

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: February 14, 2022

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Request was made for Citizens' Time to be expanded to 10 minutes. Motion was made by Solda, seconded by Giuliani, to approve the agenda as presented with Citizen's Time being expanded to 10 minutes for this meeting only. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
3. Citizens' Time:
 - a. Josh Racine Ericka Harnden - problem with EMS and delivery vehicles finding houses located on Mayflower Pond Rd and Meadow Valley Rd.
 - b. Rene and Laura Skrumbellos - voiced concerns over proposed mining and solar array project at old Groveland Mine site disturbing the silica tailings that are still in the ground
4. Approve minutes of January 10th meeting: Motion by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
5. Financial report: reports for January were reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, second by Solda, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. FY2022/2023 budget: discussed projects to be included in next year's budget, including replacing windows at the town hall, new pc for the clerk, replacing the gate at the ballfield, work on the dugouts and the road paving project. Pay raises were also discussed. Budget will be finalized in March.
 - b. Cemetery rates for FY2022/2023: new rates were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Giuliani, seconded by LaValley, to accept the new cemetery rates as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Giuliani will send copies to the area funeral directors.
 - c. American Rescue Plan funds: we received an extra \$300.06 in February. This was from funds that were reallocated from townships that chose not to accept the funds they received. Clerk's pc can be purchased from these funds and a one-time hazardous duty payout of \$2,500 for the Facilities Manager can be paid from these funds.
 - d. Blight Update:
 - i. L. Peterson did not appear for her court hearing. A court order will be served and she will have 30 days to correct the problem.
 - ii. R. Gunville - has until May 1st to remove the containerized boxes from his yard.
 - iii. Cars in alley on Central Ave. must be moved by May 1st.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Change March meeting date: due to the Board of Review Meeting being scheduled for March 14th at the town hall, it was decided to move the regular board meeting date.. We will also hold the Public Budget Hearing on the same date as the regular board meeting. Motion was made by Giulian, seconded by LaValley, to move the date of regular board meeting to Wednesday, March 16th at 5;30 p.m. with the Public Budget Hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on the same day. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
- b. Winter cremation burials at cemetery: board discussed why we don't have winter cremation burials. By consensus agreement it was decided that we will start doing winter cremation burials if requested. Facilities Manager requested the board to purchase a cremation sized grave heater to thaw the ground as needed. Motion was made by LaValley, seconded by Giuliani, to purchase a grave warmer to be used for cremation burials if needed. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Giuliani will purchase the grave heater.
- c. Planning commission report: the planning commission was asked for their opinion regarding containerized boxes and they agreed that they should not be allowed in R1, R2, R3 and RR zoned areas. They were also asked for their opinion on the hunting issue at the cemetery. They felt that that area and all other township land should remain open to hunting at this time.
- d. Cemetery cost sharing letter: discussion was held regarding the increasing costs at the cemetery. Byczek will write a letter to the City of Norway and Waucesha Township asking them to help share in the cost of running the cemetery.
- e. New fire rates: beginning in July, the township fire rates will increase from \$3,856 to \$4,688 per month.

9. Citizens Time: None

10. Committee reports: None

11. Board member comments: **Byczek** - discussed results of the 2020 census at the township level. Board of Review member training will be held on February 17th. All board members are going. **Giuliani** - we received the last 2 payments from the scrap tire reimbursement program. The grant is now officially closed out. **LaValley** - last date for tax collection is February 28th. Treasurer's office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on that day.

12. Facility Manager Comments: will be removing 3 dead spruce trees in the next couple of weeks.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Solda, second by LaValley, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. Next meeting will be March 16,, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Public Budget Hearing will be held on March 16th at 5:00 p.m. DCTA meeting for March will be held in Norway Township on March 21 at 6;30 p.m. We need to supply the food.