

Nelson Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Sand Lake/ Nelson Township Municipal Building
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
7 P.M.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Board Roll Call

Supervisor Noreen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Noreen, Hoffman, Austin, Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: None.

In addition, there were six citizens present.

Approval of the Agenda: Austin, with support by Mahoney approved the agenda as presented.

Financial Report: Austin, with support by Mahoney approved the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Austin, with support by Mahoney approved the minutes for June 14, 2016 minutes as amended. Yes: 4, No 0. Abstained: Noreen. Motion passed.

Accounts Payable

Mahoney, with support by Armstrong, approved the disbursement of funds for general, library funds as presented. Yes 5, No 0. Motion passed.

Hoffman reported that on July 12, 2016 the USDA Debt Library Service account was closed and the amount of \$144.34 was transferred to Nelson Township general fund savings.

Public Comments: Mary Stiham, 14216 Shaner Ave., inquired on the proposed White Pine Ridge development and if there would be an impact on the Cedar Springs well head water protection area? Supervisor spoke to their DPW. What is the proposed stage of the development, public hearing is set for Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

Reports

Zoning and Enforcement: reports filed with clerk's office.

Fire Departments: received fire reports from City of Cedar Springs and Village of Sand Lake fire departments.

Library: Newly hired branch manager, Paula Wright introduced herself and distributed the manager's report.

The Friends of the library Red, White and Blue sale earned \$1,300.00.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

- a. **Approve Assessor's amended 2016-2017 contract:** Austin, with support by Hoffman approved the assessor's contract as submitted. Yes 5, No 0. Motion passed.
- b. **Painting the Nelson Township/ Sand Lake Library:** The board agreed to have the Supervisor send out RFP's request for painting the library exterior, windows and steel doors.
- c. **Replacement Refrigerator in Township Hall:** Noreen, with support by Armstrong to approve the purchase of a new refrigerator not to exceed \$750.00. Yes 5, No: 0. Motion passed.
- d. **Update Nelson Township Master Plan:** Supervisor will explore the cost to update the Master Plan, along with the fact finding on the possibilities of joining the Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation board and Kent County Parks and Recreation.

Unfinished Business:

a. Dangerous Building Ordinance: Mahoney, with support by Austin moved to table the proposed Dangerous Building Ordinance. Ye 5, N: 0. Motion passed.

b. Nelson Township Financial Policy: The board is currently working on updating the proposed Financial Policy. See attachment.

Extended Comments: Librarian, Paula Wright stated the Friends of the Library are planning a paying off mortgage party scheduled for September 10, 2016, 2pm – 4pm at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake Library.

Board Comments: None

Adjourn

Without objection the township board meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Laura Hoffman
Nelson Township Clerk