

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: July 14, 2025

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee; Brian Pellegrini, Trustee

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Motion was made by Solda,, second by Pellegrini, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Fran McCarthy, Wally Zychowski, Ryan Spence, Steve Ortman – new flagpoles at cemetery. Debbie Sullivan – land division for Sullivan property. Erick Wickman – Groveland Mine Solar Project.
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting(s): Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Solda, to approve the minutes from the May 25th meeting as presented. Passed 4-0, with Edwards abstaining due to not attending that meeting. Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the June 9th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the June 25th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Assessor's Time: July Board of Review is July 22. There are 2 petitions so far. Site visits are 75% complete.
6. Financial reports: reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Pellegrini to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. Guest Time: None
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Open Seats on Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 applications were received. After review, motion was made by Edwards, second by Pellegrini, to appoint Matt Westrich to fill the seat vacated by Tony Baciak's appointment to the Planning Commission. Vote: Ayes – Edwards, Pellegrini, Giuliani. Nays – Byczek, Solda. Passed 3-2. Discussion was held on the Zoning Board of Appeals regulations allowing the township to appoint 2 alternate members to the ZBA. We currently only have 1 alternate. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Solda, to appoint the second applicant, Bob Simon to the 2nd alternate position. Vote was 5-0. Passed.
 - b) Resolution for No Wake Zone at Rock Lake: a public hearing needs to be held before we can pass the resolution. Tabled until the August meeting.
 - c) Oak Crest Drive paving bid: 2 bids were received. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to accept the low bid of \$185,610.00 from Bacco Construction Co, plus an additional \$3,000 required by MDOT to install ADA detectable warnings and curb ramps

for the bike path which crosses Oak Crest Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes – Edwards, Byczek, Giuliani, Solda, Pellegrini. Nays – None. Passed 5-0.

- d) Piers Gorge Road paving project estimate: Dickinson County Road Commission sent an estimate for the cost of paving 1800 feet of Piers Gorge Road. No action was taken at this time.
- e) Sidewalks in Vulcan: Dickinson County Road Commission will remove damaged sidewalks later this year.
- f) Ramp at Post Office: still waiting for bids. No action taken.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Flagpoles at cemetery: the flagpoles at the cemetery need to be replaced. Estimated cost of replacement is \$31,500. Poles will be fabricated by township personnel on site instead of buying them pre-made. Local veterans organizations have expressed interest in assisting with the replacement. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Pellegrini, to purchase the necessary supplies for the project. Roll call vote: Ayes – Giuliani, Byczek, Edwards, Pellegrini, Solda. Nays – none. Passed 5-0.
- b) Policy for priorities for paving roads: changes need to be made to the policy. Tabled until August meeting.
- c) Land division approval: land division request was received from Pat and Debbie Sullivan. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to approve the land division. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- d) Milfoil treatment at Hamilton Lakes: a request was received from the Hamilton Lakes Lake Board asking for a contribution from the township to assist with milfoil eradication work at Lake Mary. The board has previously approved contributing \$1,000 back in May 2025 when they approved a contribution for the Carney Lakes Association request. Check will be sent.
- e) Perpetual Care CD: the perpetual care fund CD at Northern Interstate Bank is due for renewal. The funds in the CD will be moved to the MI-Class perpetual care account with these funds being maintained in a separate sub-account.
- f) Gravel pit: a request was received from a resident regarding opening a gravel pit on his property. After discussion, motion was made by Byczek, second by Dave, to deny forwarding the request to the Planning Commission for review for a conditional use permit due to the location of the proposed pit and the noise and dust it would create in a rural residential area. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pellegrini, Edwards, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani. Nays – none. Passed 5-0. This matter will not be referred to the Planning Commission.
- g) Piers Gorge Road dust control: dust control was done on Piers Gorge Road and 5 days later the road was graded by the county making the dust control treatment obsolete. Byczek will contact the road commission to see what can be done.

11. Citizens' Time: Erick Wickman – Pier's Gorge Road. Bob Girardi – Piers' Gorge Road
12. Committee reports: none.
13. Board Member comments: **Giuliani** – as of July 1st the Quinnesec baler site is accepting scrap tires. **Solda** – tours of Loadmaster and the Sturgeon River Falls Norway Power dam will be offered on Friday, August 15h beginning at noon at Loadmaster. Elected officials, city managers are invited to attend. **Pellegrini** – fire works at Lake Mary were good.
14. Adjournment: being no further business, motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani