

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 14 June Regular Board Meeting
Presented for approval at July 12 Board Meeting**

June 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 to approve Agenda. Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to approve May Minutes as published. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Alpine Ave

Iskierka started the hearing to establish a Subordinate Service District for Alpine Ave N. for the purpose of paving the road. The petition had a cost of paving the road at \$195,000. There will be 37 residents who will be paying for the paving project with each resident paying for one parcel even if they own more than one parcel. It was also noted that if the Clerk received, within 60 days of the Board approval, a Reverse Referendum with 25% of the residents would mean that the Township Board would stop the project and then set up a day to discuss a process of voting for the project. The Board will have to hire an engineer to get a more accurate cost of the paving project. A resident's concern was how the road project will be paid for and the cost of the project. After a long discussion with residents and Board Members, Mell stated that there could be a cost ceiling for the project at \$247,000 and if it goes higher than this, the Board would stop the project and go back to the residents to see if we should continue or stop the progress of the road project. Residents agreed that this would be the way to proceed on the paving of the road.

Hearing for Belle Isle Dr was closed at 8:00pm

Motion by Mell seconded by Rising to have a cap of \$247,000 that included engineering, attorney and township cost and split evenly between 37 residents. If the project cost exceeded \$247,000 then the Board would stop the project and notify the resident to find out if the Board should proceed or cancel the project. Approved.

- Iskierka read Resolution 05-16 to establish a Subordinate Service District for the improvement of Alpine Ave N. and then asked for an approval of the Resolution.

Motion by Steeves seconded by Meis to approve resolution 05-16 to establish a Subordinate Service District for Alpine Ave N. Approved by all Board Supervisors.

Belle Isle Service District

- Greg Anderson, Project Manager of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. presented the bidding cost.

Hardrives Inc. Base Bid \$221,979.07- alternate 1 \$16,255.00 – alternate 2 \$970.00 - alternate 3 (bituminous mix) \$0

Knife River Base Bid \$233,702.88 – alternate 1 \$16058.00 – alternate 2 \$1865.00 - alternate 3 (bituminous mix) \$5,800

Prefer Paving & Ready Mix Base Bid \$249,830.90 – alternate 1 \$18272.75 – alternate 2 \$2880.00 - alternate 3 (bituminous mix) \$100,050.00

Leaf Construction alternate 1 \$13,200

Motion by Rising seconded by Mell to approve Hardrives base bid of \$221,979.07 with the contingency of the attorney review and approval of the contract. Approved by all Board Members.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve Alternate 2 bid of \$13,200 to Leaf Construction using Township rock. Approved.

- Bruce Kimmel from Ehlers presented a Bond pre-sale report to the Board. The bond would be a \$285,000 General Obligation Subordinate Service District Bond. Today's bond interest is around 3.18%. Debt service schedule would start in August of 2017. There are 61 properties paying for the bond with a total service charge by property owners at \$4672.13. It can be prepaid from June 17 to July 1, and if not prepaid it will be placed on the yearly tax statement for ten years at \$561.78.
- Iskierka read Resolution 06-16 providing for the sale of \$285,000 General Obligation Subordinate Service District Bond to finance the construction of the 2016 Belle Isle

Drive paving project in the Township. The Township to retained Ehlers & Associates Inc. as a Municipal Advisor and authorizes Ehlers to assist in the sale of the Bonds.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves for adoption of the Resolution 06-16 that provide for the sale of \$285,000 General Obligation Subordinate Service District bond to finance the construction of the 2016 Belle Isle Drive paving project in the township and the township to retained Ehlers& Associates Inc. as a municipal advisor. The Township authorizes Ehlers to assist for the sale of the bonds. Approved by all Township Board Members

Maintenance Report

- Prefer has a water truck to water dry roads if needed before grading.
- There are two spots on the existing paved road of Belle Isle Drive that will need work to improve them at a cost around \$1800.00.
- Graded various roads

Variance

- **Jim Kranz** – Would like to build his home 5 ft. from lot line which is closer than the 10 ft. setback.

Motion by Mell second by Meis to approve the change of the set back to 5 feet from lot line. Approved.

Committee Reports

- **Minnesota Association Short Course** – Two Board Members will take the short course training that the Association is putting on.

Old Business

- **Conditional Use Permit** – No Conditional Use Permit for the gravel pits of Stenmo or Mell as they fall under the County Ordinance. Some of the rules are:
 1. no working on Sunday
 2. they can only work certain hours
 3. must be 50 feet from the lot line to dig
 4. dust control is in the Ordinance.
 5. no hot mix plant

New Business

- **Election Judge Pay** Iskierka asked the Board if the hourly pay can be raised from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hr. for the Election Judges. After some discussion the Board thought it should be raised to \$15.00 per hr.

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to raise the hourly pay scale from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per hour for the Election Judges. Approved.

- **Royalton Township** – Iskierka notified the Nessel Township Board that Royalton Township asked for approval to place 12 loads of class 5 gravel at a cost of \$8.90 per cubic yards and delivered onto 540th street. This road is a shared road for road maintenance between the two townships. The cost would be split in half with the townships.

Motion by Steeves seconded by Rising to approve 12 loads of class 5 gravel to be spread on 540th street and \$8.90 per cubic yards to be split in half with Royalton Township. Approved.

- **Tax Forfeit Land** – County sent a list of tax forfeit land that the Township has right to claim for Township use. After some discussion, the Board decided that the land would not be of any value for Township use.

Motion by Meis seconded by Rising not to purchase the two parcels and not respond to the County. County will proceed to sell the parcels on open market. Approved

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Carried.

Chairman

Clerk

Date