

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: April 10, 2023

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee, Mike Steeno, Trustee.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek requested that Assessor's Update be added as item # 7. Motion made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item #7 Assessor's Update added. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Dennis LaFaive, Judy Bettiga and Jeff Edwards: Piers Gorge Road
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve the minutes from the March 14th meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial reports for last month: financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
6. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by LaValley, seconded by Steeno to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. Assessor's Update: Board of Review was successful. AMAR is due next year. Will begin the 20% inspection of properties for this year in June.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Solar project update: a summary motion brief must be filed with the court by April 21 for the right to referendum issue. If the summary motion is not granted, an injunctive relief hearing will be held on May 12. At this time, core drilling is commencing at the project sight.
 - b) Escrow Account Resolution: resolution 2023-1 Zoning Escrow Fee Policy was reviewed. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Byczek, to adopt Resolution 2023-1 Zoning Escrow Fee Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes; Byczek, Solda, Steeno. Nays: Giuliani, LaValley. Passed 3-2. Details of the account will be set up with the Treasurer and Circle Power Renewables.
 - c) Road Commission: three bids were received for paving of 3850 ft of the north part of Ball Road. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to accept the low bid of \$155,660.20 from Bacco. Roll call: Ayes: Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, LaValley. Nays: None. Passed 5-0.
 - d) Bids on Lawn Mowers: one bid was received for the John Deere X300 mower for \$215.75 from John and Caleb Stachowicz and one bid was received for the Cub Cadet mower for \$75.00 from Don Byczek. Motion was made by Solda, second by Giuliani, to accept both bids. All ayes, with Byczek abstaining. Passed 4-0.
 - e) Town hall redesign: Colin Jacobetti, architect, will be at the town hall on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss ideas about redesigning the hall.

- f) Spring Clean-Up: tentative time is Tuesday, May 16th through Friday, May 19th at noon. Giuliani will call to schedule the dumpsters. Ads will be placed in Lufts Advertiser and on channel 7.
- g) Summer workers: looking to hire 2-3 more workers besides the ones returning from last year. Applications are coming in.
- h) Cemetery roads: Midwest Asphalt and Gravel has expressed interest in bidding on the project.
- i) CD discussion: discussion was held on the possibility of transferring money from our remaining CD into the MI-class program. The board felt that with the uncertainty of the financial markets that we would leave the CD where it is for now.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Poverty exemptions: reviewed the township's poverty exemption policy.
- b) Audit report: the bi-annual audit of the township for FY 2022 was reviewed.
- c) Television set for hall: discussed possibility of installing a tv for training/presentation purposes in the future
- d) Retail shop at the Industrial Park: received a request to consider selling land in the Industrial Park for some to build a retail shop. This issue will be referred to the Planning Commission.

10. Citizens' Time: None

11. Committee Reports: None

12. Board member comments: **LaValley:** delinquent taxes have been received from the County. There was a problem with the special tax assessment for milfoil treatment at Hamilton Lakes. Working with MTA to rectify problem.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani