

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 11 October Regular Board Meeting
Presented for approval at November 9 Board Meeting**

October 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 September Minutes as published. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Maintenance Report

- Graded various roads
- Graded Basswood to make a better crown on the road
- Graded Acacia Way to mix the new chipped rock into the road

- Mell suggested to grade the roads before the cold weather started and use the road packer
- Sutcliffe suggested to pull gravel from the shoulder unto the road to fill some of the road washouts
- Rising to work out a road schedule for grading
- Meis suggested that the grader not leave a ridge in the middle of the road. The grader will do a third pass on the road if needed

Belle Isle Service District

- **SEH PROJECT ENGINEER** - Discussed the paving of Belle Isle Drive, and informed the Board that the contractor is paving the road with one lift this week and next week will place the second lift and then finish the driveways.
- Resident was wondering if some sign could be placed at the Torgerson curve to slow the speed down.
- Board agreed to install two warning signs at the Torgerson curve that has a curve in the road with a 15mph speed limit.
- Board discussed whether or not to have a stripe in the middle of the road or to have a sign that will say no center line. It was agreed that there will be a sign installed (**NO CENTER LINE**) at the culvert.

514th street

- Virgil Lindstrom at 51470 Berry Ave would like the Board to approve the paving of 514 St. which has the approximate dimension of 300 ft. long and 18 ft. wide. He has spoken to Hardrives Paving and they told him it would cost around \$8000 to pave the road. Virgil Lindstrom is willing to pay for all the cost of paving and also to maintain the pavement for 10 years.

Motion by Mell seconded by Rising to approve paving 514th St. Contract for paving road will be between Virgil Lindstrom and Hardrives .Also the road should be prepped and paved to match the existing pavement and Lindstrom will agree to maintain the paved road to Township standards for a period of ten years. Approved by Mell, Sutcliffe, Meis and Rising. Larry Steeves abstain from voting because he is a neighbor of Lindstrom.

Alpine Ave. North Service District

- Iskierka stated that the Board decided last month to have a Special Election on the question of establishing a Subordinate Service District for Alpine Ave North at the Town Hall on January 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It was agreed that there will be no absentee ballots and the reason for this decision is that it is a very complicated procedure and we would have to hire a consultant to help us with the process to understanding all that is involved in offering absentee ballots. There are 37 parcels involved in the Subordinate Service District with only one vote per parcel. Photo ID's will be required to vote and two Board Members and the Clerk will be checking them. At 8:00pm the Board Members and Clerk will count the ballots and residents may be present to witness the ballot count.
- Iskierka read Resolution 09-16 ordering a Special Election on the question of establishing a Subordinate Service District for Alpine Ave N. Place of voting to be at the Nessel Town Hall on January 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be one vote per parcel for the 37 parcels. Iskierka asked for an approval for Resolution 09-16.

Motion by Steeves seconded by Meis to approve Resolution 09-16. Approved by all Board Members.

Variance

- **Randall Kirschman** – Would like to add an addition to his home at 355 Acacia Way as it does not have the required setback that is required.

Motion by Rising second by Mell to approve addition as required. Approved.

Open Forum

- Mell talked about the discharge of firearms in the area of 505th Ave and Bayview Ave. Residents from that area were at the September meeting and complained about discharging of firearms all times of the day and some of the residents said they were working in their yards and a bullet passed by them. The residents would like something done.
- Mell has been checking on different statues regarding an ordinance about discharging of firearms, but he thinks we should discuss our problem with a qualified attorney on what steps the Township can do legally. Rising will locate an attorney and discuss our problem and ask for his opinion on what the Township can do legally to remedy the problem.

Motion by Mell second by Meis to seek an attorney for legal opinion on what the Township could do legally to remedy the problem of discharging of firearms. Approved by all Board Members.

Committee Reports

- **Road Committee** – Rising had a complaint about Almond Ave not graded properly Sutcliffe will have ditches mowed and brushing this week. May do some trimming of trees.
- There was some discussion of mowing ditches once a year instead of twice to save some money. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Township will mow twice a year since the grass will be shorter and therefore pulling the gravel from the shoulders will be easier.
- **Policy Committee** – Mell wrote and presented Policy 4.2 Subordinate Service District Formation to be placed in the Nessel Township Board Policy Book. It will require that residents wishing to establish a Subordinate Service District shall identify a lead spokesperson for the district who shall represent the district through its formation. It shall be the district spokesperson who works directly with the Board to establish the general terms and conditions of the district that will be negotiated and documented at the required public hearing. Mell would like the Board's approval for this new policy.

Motion by Rising second by Meis to approve Policy 4.2 Subordinate Service District Formation. Approved.

New Business

- **Avalon Court** – County would like Nessel Township to place a new street sign named Avalon Court on County Road 2 for the new private road that has three new addresses. This will help the County’s 911 system locate the new homes in case of emergencies. Iskierka will order the street sign and have it placed on County Road 2.

- **Election** – Nessel Township regular Board Meeting will be changed from Tuesday November 8 to Wednesday November 9, 2017 at 7:00pm due to the General Election.

- **Braham Fire Dept.** - City of Braham sent a preliminary fire contract bill for 2017. The cost will be a 14 percent increase from the 2016 fire contract as there was a new cost of \$3178.00 for new equipment. After some discussion, the Board concluded that Nessel Township is paying more than their share for fire protection than the other townships / cities. The Board decided to check with the Rush City fire dept. to see if they would contract all of Nessel Township for fire protection. If they agree to cover all of Nessel Township, then the Board will talk to the City of Braham explaining that the shared cost of fire protection is out of line compared to other townships / cities.

Motion by Rising second by Mell to contact Rush City Fire Dept. to see if they would cover all of Nessel Township for fire protection and to find out what would be the response time for the farther areas of the Township? Approved.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Carried.

Chairman

Clerk

Date