

**Nessel Township  
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**MINUTES: 11 August Regular Board Meeting  
Presented for approval at September 8 Board Meeting**

August meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Sutcliffe with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors present include Betsy Rising, Michelle Meis, John Sutcliffe, Branden Mell and Larry Steeves. Also present was the Treasurer, Mary Dillner and Clerk, Stan Iskierka.

**Agenda (Additions or Changes)**

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Steeves to approve Agenda with addition. Carried.

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion** by Steeves, seconded by Meis to approve July Minutes as published. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve Treasurer's Report. Carried.

**Bills**

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve paying bills. Carried.

**County Engineer**

- **New Roads** - Joe Triplett, County Engineer, discussed the two roads that Chisago County is turning over to Nessel Township. Anchor Ave. will have an encased gravel road treatment, which is a depth of 1 ½" to 2" of aggregate gravel laid down on the road and a liquid of seal coating on top. If problems occur on the road, you can retrieve the portion that is bad and replace it with an asphalt hot patch. If it becomes unusable it can be ground up and used as gravel. This may be done next year and turned over in the summer of 2016. Triplett stated that the work on Balsam Rd. may be completed already. Triplett also stated that Co. Rd. 4 will be worked on in 2016 from Co. Rd. 2 to Co. Rd. 10. He also said that the County will work on Co Rd. 8.

**Maintenance Report**

- Graded various roads
- Spread gravel at various roads
- Replaced culvert at Deerwood Ave.
- Unplugged culvert at 507<sup>th</sup> St.

- **New Time Sheets** - Sutcliffe handed out the new time sheet that will be used by the new contractor. Board discussed the time sheet and agreed that some adjustments can be made as needed in the future.
- **Road Tour** - Representative from Prefer Paving, Jamie Amundson, had a road tour with Sutcliffe last week.

### **Open Forum**

- **Belle Isle Drive** - Resident from Belle Isle Drive presented the Board with a petition to start a new Subordinate Service District to asphalt the rest of Belle Isle Dr. from the large culvert to the channel. He said he had enough signature to start the procedure and had a bid of \$249,000 to asphalt Belle Isle Dr. The Clerk said that he will have to verify that the percent of signatures on the petition is adequate. The Board also told him that there will have to be a feasibility study and the Township will have to hire an engineer and lawyer to check out the cost and verify if the road is suitable for asphaltting. The resident stated that he would like an ok in 15 days so he could notify the contractor. He was told by the Board that it will take a lot longer to run the studies, therefore it may not happen till next year.

### **Road Committee**

- **Acacia Way** – Rising started the discussion regarding Acacia Way and that the County Sheriff needs proof that we had a traffic study and a letter from the commissioner authorizing the 10 mph sign on Acacia Way. Since we do not have that information about the study, we probably should take it down. Iskierka will measure the road and if the road is less than one-half mile then we could replace the 10 mph with 25 mph and 10 mph curve advisory sign.
- **Road Budget** - Meis discussed some ways of staying in line with our budget, such as:
  1. We could cut some of the road projects
  2. Stop graveling
  3. Hold project with Royalton Township
  4. Just grade the major roads
  5. Make one cut when mowing ditches

**Motion** by Steeves seconded by Mell at Sutcliffe discretion to have Leaf Construction mow ditches and only one cut per ditch.

- **Winter Projects** - May need to do some tree and brush removal this winter.
- **Tree Removal** - Iskierka received a letter from a resident to acknowledge and thank Sutcliffe and the crew that cleaned up the tree that fell on the road, as there was a quick response to clean up the area so the residents could have access to their homes.

- **Rush City Fire Dept.** – Rush City sent a new contract for the Rush City Fire Dept. This contract is enforced through December 31, 2020. Contract has to be signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**Policy Committee**

- **Board Compensation** – Mell distributed supervisor job description flyer. There was some discussion regarding how many hours of basic work is required before extra hourly pay and mileage are given. The Board will look over the flyer and discuss it next month.

**Old Business**

- **Clean-up Day**- Clean-up day is scheduled for August 22, 2015 from 8:00am to noon.

**New Business**

- **Salt** – Iskierka requested the approval to buy 75 tons of salt at a cost of \$101.22 per ton.

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Steeves to approve purchasing 75 tons. Approved.

- **Tom McKenzie** - Iskierka along with the Board want to give recognition to Tom McKenzie. They all want to thank him for his excellent work on the Township Board for so many years as well as his dedication to the community. Much of this time was spent as a volunteer for community and county projects.

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Steeves to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Carried.

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Chairman

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Clerk

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Date