

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: May, 2023

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, 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: Byczek requested Item C under New Business be deleted and replaced by CUPPAD Resolution. Motion made by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve the agenda as presented with the change requested.. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steen, second by LaValley, to approve the minutes from the March 14th 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 Solda, seconded by Byczek to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Solar project update: court hearing on motion to dismiss the lawsuit against the township is scheduled for 5/12 and 1:00 p.m. Byczek and Giuliani will attend the hearing.
 - b) Road Commission: the Dickinson County Road Commission has agreed to do paving of South Spruce Street and an additional 4000 feet of Ball Road. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to accept the bid for South Spruce St. Roll call vote: Ayes: Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, LaValley. Nays: none. Passed 5-0. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to accept the bid for an additional 4000 ft on Ball Road. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaValley, Giuliani, Byczek, Solda, Steeno. Nays: none. Passed 5-0.
 - c) Town hall redesign: preliminary plans were reviewed. Byczek will contact Jacobetti Engineering for more information regarding a new office for the clerk.
 - d) Spring clean up: scheduled for Tuesday May 16th through Friday morning May 19th. Steeno and Solda will coordinate with the contractor for pickups throughout the week.
 - e) Recreation area update: there has been no work done at this time on the dugout replacement project. Waiting for load limits to be lifted from roads so the cement truck can come out.
 - f) Escrow Fund update: working on getting the proper paperwork required by the bank for opening of the escrow fund. The account should be open this week.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Treasurer's resignation: Kristen LaValley has submitted her resignation as Township Treasurer effective 6/1/23 citing not enough time to work full-time and do the Treasurer job too. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to accept LaValley's resignation. All ayes. Letters of interest from persons wishing to be considered for the job will be accepted through May 15th. A special meeting of the board will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17th to appoint a new Treasurer.
 - b) Summer employees; 3 summer employees have been hired at the cemetery.
 - c) CUPPAD Resolution: the Dickinson County Solid Waste Planning Committee and the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners have approved a request to allow Menominee County to export low hazardous industrial waste sludges in the Niagara Development Landfill. The next step in the adoption process is to receive approval by the local units of government in Dickinson County. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Solda, to adopt Resolution for the Approval of Amendment 2023-1 to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Byczek. Nays: LaValley, Giuliani, Solda, and Steeno. Resolution 2023-1 was disapproved for 1-4 vote.
 - d) Letters to former blight issues: letters were sent to previous property owners having blight issues informing them of the spring clean up event May 16th – May 19th.
 - e) Special meeting of Planning Commission: a special meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 5:30 p.m. for public input on a conditional use permit for the solar project.
 - f) Cemetery Roads: a bid was received for paving of some of the Cemetery Roads from Midwest Asphalt and Gravel. Byczek will contact them to begin work.
9. Citizens' Time: J. Edwards – information regarding a scrap tire grant
10. Committee Reports: None
11. Board member comments: all board members expressed their regret about Kristen LaValley leaving the Treasurer position but wished her well in the future.
12. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m, The DCTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Breitung Township Hall in Quinnesec.

Joyce Giuliani