Nelson Township Board Meeting
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
Municipal Building
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
5pm

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 5pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Britton, Hoffman, DeJong, and George. Absent: Austin. There were four people in the audience.

Approval of Agenda: A motion by DeJong and supported by George to remove the Senior Center from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: George, with support by DeJong to amend the minutes for November 14, 2023, Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: There was no financial report.

Accounts Payable: DeJong with support by George, approved the disbursement of funds as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Nelson Township Auditor, Dan Veldhuizen addressed the board regarding the prior audit. The supervisor will email questions to Dan later.

## Reports

Zoning and Enforcement: on file in the clerk's office

Fire Departments: reports received by SLFD and CSFD. Troy Dentoff will be the interim

Chief for Cedar Springs Fire Department.

Building Committee: no report

Roads: No report Library: No report.

Correspondence: None

## **New Business**

- a. North Kent Community Enrichment: Jamie Gunderson, Director inquired of the board to reconsider joining the NKCE.
- b. Mining Renewals: DeJong, with support from George approved the annual mining for 16767 Ritchie Ave and 9175 Becker Road. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Appoint to the Planning Commission, Board of Review and Zoning Board of Appeals: Britton, with support from DeJong approved Bob McKown to the Board of Review for a 2 year-term ending 12-31-2025. Motion passed unanimously. George, with support from Britton to appoint Curtis DeJong as the township board representative for a 1 year-term, ending 11-20-2024. Motion passed unanimously.

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- d. Budget Workshop date: Britton, with support from DeJong to set the Nelson Township budget meeting for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 4pm. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. IRS Business rate for 2024: Hoffman, with support from DeJong approved the business rate for 2024.
- f. Resolution 2023-012: Tabled.
- g. Amendments to General and Pine Lake Weed: DeJong, with support by George to amend general fund 101-267-920-000 by \$3,500.00; Pine Lake Weed Control by 220-192-961-000 by \$100.00. Roll call vote George Yes, DeJong Yes, Britton Yes, Hoffman Yes.
- h. Escrow accounts: Hoffman, with support from DeJong approved closing out the Escrow accounts for Cedar Springs Storage, Viasat, Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

- a. ARPA funds: Board discussed applying funds for Township Hall repairs, Gathering Place and library.
- b. Haney Invoice: Discussed payment options pertaining to court fees.

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Board Comments: George recognized the clerk for her work on the audit. Hoffman inquired why the website went down along with the emails last month? DeJong explained Go daddy website host invoice for 10-years, Notification went to a previous IT company.

Adjournment: Without objection, the township board adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk Nelson Township