

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: June 9, 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: Byczek requested to add, under New Business, item I) Parcel Reconfiguration for the Peacock family and to discuss it first during New Business. Motion was made by Solda,, second by Pellegrini, to approve the agenda with item I) added under new business and to discuss it first. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Judy Bettiga – paving Piers Gorge Road. Dave Lofholm – paving Piers Gorge Road. Dennis LaFaive – paving Piers Gorge Road.
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Edwards, second by Pellegrini, to approve the minutes from the May 12th meeting as presented. All aye. Passed 5-0.
5. Assessor's Time: July Board of Review is July 22. So far no petitions have been received Site visits will continue into July. All files are up to date and plans are to send the summer tax bills to the Treasurer this week.
6. Financial reports: reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Solda to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. Guest Time: Betsy Sawicki – parcel configuration papers
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Road work for this summer: Paving on CR 573 is complete and shouldering work will begin this week. There estimates were obtained by the Dickinson County Road Commission for paving of Oak Crest Drive. Estimate 1 was for the section from U.S. 8 to Opolka's property, a distance of .61 miles. Estimates 2 and 3 were for resurfacing the remainder of Oak Crest Drive up to the corner. With the number of roads in poor condition in the township, consensus opinion of the board was to only seek bids for Estimate 1 since the remainder of Oak Crest Drive was in fair to good shape at this time.
 - b) Spring Clean Up – went well. 50 residents used the dumpsters. We may cut next year's collection to 3 days instead of 4.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Marijuana shop request: Byczek received a request from Fire Station Cannabis to reconsider the status of having marijuana establishments in the township. Consensus opinion of the board was to remain opted out of having marijuana establishments due to the voter referendum that was passed in 2018 when voters turned it down by a significant majority.

b) No wake zone at Rock Lake: property owners at Rock Lake have asked the township to assist in their effort to make Rock Lake a no wake zone due to being a loon nesting habitat and the small size of the lake. The township will contact the DNR to begin the proceedings.

c) Sidewalks: Byczek has contacted the Dickinson County Road Commission in regards to removing the damaged sidewalks along Main Street in Vulcan.

d) Sick pay/merit pay: clarified that seasonal employees will receive both merit pay (if earned) and sick pay payout at the end of their employment.

e) Tire grant: the scrap tire grant has been received by Breitung Township. We are included in this grant. Norway Township will be able to disposed of 1200 scrap tires. Start date is July 1st unless it is delayed again.

f) Planning Commission open seat: 2 residents applied for the seat. Supervisor Byczek selected Tony Baciak. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Pellegrini, to accept the nomination of Tony Baciak to fill the seat on the planning commission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Solda, Giuliani, Byczek, Pellegrini. Nays – Edwards. Motion passed 4-1.

g) Ramp at post office: bids are being obtained to repair/replace the ramp at the post office.

h) Road rally, August 22nd and 23rd: Roger VanDamme from the CUPRally 2025 has asked permission to hold their annual road rally on the Norway Township section of the Norway Truck Trail again this year. The route is the same as last year. Consensus opinion of the board was to grant permission for the rally.

i) Parcel Reconfiguration Application for Peacock Family Land: motion was made by Solda, second by Pellegrini, to approve the parcel reconfiguration as requested. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

11. Citizens' Time: None

12. Committee Reports: None

13. Board Member Comments: **Giuliani** – the audit for FY23/24 has been completed. **Edwards** -ready for tax season. **Byczek** –cemetery looked good for Memorial Day. The pavilion at the rec area is under construction. Topsoil will be brought in after the pavilion is done. Grass cutting letters are being sent out. Had a request for fireworks at a property at Lake Mary. Owner was informed that we do not have a fireworks ordinance and he needs to follow state laws.

14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, July14th at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani

