

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: August 9, 2021

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: Motion made by Steeno, second by Solda to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: R. Girardi - tall grass along Fern St.
4. Approve minutes of July 12th meeting: Motion by LaValley, second by Solda, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: reports for July were reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Board members had some concerns regarding the work on District 5 Road. Motion by LaValley, second by Giuliani, to pay bills as presented with the exception of the bill from the Dickinson County Road Commission for District 5 Road. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. U.P. North Summit: motion was made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to allow board members to attend the U.P. North Summit at the Island Resort and Casino on September 13th and 14th with the township covering the cost of the registration fee and mileage. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - b. District 5 Road - Byczek met with road commission officials regarding District 5 Road after the completion of the project. Board members would still like to discuss some issues with the completed work with the road commission supervisor. A meeting will be set up in the near future.
 - c. Blight Update: progress continues to be made on blight issues in the township.
 - d. Tree planting at cemetery: we will not know until the end of August or first part of September how many trees will be available for purchase and what the cost will be. A committee of board members to include Byczek, Giuliani and Steeno will come up with a plan of where to plant the trees when we get them. There may possibly be room for up to 20 trees.
 - e. Township road work prioritization: after lengthy discussion board members have decided that the River Meadows and Old U.S. 8 roads are first priority and the north half of Ball Road from U.S. 2 to just past Casmier's Rd is the second priority. Third priority was not assigned due to sewer work that may be done on Oak Crest Drive which would eliminate the need for us to pay for paving it.
 - f. Cemetery rates: motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to raise the cemetery rates each year, beginning April 1st, by the cost of living adjustment amount. All ayes. Passed 5-0

- g. GIS agreement with county: motion was made by Steeno, second by Lavalley, to accept the agreement with Dickinson County to provide for GIS mapping services. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Principles of Governance adoption: consensus agreement was made by the board to adopt the Principles of Governance mission statement.
- b. Seal coat parking lot at hall: contractor who did the parking lot work last year was contacted regarding seal coating of the lot this summer. They state it doesn't need to be sealed this year but they will come down and do maintenance on several problem areas.
- c. Quote for tree removal at cemetery: a quote was received for \$1,200.00 to remove the dead tree in lot 13. Work will begin in mid-August.
- d. Quote for painting cross at cemetery: a quote was received for \$1,500 to sandblast, prime and paint the cross. Work will begin at the end of August.
- e. Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy: motion was made for Giuliani, second by Solda, to adopt a Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy in Norway Township as a requirement to qualify for American Rescue Plan funds. Roll call vote: ayes - LaValley, Giulian, Byczek, Solda, Steeno. Nays - none. Passed 5-0.
- f. Sale of township land - small school lot and piece of land across from apartments in central Vulcan: discussion was held on the pros and cons of selling these pieces of land and consensus opinion was not to try to sell them at this time.

9. Citizens Time None

10. Committee reports: **Solda**: Ambulance authority - still hoping to sell the lot next door to the ambulance garage.

11. Board member comments: **Byczek** - DCTA meeting will be held at the Breitung Township Hall in Quinnesec on August 16th at 6:30 p.m. Zoning Ordinance will be online on our website shortly. **LaValley** - tax collection going well. Will be out of the office on August 25th and September 14th. Deputy Treasurer will fill in. **Giuliani** - cemetery project is about half completed at this time.

12. Facility Manager Comments: None

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Next meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani