

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 10 August Regular Board Meeting
Presented for approval at September 13 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 and Larry Steeves. Also present was the Treasurer, Mary Dillner and Clerk, Stan Iskierka. Not present Branden Mell

Agenda (Additions or Changes)

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to approve Agenda. Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Meis seconded by Rising to approve July Minutes as published. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

Motion by Rising seconded by Meis to approve paying bills. Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Graded various roads
- Removed tree from road

Belle Isle Service District

- Leaf Construction worked on the frost boil, installed culvert and did some ditching at Belle Isle Dr. Cost for that work was \$10,970.00.
- Sutcliffe and Iskierka signed contract with Hardrives to pave Belle Isle Dr. on 7/25/16. No time schedule was set when Hardrives will begin road construction on Belle Isle Dr.

- Iskierka notified Nessel Township Board that there is a Resolution to Adopt Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy for tax-exempt and tax-advantaged government bonds. There is a Compliance Procedures and Policy to follow and the IRS is responsible for enforcing compliance with the code regulations. Part of the regulations is to have all relevant documentation, records and activities required to ensure Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedure. Nessel Board decided in July not to approve the resolution to adopt Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedure. After discussing with other people, Iskierka suggested that we should adopt the policy so the IRS would not audit the Township. Todd Hagen from Ehlers Inc. agreed it would be to the advantage of Nessel to adopt the policy. The cost of \$500 is part of the payment already authorized. There was discussion with the Board, Todd Hagen and Mary Dillner regarding the advantages to adopt the policy.

Motion by Rising seconded by Meis to resend the approval to not approve the Resolution to approve adopting the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedure. Approved by all members present.

- Iskierka read Resolution 07-16 to adopt Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedure for tax exempt and tax advantaged government bonds and needs the Board approval.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve Resolution 07-16 to adopt Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedure for tax-exempt and tax-advantaged government bonds. Approved by all members present.

- Iskierka needs the Board's approval for the letter that he wrote to Belle Isle residents who pre-paid the \$4672.13 towards the bituminous paving of Belle Isle Drive. In the letter he mentioned that the Board eliminated one parcel from the Service District. Therefore, to make sure everybody would pay the same, the residents who pre-paid \$4672.13 would need to pay an additional cost of \$23.52 to equal the \$4695.65 which the rest of the residents are paying. There was discussion between Board and residents.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve the changing of the pre pay from \$4672.13 to \$4695.65 and authorizing the mailing of the letter with the additional cost of \$23.52 to the residents who pre- payed. Approved by all Board Members.

- Iskierka introduced Resolution 08-16 awarding the sale of General Obligation Subordinate Service District Bonds for the Subordinate Service District of Belle Isle Drive. This is for the bituminous paving of Belle Isle Dr for \$216,000 and he is asking the Board to approve Resolution 08-16.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve Resolution 08-16 awarding the sale of General Obligation Subordinate Service District Bond for the amount of \$216,000. Approved by all Board Members present.

Alpine Ave. North Service District

- Iskierka stated that there was a reverse referendum with at least 25% of the residents signing the petition, so there will have to be a special election to determine if Alpine Ave N will be paved. Iskierka told the Board that the election could be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It will be a simple ballot with a yes or no vote and the majority will win the election. One person owning the parcel will vote, therefore, there should be no more than 37 votes.
- Question was asked about using an absentee ballot. Iskierka stated that the plan did not include absentee ballots and that all residents would need to vote at the Town Hall. At this point the resident demanded an absentee ballot which caused a long debate ending when the chairman placed a hold on the discussion about absentee ballots. Iskierka will check with an attorney about the legal aspects of absentee ballots and what procedures should be done.

Open Forum

- Resident from Belle Isle Dr wanted to know if more compaction is needed at the location where the frost boil was removed. Sutcliff stated that no further compaction is needed and that the flow of traffic should compact the area. He also stated that the depth of the soil removed for the frost boil was adequate as they did not want to go lower than the ditch.
- Resident wanted to know if there was any information about the new resort that is planning to be developed on the north end of East Rush Lake, which would be off of Belle Isle Drive. As of today, no developer has come forward to discuss the plans with the Township. Resident asked if the Township has any say as to what is built. The Township would check the plans to see if it needs a Variance or Conditional Use Permits. Chisago County is in charge during the planning stage, therefore any residents with questions should attend a County Meeting with the developer about the resort.
- Larry Steeves presented the Township with a \$1000 check from the Rush Lake Association to help the Township pay for the cleaning of the Town Hall. He also asked the Board if they would allow a flat screen TV on the wall as it would be used mainly for presentation at the Rush Lake Association Meetings. Steeves stated that the Lake Assoc. would pay for the TV. There was no response from the Board at this time.
- Resident asked if the Agenda could be placed in advance on the Township Website. Iskierka stated that the Agenda is never ready until the day of the meeting as there are always last minute updates.
- Resident from Belle Isle Dr complained about the ditch being too deep in front of his place. Sutcliff informed him that it was for water drainage.

Old Business

- **Clean Up Day** – August 27, 2016 from 8:00 am to 12:00 am.

- **Gravel Testing** – Iskierka had the gravel tested from Basswood Ave that was the last road to be tested, it tested at 12%. The first time the clay content was too high at 15% so Sutcliffe talked to the contractor who was hauling the gravel to lower the clay content. The second test was 11%. Nessel Township is asking for compensation for the high clay content of 15% because it was not in the contract spec.

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Carried.

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