

**Nessel Township  
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**MINUTES: 15 March Regular Board meeting  
Presented for approval at April 11 Board Meeting**

March 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. Approved.

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion** by McKenzie seconded by Meis to approve February Minutes. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Motion** by Meis seconded by McKenzie to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.

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**Motion** by Meis seconded by Rising to approve paying bills. Approved.

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**Maintenance Report**

- Salted roads
- Graded various roads
- Picking up garbage

**Conditional Use Permit**

- **Flickabirds** - Flickabirds plans to add 12 more camping sites to their camp grounds and needs a Conditional Use Permit.

**Motion** by McKenzie seconded by Rising to approve Conditional Use Permit. Approved.

**Alpine Ave. North Subordinate Service District**

- **Bore Testing** - Engineer did some bore testing on Alpine Ave. North and will get test results at a later time.

**Road Committee**

- **Clean Up Day** - Sutcliffe received information about some new charges from Evergreen Recycling when they come out to our Township Cleanup Day. They will be charging for labor and the equipment they bring to our location.
- **Road Tour** - Sutcliffe and Rising will do the spring road tour in April.

**Budget Committee**

- **Levy** – Residents of Nessel Township approved a levy for 2018 at the Annual Meeting for \$418,702. Budget for 2018 was approved by the Board in January for \$470,695.

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Rising to approve the 2018 levy that the residents approved at the 2017 Annual meeting: \$293,241 for Road and Bridges, \$57,000 for Fire Protection, \$68,461 for General Fund bringing the total to \$418,702.

**Contracting Committee**

- **Maintenance Contracting Bid** - Mell distributed the Road Maintenance Contract information. It will be the same information used on the last maintenance contract with a few changes. Board discussed some of the changes and the schedule of events for the bidding process. Board will approve the maintenance contract at the April Board Meeting.

**New Business**

- **Gravel Bid** – Gravel bids were opened with only two contractors placing quotes to deliver 7000 yards of gravel for the 2017 year.

Knife River at \$12.65 per yard  
Hass Construction at \$9.08 per yard

The Board rewarded the contract to Hass Construction once Steve Hass agreed to keep the same price of \$9.08 per yard if the Township needed more than 7000 yards during the year.

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Rising to approve gravel contract to Hass Construction at \$9.08 per yard. Approved.

**Old Business**

- **Firearms** – During the Township’s Annual Meeting, the residents voted not to give authority to the Board to write an ordinance to regulate the discharge of firearms. Board is dropping this issue.
- **Board of Appeal** – Iskierka announced that the Board of Appeal will be held at Nessel Township on April 18, 2017 at 9:00am.
- **Short Course**- Short Course to be held at Black Bear in Carlton on April 7, 2017.
- **Anchor Ave** – County will be transferring a portion of Anchor Ave. to the Township this year, the road has existing Otta Seal and gravel but it is not holding up as planned. The county would like to pave the road if the township would help pay for 33 percent of the paving cost (about \$130,000). After some discussion, not all Board Members were in favor of paving the road. One of the big questions was how would the Township pay for the paving of the road? Rising will talk to the Township attorney regarding this and some other questions that the Board has.

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Rising to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Approved.

_____ Chairman	_____ Clerk	_____ Date
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