

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 10 January Regular Board meeting
Presented for approval at February 14 Board Meeting**

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

Agenda (Additions or Changes)

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Rising to approve December Minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Maintenance Report

- Snowplowed and salted roads
- Picked up garbage
- Board discussed why roads are not plowed, contractor will try not to miss roads when snowplowing

Firearms Ordinance

- Rising had a copy of the City of Harris Firearms Ordinance and it does not pertain to what Nessel Township had in mind for their firearms ordinance.
- Mell talked about the second draft of a written firearms ordinance for recreational shooting and discharge of firearms. The ordinance would have restrictions on days, time of day and how many rounds a person could shoot per day. It would not include a person engaged in lawful hunting to take wild game. There was a lot of discussion for and against the ordinance.

- The Town Board decided to ask the Township residents at the Annual Township Meeting held in March for authority to adopt a firearm ordinance. If the residents give authority to the Board to adopt a firearms ordinance, then the Township will go to the county to see if they will enforce the firearms ordinance.

Motion by Meis seconded by Rising to place a notice in the yearly Township Newsletter and an ad in the newspaper to notify the residents that the Board will ask the residents, at the Annual Township Meeting on March 14, 2017, for the authority to adopt a Firearm Ordinance to regulate firearms shooting in the Township. Approved.

Alpine Ave. North Service District

- **Special Election** – Special Election was held on January 4, 2017. Sutcliffe, McKenzie and Iskierka were the election judges. The vote was 20 yes 11 no, therefore Alpine Ave. North Subordinate Service District is official.

Motion by Meis seconded by Rising to approve the results of the Special Election of Alpine Ave North Subordinate Service District with 20 yes and 11 no votes. Approved.

- **SEH** - Board discussed which engineering company to hire for the engineering services for the design and construction administration services to pave Alpine Ave N. The Board agreed to hire Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH). Mell to be in contact with SEH.

Motion by Mell seconded by Rising to seek a proposal from Short Elliot Hendrickson Engineering for the design and construction administration to pave Alpine Ave N. Approved.

Road Committee

- **Clover Trail** - Board received a letter from the attorney that represents a township resident, regarding the recent right of way maintenance done adjacent to their property. Resident called Sutcliffe after the brushing was done in October, therefore Sutcliffe and Iskierka met with her. She explained that she did not like the results and looks after the brushing, therefore, Sutcliffe had the contractor go back to the area and hand saw the branches that were splintered for a cleaner look. She again returned to the November meeting to complain about the way the brushing of the road right of way was done and asked why she was not notified before the brushing started. She stated that she wants to be notified the next time the Township did any brushing on the road right of way. Once again she attended the December meeting and wanted to know what the Township would be doing in the future about notifying her. Board informed her that they will place an ad in the paper to notify the residents that there will be brushing occurring in the Township.
- **Brushing Policy** - Board decided that Mell will put together a policy regarding brushing, stating that the Township will place an ad in the paper to notify the residents that brushing will be done on the road right of ways.

Budget Committee

- **Budget 2018** - Meis presented a budget and levy for 2018 to the Board. The total budget for 2018 would be \$470,695 and the levy would be \$418,702. There was discussion about the levy.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Rising to approve a budget of \$470,695 for the year 2018. Approved.

Motion by Rising seconded by Meis to approve levy of \$418,702 for the year 2018. Approved.

Old Business

- **Braham Fire Dept.** – Iskierka needs approval for the 2017 Fire Contract with Braham Fire Dept. at a cost of \$22,534.68.

Motion by Rising seconded by Mell to approve Fire Contract with Braham Fire Dept. for 2017. Approved.

Motion by Meis seconded by Rising to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Carried.

_____ Chairman	_____ Clerk	_____ Date
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