

**Nessel Township  
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**MINUTES: 9 March Regular Board Meeting  
Presented for approval at April 12 Board Meeting**

March 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 Steeves seconded by Meis approve Agenda. Carried.

**Belle Isle Service District – Ehlers & Associates, Inc.**

- Todd Hagen, Financial Advisor from Ehlers & Associates, Inc., helps government agencies find financial resources needed to build their community projects. Todd explained what his company will do to help Nessel Township find financial resources and the steps needed to acquire the bond for the paving of Belle Isle Dr. His explanation included the cost to pave Belle Isle at \$325,000 for a ten year pay off. His company's cost would be around \$15,000 with the bond interest at 2.5%. The cost for the 60 residents that are paying for this project would be around \$600 per resident for ten years.

**Approve Minutes**

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

**Maintenance Report**

- Snowplowed and salted roads

## Open Forum

- A resident that lives on Bayview Ave complained about their neighbors shooting guns all day and into the late night. They had the Sherriff out and he checked the complaint and said they were shooting on their property and were not breaking any laws. He told the resident to check with the Township and see what they could do. Resident was informed that the Township follows the County ordinance and that they would have to check with them. Board thought that the County has some ordinance about shooting weapons or noise and the county would have to be involved because the county has resource to enforce any ordinance they have. Sutcliffe will check with the county about ordinance. Question is can Nessel Township have shotgun shooting only, No high powered rifle shooting.

## Committee Reports

- **Road Committee** – Sutcliffe was at the county township meeting and it was brought up about ottaseal that is placed on gravel roads. It is crushed rock oil mixture, this is what the county may place on Anchor Ave (this is the county road that the county will be giving to the township). It cost between \$45,000 to \$65,000 per mile
- **Budget Committee** – Sutcliffe needs a board approval of the levy for 2017 that was approved by the residents at the Annual meeting on March 8,2016

**Motion** by Steeves seconded by Mell to approve the levy of 2017

Road & Bridge Fund   \$287,204

Fire Protection Fund   \$56,695

General Fund           \$62,768

For a total               \$406,667

Approved by all board members

- **Policy Committee** – Mell is working on job description and compensation in section 5 in the policy book for board chairman, he wrote up a few items that the chairman should do and time for the job. He asked for their input, if the time allotted is right and any other jobs the chairman should do. Board to look at the information and next April board meeting will discuss chairman job description.

## New Business

- **Gravel Bid** – Iskierka is placing add in newspaper for gravel bidding. Question how many yards of gravel needed for 2016. It was decided 7000yds of gravel.
- **Short Course** – Iskierka reminded board that the spring short course will be held on April 1, 2016 at black bear casino.

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Meis to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Carried

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Chairman

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Clerk

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Date