

**Nelson Township Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 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**

Clerk Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Armstrong, with support by Austin, to appoint Trustee Mahoney to chair the board meeting. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Noreen. Motion passed.

Present: Hoffman, Austin, Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: Noreen.

In addition, there were ten citizens present.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Austin, with support by Armstrong, amended the agenda to include under “New Business item e.) MTA on the Road”. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was accepted as presented.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Armstrong, with support by Austin, approved the August 9, 2016 minutes as presented. Yes: 4, No 0. Absent: Noreen. Motion passed.

**Accounts Payable**

Austin, with support by Armstrong, approved the disbursement of funds for general, library, and Pine Lake Weed Control funds as presented. Yes 4, No 0. Absent: Noreen. Motion passed.

**Public Comments:** Larry Brugel, 14370 Shaner, inquired on the status of the proposed development on 18 Mile Road and Shaner Ave.

**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. Chief Frazer asked the township board would they financially support the instructor for the Hazardous Material Refresher training mandated by OSHA, open to the City of Cedar Springs, Village of Sand Lake, and Spencer Township fire departments. The cost of the instructor will be forward to the township clerk.

**Library:** Librarian Paula Wright emailed her report. A brief update was shared with the board on the mortgage burning party hosted by the Friends of the library.

**Correspondence:** Received letter from Mary Stidham and Loretta Lee.

**New Business:**

a.) **Doug Barrett – Fire reimbursement:** After all discussion, Hoffman, with support by Armstrong, accepted a nine-month payment plan and waived the interest charges. If, within the next five years, Doug Barrett and/or the property owner receive a civil infraction, ticket charges will not be waived. Motion passed.

b.) **Discuss East Nelson Cemetery driveway maintenance:** The supervisor will contact the Kent County Road Commission for gravel.

c.) **Pine Lake Weed Control:** Hoffman, with support by Mahoney, to set the assessment for 2016 at \$150.00 per parcel as recommended by the Pine Lake Weed Committee. Yes 4. Absent: Noreen.

d.) **Sun Title – 5337 17 Mile additional fees and closing cost:** No board action, sent to the supervisor.

e.) **MTA on the Road:** Armstrong, with support by Mahoney, to provide and approve all employees and officials the opportunity to attend the workshop on November 4, 2016. Yes 4, Absent: Noreen.

**Unfinished Business:**

a.) **Select Library Painting Contractor:** Hoffman, with support by Armstrong awarded the library exterior painting contract to Dave Cole Decorators, Inc. quote dated August 22, 2016. Yes 4, Absent: Noreen.

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**Extended Comments:** Loretta Lee, 6340 18 Mile Road: shared her thoughts on public notices posted for a planning commission committee meeting on the township front door, along with safety concerns for the public while construction trailers are parking on the side of the road near Shaner Ave near 18 Mile.

**Board Comments:** Deputy Britton will start working on Monday, September 19, 2016.

### **Adjourn**

Without objection the township board meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Laura Hoffman  
Nelson Township Clerk