

## NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: May 13, 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 that item d) Highline internet and item e) Cemetery roads under Old Business be added to the agenda. Giuliani asked that item g) Hamilton Lakes milfoil treatment under New Business be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Edwards, to amend and approve the agenda as requested. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Mary Clark, Hamilton Lakes Lake Board chairman – milfoil treatment at Hamilton Lakes
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve the minutes from the April 8th 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:
  - a) Jim Harris, Dickinson County Road Commission – updated the board on the efforts being made by the DCRC to accomplish paving of County Rd 573. He also discussed work that will be done this year on the local roads such as striping and dust control.
  - b) Chris Moore, Groveland Mine Solar Project – due to the interconnection work at the Nordic substation being delayed, the estimated time of start up of the project has been moved to 2027 with completion expected in 2028. Settlement testing is currently underway and a storage facility will be erected in June for materials received already. The state (EGLE) is offering a grant of \$250,000 to jurisdictions having alternative energy projects in their area. Grants will be available when the project begins.
8. Assessor's Time: None.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a) Blight issues:
    1. Ordinance violation case –this case is settled. The trailer has been moved.
    2. Jensen/Smith blight issue – this case is settled. There is a buyer interested in purchasing the property.
    3. Two more blight cases are headed to court for repeated violations.

- b) Road commission update: this was discussed during Jim Harris's presentation.
- c) Township attorney: at this time we will remain with our current attorney.
- d) Highline internet: Several citizens have expressed concern that Highline internet is not being made available to residents in the River Meadows Lane area. Byczek will follow up with the company regarding the status of this.
- e) Cemetery road paving: decision will not be made on this project until the cost of the township's share of the work on County Rd 573 is known.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Spring Clean Up – the annual spring rubbish collection will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Since we are checking ID's this year, board members will be assigned a time for working.
- b) Master Plan update: the Planning Commission has recommended that the township's master plan be updated. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno to update the master plan. All ayes. Passed 5-0. CUPPAD will be contacted for a new quote for the work.
- c) New land division application: BTS Assessing has requested that we update our land division form. Due to the amount of work necessary to complete a land division, the board discussed raising the rate from \$40.00 to \$250.00. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Edwards, to adopt the new land division application form and raise the rate to \$250.00. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- d) Land division for Delbert Degeaer: an application for land division was filed by Delbert Degenauer, N1384 WPA Rd. Zoning Officer reviewed the application. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to approve the land division request. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- e) Fire service agreement: the amount of the fire service agreement for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 has increased from \$3,940 per month to \$4,407 per month for the existing contract.
- f) Cemetery mapping project: quote was received from Colligo in the amount of \$6,500 to map the location and status of graves in the cemetery. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Giuliani, to award the contract to Colligo to proceed with the cemetery mapping project. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- g) Hamilton Lakes Lake Board: the Hamilton Lakes Lake Board sent a request for money assistance for the milfoil treatment program on the Hamilton Lakes chain. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to pay \$750 towards the milfoil eradication project on Hamilton Lakes. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

#### 11. Citizens' Time: None

12. Committee Reports: **Planning Commission** – someone is still interested in purchasing the old warehouse at the Industrial Park. There is also a request to build storage buildings at the Industrial Park.
13. Board member comments: **Solda** – will contact Terry Backlund regarding the Lion’s Club building a stairway from the upper parking lot at the East Vulcan ball field to the field area. **Giuliani** – received thank you notes from the Desjarlais family for the contribution from the board members and from Music in the Park committee for the donation to the concert series. Norway Township will sponsor the concert on June 27<sup>th</sup> where Next Myle will be playing. A request for a liquor license for Moose Head Bar and Restaurant has been received by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Also our new website is now in service. Same web address as the old one.
14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, June10th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani