

**Nessel Township
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**MINUTES: 13 September Regular Board Meeting
Presented for approval at October 11 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. Carried.

Approve Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

Maintenance Report

- Graded various roads
- Fixed washout at 507th Ave.

Belle Isle Service District

- Greg Anderson, Project Manager from SEH, discussed Belle Isle's paving project and if weather permits it will start the week of September 19th. Residents and the Board discussed some of the concerns, such as:
 1. Resident asked if there will be more grading by the Torgersen curve.
 2. Contractor said they will do more grading when it gets closer to starting the project.
 3. Resident asked how far into the driveway will they asphalt.
 4. Contractor replied that the plans are for about 2 feet into the driveway and the driveways will have to be looked at during the project as it is progressing.
 5. Sutcliffe will have a meeting with Hardrives tomorrow at 3:00 pm

- Resident was told not to fill in the ditch and to remove the rocks so the water will flow in the ditch.

Alpine Ave. North Service District

- Iskierka checked with the Township attorney about absentee ballots for a Reverse Referendum. After some research, he said that he could not find anything that states that the township has to offer an absentee ballot. He also checked with the State of MN and they also found nothing that says the township has to offer an absentee ballot.
- If we did an absentee ballot the Township would have to follow the guide lines of the state which involves 60 pages of procedures to follow and it would probably take 30 days longer. The attorney said that it is a complicated procedure and his advice was to find a township or city to help us work on the absentee ballot process.
- Township attorney also found out that the Township could not have a special election from primary day until 56 days after the general election as this is a State Statue. The earliest day an election could be held would be January 4, 2017.
- Resident asked if the Township will pay for the paving of Alpine Ave N., Board said no. There was more discussion about paying for paving and absentee ballot.

Motion by Mell seconded by Rising that the Special Election for Reverse Referendum will be held at the Town Hall with no absentee ballots. The time for residents to vote will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on January 4, 2017. Approved by all Board Members.

Open Forum

- Residents from 505th Ave. and Bayview Ave. was asking for information and help on how to stop a neighbor with 40 acres from shooting guns on the property . He invites a lot of his friends to target practice and they will shoot night and day. One of the neighbors heard a bullet fly past him when he was working in his yard. They called the sheriff but the sheriff said they were not doing anything illegal. Sheriff told them to ask the Township for help, but the Township said they have to follow the ordinance of the county. As far as restricting firearms they have no authority to stop people from using firearms. Board told them to check with Mike Robinson, the County Commissioner, since his district is Nessel Township.

Committee Reports

- **Road Committee** – Rising did a road tour and found brush and tree trimming is needed on some of the roads. Sutcliffe will check with contractor to do both projects. Rising found roads also need reclaiming of shoulders. Prefer will do this in spring as they will place shoulder soil on road and then spread it on the road.

Old Business

- **Gravel** - Sutcliffe stated that the clay content was too high on Acacia Way and Basswood Rd. and that he tried to discuss the problem with Borklund Company but had no response. The Board would like a meeting with the Borklund Company to see if some trap rock or gravel with less clay content could be placed on the road. Rising will write a letter to Borklund Company to see if they will meet with the Board and discuss the problem. Board decided to hold \$10,038.50 from the amount that the Township owes for the gravel as it could be an incentive to get them to discuss the problem.

Motion by Rising seconded by Steeves that the Board will hold \$10,038.50 from the bill of gravel and Rising will write a letter to Borklund Company to have a meeting to discuss the gravel problem.

New Business

- **Propane** – Iskierka needs approval by the Board to buy propane for the 2017 heating season. Propane is \$1.09 per gallon at a cost of \$2307.90 for 2100 gallons. The Township has a credit from last year of \$848.85, therefore, Iskierka will need \$1459.50 to buy propane.

Motion by Steeves seconded by Meis to approve \$1459.50 for propane gas. Approved.

Motion by Rising seconded by Meis to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Carried.

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