

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: July 10, 2023

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: Solda requested to add under 9, New Business item c. Gate at ballfield. Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to approve the agenda with the addition item c. Gate at ballfield under New Business. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Eric Wickman – letter concerning Groveland Mine Solar Project
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda to approve the minutes from the June 12th 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 Steeno, seconded by Byczek to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. Assessor Time: None
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Solar project update: Attorneys from both sides working on the property tax agreement and decommissioning agreement. Suggestion was made to appoint 2 township board members to work with the attorneys during this phase. Don Byczek and Jeff Edwards were appointed.
 - b) Cemetery Roads: Bid was received from Midwest Asphalt & Gravel in the amount of \$77,493.00 to resurface 35,000 sq. ft of roads at the cemetery. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to accept the bid from Midwest Asphalt & Gravel. Roll call vote: Ayes – Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, Edwards. Nays – none. Passed 5-0. Giuliani will send the 10% deposit requested so work can be scheduled.
 - c) Refrigerator for concession stand: a new refrigerator for the concession stand was obtained last month. Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to reimburse the Norway Diamond Board for the cost of the refrigerator. Ayes – 4. Nays – 1. Passed 4-1. Check will be sent for reimbursement.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Appoint D. Solda as township representative to Dickinson County Construction Code board: Motion was made by Byczek, second by Giuliani, to appoint Solda to the Dickinson County Construction Code board. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - b) Blight Issues: There are 2 cases at this time that will be referred to the township attorney. One is someone living in a travel trailer on a lot on Cherry St. and the other is for vehicles

parked on the sidewalk and dog feces not picked up off of the sidewalk. Both cases are in violation of the Zoning Ordinance and there may be health department issues as well. There are also several tall grass problems.

- c) Gate at ballfield: Discussion was held regarding installation of a gate on the road to the upper parking area at the ballfield. Board members felt that locating the dumpsters for the spring clean up at the upper area of the ballfield would alleviate the problem of outsiders using the dumpsters. The gate would only be open if someone was there to check driver's IDs. Consensus approval was given to the project. Plans at this time are to have the gate installed this fall.

10. Citizens' Time: None

11. Committee Reports: **Planning Commission** – conditional use permits have been issued for the Groveland Mine Solar Project. Construction is expected to begin with 12 months. There is still possible legal action pending which could affect the start time of the project.

12. Board member comments: **Giuliani** – this years fire contract with the city will cost \$3,940 per month which does not include hydrant rental. Giuliani will be attending a Cemetery Management seminar put on by MTA on July 18th at the Island Resort & Casino. **Byczek** – trees at the cemetery are dying and need to be replaced

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m., Board of Review session will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m. Regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani