

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 8 December Regular Board Meeting
Presented for approval at January 12 Board Meeting**

December 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 Rising approve Agenda. Carried.

Braham Fire Dept.

- **Braham Fire Contract** - Representative from Braham Fire Department discussed the 2016 Fire Contract with Nessel Township Board and then they had a chance to ask questions about how the cost of our contract is calculated. The representative stated that the contract is figured by the Market Value of Nessel Township which is provided by Chisago County. He mentioned that Nessel Township's cost is higher than the other townships because of our high valuation. Braham's Fire Dept. provides fire protection for 46 % of Nessel Township which also includes medical and equipment cost. The representative stated that they are looking into purchasing a tanker and that cost will be in the 2017 Fire Contract.

Approve Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Maintenance Report

- Graded various roads
- Eliminated a beaver
- Snowplowed roads
- Worked on beaver dam

Open Forum

- **Belle Isle Road** - Resident remarked that if the Belle Isle road is going to be paved, the Board should make sure it is done correctly because paved roads are costly when they break down and have to be overlaid.

Committee Reports

None

Road Committee

- **Township Roads** - Sutcliffe said that he checked the Township roads and found that they are ruff and sloppy but they are too wet to grade. He also stated that they may need to add shoes to the blades for snow plowing.

Budget Committee

- **2017 Budget** - Meis will have a budget for 2017 next month for the Board to look over.

Policy Committee

- **Clerk's Duties** - Mell distributed the two page list of duties that the Clerk submitted and after some discussion they agreed that some of the duties could be done by other Board members. Other questions regarding the Clerk: what are the basic duties and how to calculate his salary for additional duties? The Board decided to try to work it out at the next monthly meeting.

Old Business

- **Belle Isle** – Iskierka stated that no one has submitted a petition to oppose the paving of Belle Isle but they have until January 5, 2016 to meet that deadline. There is a Contract Agreement, from the engineer that is working on paving Belle Isle that the Board needs to examine and discuss. The Board will have until next month to decide if Nessel Township will continue with this Subordinate Service District.
- **Tree Trimming** – Board may decide to do some tree trimming in the Township. Iskierka distributed a flyer to the Board which should be given to residents to let them know that the Township will be trimming the trees in their road right-of-way.

Motion by Mell seconded by Steeves to adjourn at 8:10pm. Carried.

Chairman

Clerk

Date