

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to order by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Penny Nelson

Absent due to illness: Keith Moore

With no additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience, **a motion by J. Wheelock; 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Nelson to approve agenda as presented. Carried.**

**Motion by J. Wheelock; 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Jones to approve minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.**

**Fire department report.** Capt. Dave Saunders reviewed activities of last month. Have two individuals in the fire academy right now.

**Treasurer's report.**

- Treasurer reports that the online payment of property taxes option is being used.
- **Motion by K. Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wheelock to pay all bills presented using checks #8764-8783. Carried.**

**New business.**

- Reapplication for the Bear Creek bridge grant was agreed to support it if it didn't cost the township any funds. This would be a duplicate request from the township for the same project that we supported Networks Northwest's efforts. This would act as a safety net to increase our chance of getting this funding, especially since the township never received a DNR grant.
- A reminder that preliminary budget discussions next month, February 14, 7 p.m. before regular meeting at 7:30.
- Township attorney, Tom Grier joined the open meeting via phone due to illness to explain his reasoning. He reviewed the background of the state's cannabis laws and regulations. He expressed his strong concern that the township should consider zoning before opting into any cannabis operations in the township. He explained that without zoning, these operations could place their businesses anywhere. State law states that these businesses should be placed in an appropriately zoned area and zoning would give the township the ability to place these businesses in special use designated areas. Robust discussion about the past experience with the residents zoning question. B. Moore asked about the time and the cost it would take to develop zoning. B. Moore told the clerk and another resident to research zoning. Discussion to continue next month.
- MTA annual conference in Lansing. Clerk is interested in attending.

**Library report.** Received via email and distributed to the board.

**Correspondence.** Multiple advertising pieces, Township Focus magazine, November library report.

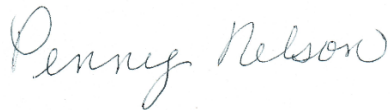
**Old business.** B. Moore questioned why David Mitchell wasn't paid for the July Board of Review.

**Public comments.** Question about why Glovers Lake Rd was closed to ORVs. Does the road commission determine which roads are open? Mr. Mathes offered to help on the zoning project, also concerned about other cannabis businesses that would come into the township. Joan Cramer commented on zoning.

**Board comments.** B. Moore mentioned four sessions on cannabis presentations being offered. P. Nelson commented that she was asked to arrange to have attorney present and did not coach that attorney. His legal opinion was his own.

Adjournment: 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Nelson".

Penny Nelson  
Township Clerk