in the C Commercial District and Special Land Use for Commercial Greenhouse and Nurseries**

The following ordinance was offered by Noreen and supported by Hoffman to amend the Township of Nelson Ordinance to allow Farm Operations in the C Commercial District. Yes 5, NO.

The following ordinance was offered by Hoffman and supported by Mahoney for the Special Land Use for Commercial Greenhouse and Nurseries. Yes 5, No 0.

**Extended Public comments:** None

**Board comments:** None

Austin made the motion to adjourn the Nelson Township board meeting at 7:50 pm. Mahoney supported. Yes 5, No 0.

Laura Hoffman  
Nelson Township Clerk