

## NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: February 12 2024

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, 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 was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Solda, second by Steeno, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. Assessor's Time: discussed updates to be made to the Poverty Exemption guidelines and the Equalized Valuation Chart for the upcoming tax year.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a) Blight issues:
    1. The Jensen/Smith case – property has been condemned due to the condition of the home. Old cars will be towed away. Expenses will be added to the summer tax bill.
    2. LaFaive case – homeowner has begun work on alleviating the blight conditions.
    3. Long case – this is an ordinance violation. Case will be coming to court next month.
  - b) Road commission estimates: Supervisor Byczek will meet with Jim Harris, DCRC regarding CR573. The road commission is working on obtaining additional funding for the project. The road commission has moved their budget planning meeting to March to allow for changes in money received/not received from the state.
  - c) Groveland Mine Solar Project update: work has begun at the site with testing of ground settlement under weight. We have also received a letter from our attorney to let us know that the court case regarding the right to referendum is still active and awaiting assignment at the appellate court level.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a) Budget discussion: final draft of the budget was reviewed. Items to be included are trees at cemetery, new website design, money for Music in the Park, cemetery rate increase of

5%, paving of the rest of the roads at the cemetery (contingent upon how much road work will be done this year), cemetery mapping

b) Industrial Park: several businesses have expressed interest. Byczek is working with all three companies to get zoning permits and requirements.

1. Redline Sports, Norway, has purchased the old Sturgeon Millworks site and is interested in boat storage for now with a possibility of expansion.
2. Shamco, Iron River, is interested in purchasing land with highway frontage for a landscaping/ trucking businesses.
3. Cesco Inc is interested in obtaining the old DICSA warehouse for a trucking/distribution center

10. Citizens' Time: None

11. Committee Reports: None

12. Board member comments: **Giuliani** – absentee voting is in progress. More ballots sent out than expected for this election. **Edwards** – wants to change how we do payroll from twice a month to every two weeks.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani