

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: August 8, 2022

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Motion was made Giuliani, second by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item C, Solar Array Project under Old Business. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve the minutes from the July meeting. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
5. Financial reports for last month: financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
6. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) St. Our land sale: errors in deed need to be corrected by Superior Title Co before the final closing. Neighbors adjacent to the St. Ours land have expressed an interest in purchasing the property from the township.
 - b) Spruce St. paving estimates: bids have been received from the Dickinson County Road Commission for the paving of Spruce St. There is also a county-owned alley that comes off of Spruce St that needs paving. Estimates were received for paving only Spruce St. and for paving Spruce St and the adjacent alley. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to accept the bid for the paving of Spruce St. and the adjacent alley. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
 - c) Solar array project: representatives from Circle Power presented a memo with the summary of findings regarding the silica soil investigation at Groveland Mine. Findings show that there is no or very low respirable silica at the site and there is little or no health risk for persons on or offsite from airborne exposure levels that may be caused by incidental disturbance of site soils or from windblown dust. Circle Power is requesting a special meeting of the planning commission to discuss taxes.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Little League wish list: representatives for the Vulcan Little League presented the township with items they feel they need to maintain the ball field at the East Vulcan Recreation Area in good shape. After discussion, a motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve reimbursement for Scott Sternhagen for the mound cover that he purchased with his own money, replacement of the batting cage net, and purchasing of a

drag broom for the infield. Ayes – Steeno, Solda, Byczek. Nays – Giuliani. Motion passed 3-1.

- b) Ordinance decision making: discussion was held on ordinance enforcement and engaging with the public.
 - c) Marijuana ordinance – opt in or opt out: representatives from Superior Selections discussed their proposed marijuana retail businesses that they would like to locate in the Industrial Park in Norway Township. This has been reviewed by the planning commission who returned it to the board with no recommendations for or against it. The township board will look into revising the opt-out ordinance adopted in 2019 to see if this is now a feasible option for the township.
 - d) Renewal of auditor’s contract through 2028: motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to retain the firm of Johnson & Rennie for the next three audits ending with the 2028 year audit. All ayes. Motion passed 4-0.
 - e) Leif Erickson Festival and Leif’s Run: members of the Leif Erickson Day committee have asked permission from the township to hold a 5k run on some of the township’s streets. Permission must be given by the Dickinson County Road Commission as we don’t own the streets.
9. Citizens’ Time: R. Girardi – the “big bear” property. C. Moore, Circle Power – solar array project
10. Committee Reports: None.
11. Board member comments: **Solda** – bridge projects in the township. **Byczek** – parking lot to be seal coated tomorrow; working with the insurance company for the St. Ours land.
12. Facilities Manager comments: None
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, support by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next meeting is on September 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani