

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: June 10, 2024

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Dave Solda, Trustee, Jeff Edwards, Treasurer; Mike Steeno, Trustee.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek asked to add, under Old Business, Item D – Spring rubbish collection. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to approve the agenda with the recommended addition. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Rachel Hansen – unleashed dogs and loose dogs in neighborhood. Lisa Becker – people not cutting their grass and not picking up dog debris. Bill Maynard – loose dogs in neighborhood.
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the May 13th board 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, second by Byczek, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. Guest: None
8. Assessor's Time: Brent attended training which included working efficiently with the BS&A database which should help with the problem of wrong addresses on tax bills. July Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a) Blight issues:
    1. Todd Johnson case is going to court
    2. Varda case is on hold.
    3. Letters have been sent to residents needing to cut their lawns.
  - b) Road commission update to County Rd 573 – it looks like the Leeman Rd in Sagola Township will probably be funded. No mention of any funds for CR 573 yet. Jim Harris will know more after June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Cemetery mapping update: Colligo has completed most of the GIS mapping. Giuliani will meet with Colligo to finalize the map before names are added.
  - d) Spring Rubbish collection: went well. There were 6 full dumpsters collected.
10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Road Rally in August: the Iron Mule Road Rally board will be held in August this year. There were no complaints from residents last year. It was the consensus opinion of the board to give permission to hold the rally again this year using the same route.
  - b) Paint dugouts, finish soffits: residents have volunteered to repaint the new dugouts to match the concession stand at the East Vulcan ballfield if the township provides the materials. It was the consensus opinion of the board to purchase the needed materials for the job. This includes materials to finish the soffits on the buildings.
  - c) New lawn mower: Facilities Manager requested to purchase a larger push lawn mower to cut the lawns of blighted houses as the grass is usually so long the smaller push mowers overheat. Discussion was held. Request for a motion was made three times, no board members responded. Issue died for lack of support.
  - d) Paving of cemetery roads: budget was reviewed to see if there was enough money to pay for paving of cemetery roads and any work that we would have to pay for regarding CR573. Board members felt the budget was sufficient to cover both costs. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to award the contract for paving the approved roads in the cemetery to Midwest Asphalt in the amount of \$84,187.50. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Board members also discussed paving the south perimeter road and other roads that may be in need up to an additional cost of \$15,000.00 for a total of approximately \$100,000 at the cemetery if funds are available after the original contract paving is done.
  - e) MTA Summit Meeting in July: MTA is holding their annual summer conference at the Island Resort in July. Any interested board members should contact Giuliani before June 25<sup>th</sup> so she can make arrangements for you to attend.
11. Citizens' Time: Bob Girardi – boats parked in clear vision area on corner of East Main & US 2 near the small engine repair shop.
  12. Committee Reports: **Carney Lake Association** – asked to have their road graded. This is a state owned road and arrangements have to be made with the DNR.
  13. Board member comments: **Steen**o – has received questions from residents on River Meadows Lane regarding the status of running the internet cable to their area. **Solda** – complaints from residents regarding the odor of the material used to provide dust control on the Piers Gorge Road this year. **Byczek** – the appeal in the court case regarding the right to referendum issue on the Groveland Mine Solar Project will be heard in Lansing on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Township attorneys will attend. The application for the state grant to jurisdictions hosting a large scale solar project has been completed and sent in. Heard from Circle Power that the fencing for the storage area is nearing completion. **Giuliani** – the biannual audit of the township books will begin on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, July 8th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani