

Nelson Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 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 twenty citizens present.

Approval of the Agenda: Mahoney, with support by Austin 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

Mahoney, with support by Austin amended and approved the minutes for July 12, 2016 minutes as amended. Yes: 5, No 0. 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.

Public Comments:

Kim Tompkins, 7375 17 Mile Road inquired of the accuracy of the letter to the editor written by Mary Stidham. Kim also expressed their concerns for the safety of Cedar Springs Well Head Protection Area.

Carl Lee, 6340 18 Mile Road raised concerns with the three minute limit on the public hearing for White Pine Ridge, along with no additional public comments at the end of the agenda after the commissioner's review

Mary Stidham, 14216 Shaner stated that she stands by every word in the letter to the editor.

Reports

Zoning and Enforcement: The Supervisor and Zoning Administrator were in court today on a zoning violation.

Fire Departments: Received fire reports from City of Cedar Springs, Spencer Township and Village of Sand Lake fire departments.

Library: KDL annual report scheduled for October 10, 2016. Friends of the Library "mortgage burning party" will be Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Other: The supervisor attended the GVMC meeting and continues to work with the Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation board. Nelson Township/Sand Lake cleanup will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Correspondence:

1. AT&T Michigan Annual Report Video Report July 15, 2016 on file in the clerk's office.
2. The Right Place sent confirmation of payment.

New Business:

- a. **Discuss building residence in Commercial district:** Joseph Vandenberg, 4755 Egner Road inquired on building a sf/ag residence in a commercial district. After all discussion Armstrong made the motion for the planning commission to consider rezoning parcel 15034 Northland and adjacent properties. Support by Austin. Yes 4, No Hoffman.

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New Business:

- b. Doug Barrett to discuss Township invoice for fire charges:** Doug Barrett was not present and no board action was taken.
- c. Approve Resolution 2016-008 to Declare September 16, 2016 as POW/MIA Recognition Day:** Noreen made the motion to adopt Friday, September 16, 2016 as a day of POW/MIA Recognition Day. Austin supported. Yes 5, No 0. Motion passed.
- d. Discuss hiring Receptionist/Office Assistant/Deputy Treasurer:** The Treasurer asked for this item to be placed on the agenda and sent via email position description to the board members. Trustee Armstrong stated there was an Administrative Assistant policy adopted by the board in 2009. Armstrong made the motion to pursue an administrative assistant. Austin supported. Yes 4, No: Hoffman.
- e. Discuss use of Panches Cemetery for motion picture filming:** No action taken
- f. MTA zoning class:** Austin, with support by Noreen approved Trustee Armstrong to attend the zoning class in White Cloud with the cost not to exceed \$150.00. Yes 5, No: 0.
- g. Sale of unused flagstones at library:** Supervisor will check into this.
- h. Amend Budget Center:** Armstrong, with support by Austin to increase budget centers 215-702 and 2015-703 by \$5,000.00 each. Yes: 5, No: 0.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Dangerous Building Ordinance:** Mahoney, with support by Noreen moved to remove from the agenda Dangerous Building Ordinance. Yes 5, N: 0. Motion passed.
- b. Charter Telephone:** Armstrong, with support by Austin to remove this item from the agenda. Yes: 5, No: 0.
- c. Library Paint request for Bid:** On August 22, at 3pm opening of the library paint bids will take place at the Nelson Township office.
- d. Nelson Township Financial Policy:** Supervisor sent a revised copy by email, the board will continue to review the draft financial policy next month.

Extended Comments: Trustee Armstrong stated that three (3) minutes per resident is not long enough for the planning commission to take public comments. Armstrong suggested the planning commission review their bylaws.

Board Comments: Supervisor Noreen was nominated to the office of supervisor. He has discussed with Robyn Britton the possibility of appointing her his deputy and then subsequently resigning.

Adjourn

Without objection the township board meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Laura Hoffman

Nelson Township Clerk