

Nelson Township Board Meeting

Held at the Municipal Building

2 Maple Street

Sand Lake, MI 49343

September 10, 2019

7PM

The Nelson Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Britton at 7 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Britton, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Austin, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong. Absent: None. There were seventeen people in the audience.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Mahoney, with support by Austin approved the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** Austin, with support by Britton approved the August 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Library CD matured at GRB funds were deposited into Independent Bank library savings. PLW CD also matured at GRB those funds were also deposited into Independent PLWC saving account.
4. **Accounts payable:** Accepted as presented.
5. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Dave Vogelar - 6987 19 Mile Road, requesting a Noise Ordinance.
 - b. Pat Dignum - 13757 Sunset Shores, presented to the township board a proposed Blight Ordinance for Vacant/Abandon residential property in the Pine Lake District for the board consideration.
 - c. Lisa Johnson, - 13745 Sunset Shores, stated the "blight" issues devalues the adjacent properties.
 - d. Deb Kimball - 13625 Sunset Shores, share her concern on the "blight issue" on abandoned structures in the Pine Lake District and request the township board to consider as an environmental health issue.
 - e. Mike Baczewski - 5555 Sand Lake Road, inquired if the township would rezone his property before seeking a special use permit from the planning commission.
 - f. Paul Chiklon - 14672 Aveinida Drive, is seeking direction from the township board regarding not being an association and the condition of the private road.
 - g. Thomas Sluys - 14695 Aveinida and Brad Reynolds - 14660 Aveinida, letter and email are attached.
6. **Reports**
 - a. Zoning and Enforcements: On file in the clerk's office.
 - b. Fire Departments: Austin, with support by Britton to allocate \$300.00 for Hazmat training November 3, 2019 for City of Cedar Springs, Spencer Township and Village of Sand Lake fire departments. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Roads: Culvert was placed on Whipple Road.
 - d. Nelson Township/Sand Lake Library: Report on file.

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7. **Correspondence: None.**

8. **New Business:**

- a. **Autumn Woods Road Maintenance Agreement:** Supervisor Britton will contact the attorney.
- b. **KDL Sharp Containers:** Austin, with support by Britton will approve installation of two containers at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake library expense, contingent on written policy received by KDL board. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Purchase of Scanner:** Austin, with support by Mahoney approved the purchase up to \$300.00 for the administrative assistant. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Hansen Mining Permit Review:** No board action.
- e. **Quality Air Library Maintenance:** No board action.
- f. **Cancellation of Township Cleanup:** Supervisor Britton reported the former cleanup supervisor chose not to return this fall; Britton will check on another companies.
- g. **Kent County Fire Commission Member Agreement:** Nelson Township contracts with the City of Cedar Springs, Spencer Township and Village of Sand Lake fire departments, has opted out of the Kent County Fire Commission Member Agreement.
- h. **MTA on the Road:** Armstrong, with support by Britton to approve all board members to attend training and the township to pay all expense. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Unfinished Business: None**

10. **Extended Public Comments:**

Dave Vogelar – 6987 19 Mile Road, inquired on the status of widening the last ½ mile of 19 Mile Road. Supervisor will contact the Kent County Road Commission for an estimate.

11. **Board Comments:** Supervisor Britton presented the idea of a joint round table discussion with the Planning Commission and township board.

12. **Adjournment:** Without objection the regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk

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