

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: February 9 2026

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee; Brian Pellegrini, Trustee.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Edwards, seconded by Pellegrini. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Pellegrini second by Solda, to approve the minutes from the January 12th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Assessor's Time: None
6. Financial reports: reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Pellegrini, to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. Guest Time: None
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Road projects for next year: comparison of the estimates, PASER ratings, and projected road commission contributions in the future for Boundary Line Rd, Palmcooks' Rocky Top Rd, and south part of Ball Rd from Jacklovitz's bridge to CR 573 was done. Motion was made by Pellegrini, seconded by Solda, to approve paving of the south part of Ball Rd as described for \$298,800 with \$64,650 provided by the road commission leaving \$234,150 as the township's responsibility. Roll call vote: Ayes – Solda, Giuliani, Pellegrini, Byczek. Nays – Edwards, preferred to do Boundary Line Rd. Passed 4-1.
 - b) FY26/27 budget: Zoning Enforcement/Blight Officer proposed raise from \$6,600 to \$7,000. Facilities Manager bonus proposed raise from \$3788 to \$4,200. Motion was made by Edwards, seconded by Giuliani, to approve the raises as requested. All ayes. Passed 5-0. There are no other anticipated extra expenditures at this time.
 - c) Gravel pit conditional use permit: a special meeting of the Planning Commission will be on February 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the conditional use permit.
 - d) Fire numbers: money will be set aside in the 20/27 budget to purchase new fire number signs to replace the old white signs. The township has purchased a handheld GPS meter to provide the coordinates of the fire numbers so those numbers can be sent to Colligo, Inc. for updating of the county-wide GIS mapping system. This will provide better location services for emergency services in rural locations. The new signs will be 15 x 6, single-face, and hi-reflective for better visibility.

- e) Flagpole memorial: to date there are 21 flagpoles sponsored. Facilities Manager Chartier is working with Peterson Welding and Norway Marble & Granite for the stone. Plaques will be made by B & K Enterprises in Iron Mountain.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Advertising signs at ball field: sponsors have asked to place signs/banners at the fall field. Consensus opinion of the board was to allow it.

b) Rates at cemetery: a resolution was passed several years ago to raise cemetery rates for the cost of living. Rates will be raised beginning April 1, 2026 by 2.7%.

c) Auditor for bi-annual audit: contract papers for the bi-annual audit were received. Motion was made by Edwards, seconded by Pellegrini, to award the contract to Johnson & Rennie LLC in the amount of \$8,100.00 All ayes. Passed 5-0

11. Citizens' Time: Dan Girardi – fire numbers, GPS coordinates

12. Committee reports: None.

13. Board Member comments: **Edwards** - had issues with veterans tax exemptions. **Byczek** – reminder that our March board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m. due to the Board of Review meeting on March 9th. Our public budget hearing will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th, right before the regular board meeting. Utilities at the Hillside Apartments will be shut off once all of the residents have moved out. The conditional use permit for the cell phone tower is on hold until after the company holds a public hearing to determine if there are any historical artifacts or other historical significance on the site.

14. Adjournment: being no further business, motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Public budget hearing will be at 5:00 p.m. on the same night.

Joyce Giuliani