

**Nessel Township  
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**MINUTES: 8 September Regular Board Meeting  
Presented for approval at October 13 Board Meeting**

September 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 Steeves to approve Agenda with addition. Carried.

**Addition**

- **Attorney Bob Ruppe** - Introduced himself to the Board and residents and explained how the Subordinate Service District is formed and why it is needed for some townships. He handed out a check list and forms to the Board that are needed to create a Subordinate Service District. As he was explaining the steps he was asked various questions. He stressed hiring an engineer to have a feasibility study of the road done to ensure a good base before installing the bituminous. It will be up to the Board to decide the following:
  1. How will the project be funded?
  2. Will there will be a yearly maintenance fee?
  3. Will all affected parcels pay the assessment?
- Petition requesting the creation of a Subordinate Service District for Belle Isle Dr. was filed with the Township Clerk on August 1, 2015 and he verified that the required percentage of more than 50% of the property owners affected, was met.
- Board discussed picking an engineer to make a study and estimate how much it will cost to asphalt Belle Isle Rd.

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Steeves to have Mell and Iskierka review the list and hire an engineer who can have the cost to asphalt Belle Isle Dr for the next board meeting on October 13, 2015. The meeting will also be a public hearing to establish the Subordinate Service District. Approved.

- Township Clerk will place a notice of the public hearing in the newspaper and mail a notice to all property owners in the proposed district area.
- Township Clerk read Resolution 01-15 to declare a hearing on establishing a Subordinate Service District for Belle Isle Dr.

**Motion** by Meis seconded by Rising to approve Resolution 01-15 declaring a hearing on establishing a Subordinate Service District for Belle Isle Dr from the culvert where the asphalt ends to the channel for the purpose of bituminous paving of a portion of Belle Isle Dr. Approved by Meis, Sutcliffe, Steeves, Rising and Mell.

**Motion** by Mell seconded by Meis to retain Bob Ruppe as our attorney for the Subordinate Service District of Belle Isle Dr. Approved.

### **Approve Minutes**

**Motion** by Meis, seconded by Rising to approve August Minutes as published. Carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Bills**

**Motion** by Rising seconded by Steeves to approve paying bills. Carried.

### **Maintenance Report**

Mell would like to see more detail in the invoices from Prefer regarding the work performed during the month so that in the future we can compare how many hours to grade road versus the chloride treatment of the roads. Prefer agreed to add more detail when they get a couple of months' worth of information.

- Graded various roads

### **Variance**

- **Adam Arnesen** – Resident wants to place a septic holding tanks closer to the normal high water mark. It will be 37 feet from high water mark.

**Motion** by Steeves seconded by Rising to approve placing septic tanks 37 feet from normal high water mark. Approved.

### **Open Forum**

- Resident of Belle Isle asked the Board if he could recommend an engineer and they agreed that they would consider it. Board said that they will make the final decision to hire an engineer to check the road out and get a cost for the base work and asphaltting of Belle Isle Dr. The engineering work will be charged to the service district.

### **Road Committee**

- Rising had complaints that Basswood Rd. needed grading and the contractor said that they will have it graded soon.
- Sutcliffe had Alpine Ave. north graded due to the rain that washed out a couple of places on the road.
- Cedarcrest Ave. from 500<sup>th</sup> St. to Crest Way will have to be graveled because of the rain washing

