

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 9 November Regular Board meeting
Presented for approval at December 13 Board Meeting**

November meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Sutcliffe with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors present include, Michelle Meis, John Sutcliffe, Branden Mell and Larry Steeves. Also present was Clerk, Stan Iskierka. Not present Betsy Rising and Treasurer Mary Dillner.

Agenda (Additions or Changes)

Motion by Steeves seconded by Meis to approve Agenda with addition under New Business Election. Carried.

Approve Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Firearms Ordinance

- At the September Town Meeting, a few residents complained about the discharging of firearms on their neighbor's property. The discharge of fire arms was at all times of the day and there were many people involved. They are asking the Township Board for help in eliminating some of the discharging of firearms, especially at night. They also said while working outside on their property, a bullet passed by them but they could not find the bullet.
- Rising called attorney, Kyle Hartnett, for information on how to proceed and what type of ordinance could the Board pass to eliminate some of the shooting of firearms.
- Attorney Kyle Hartnett attended this Town Meeting and discussed some options after researching the issue. It appears that the Township has authority to regulate the discharge of rapid firearms by setting up an ordinance but was unable to find another municipality that has adopted such an ordinance. After some discussion with the attorney, the Board decided to limit the time of discharging firearms and require a backstop.

- Board will go to the County and ask the Sheriff and County Attorney if they would enforce an ordinance with a time limit, amount of rounds that could be fired and a backstop. The residents did agree that they do not want to eliminate hunting in Nessel Township. This ordinance could be passed at the Annual Meeting.

Rush City Fire Dept.

- Sutcliffe stated that the meeting with the Rush City Fire Dept. is postponed and that he and Rising will have a meeting with them later this month.

Maintenance Report

- Graded various roads
- Picked up garbage and brought it to the dump
- Mowing ditches and brush trimming
- Belle Isle Dr will need some asphalt patching on the old part of the pavement but this will be done next year.
- Street signs are at the garage and can be placed in various areas on Belle Isle Drive and Avalon Court.

Belle Isle Service District

- Sutcliffe said there is a crack in the new asphalt which will have to be repaired. Steeves said there was miscommunication or no communication between SEH engineer and contractor as there was heavy equipment on the edge of the road which may cause stress cracking in the future.
- Steeves stated after the Belle Isle SSD bond is paid for if there is any money left over it should be placed in the maintenance of Belle Isle Road. Board approved the statement

Alpine Ave. North Service District

- Iskierka sent out Resolution 09-16 to the Alpine Ave N residents ordering a Special Election on the question of establishing a Subordinate Service District. The Special Election will be held on January 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Preliminary Plat

- **Acacia Trails** – A resident presented a Preliminary Plat to the Board asking if he can split the parcel into two parts.

Motion by Mell seconded by Steeves to approve the Preliminary Plat to split parcel in two.
Approved

Open Forum

- Resident has land that was land locked and years ago the Township created a Cartway. Which was legally obtained and was registered at the County. He now has problems access his property because the neighbor is blocking the Cartway with his vehicle. He is wondering if the Township could help him enforce his legal rights to assess his land. Since it was registered legally with the County, the Township has no other legal powers to enforce the neighbor to allow him assess to his land. The only resource is to call the County Sheriff to clear the cartway.
- Resident had concern on the recent ditch mowing and tree cutting on the road right of way along Clover Trail. They have wetlands abutting the road and thought that it should not have been cut and it was brushed beyond road right away. Board explained that road right of way needs to be trimmed for safety reasons. Resident did not agree with the answer and would like to hear back from Board about our thoughts and ways they can assist.

New Business

- **TV Donation** – Rush Lake Association would like to donate a large TV to the Town Hall which can be used for presentations and internet display when having a meeting.

Motion by Mell seconded by Meis to approve Rush Lake Association’s donation of money to the Township in order to buy a large flat TV and the Association will install it with the Board’s choice of wall location. Approved.

- **Salt** – Iskierka would like to buy 25 tons of salt and 50 tons of Dresser sand rock. Cost will be around \$4600 and a Board approval is needed.

Motion by Meis seconded by Steeves to buy 50 tons sand and 25 tons salt. Approved.

- **Snowplowing** - Iskierka will place Snowplowing Policy in the paper with Board approval.

Motion by Mell seconded by Meis to place Snowplowing Policy in the paper. Approved.

- **Election** – Board members who won election were Meis and Rising. Tom Mc Kenzie also won and will replace Larry Steeves.

Larry Steeves - Was a replacement for Tom McKenzie and Larry chose not to run for office this next term? Township Board as well as the Township appreciate that Larry volunteered to replace McKenzie and the fine work he did for the Township.

Thanks Larry!!!

Motion by Steeves seconded by Meis to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Carried.

ChairmanClerkDate