

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: October 10 2022

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: Motion was made by LaValley, seconded by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: **Ryan Stern**, representing the U.P. Building Trades Counsel – solar power project; **Mike Smith**, representing the U.P. Construction Counsel – solar power project; **Stan Kazmarick**, representing Gundlach Champion Inc. - solar power project; **Eric Wickman** – solar power project; **Laura Skrumbellos** – solar power project; **Judy Carpenter** – solar power project; **Elise Matz**, representing Circle Power Renewables – solar power project; **James Larson** – solar power project; **Joanna Miller**, solar power project; and **Jordan Roberts**, representing Circle Power Renewables – solar power.
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steeno, seconded by LaValley, to approve the minutes from the September 10th 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 Steeno, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Dugout work at ballfield: demolition of the old dugouts has not been started yet. Byczek will follow up with the Little League representatives to find out the status of the project.
 - b) Marijuana ordinance recommendation from Planning Commission: after much discussion and research the planning commission has recommended to keep Ordinance 2019-1 Prohibition of Marihauna Establishments in effect. There was consensus agreement by all five board members to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission.
 - c) 3-year road project plan: priority of road projects for 2023 was discussed. First priority is north part of Ball Road from U.S. 2 to Casmier's Road, second priority is the 1,000 foot section on Oak Crest Drive, and third priority is South Spruce Street.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) DCRC Local Road Projects Contribution Policy: the proposed new contribution policy was reviewed.
 - b) Movement of township funds into MI-Class accounts: this week LaValley will move the township funds that are remaining in local banks into the MI-Class program because of the higher interest rates offered.

- c) Board and committee openings: notices will be placed in the Iron Mountain Daily News and Lufts Advertiser for applicants for open seats on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review. Letters of interest will need to be received by November 14th at 5:00 p.m.
9. Citizens' Time: **Milan K.** - marijuana ordinance; **Joanna Miller** – solar power project; **Judy Carpenter** – solar power project; **Jeff Edwards** – solar power project; **James Larson** – solar power project; **Eric Wickman** – solar power project; **Vicky Jaekel** – solar power project
10. Committee Reports: None
11. Board member comments: **LaValley** – tax collection going well. **Giuliani** - so far there are approximately 300 absentee ballots sent out. Expecting a large turnout of voters on November 8th. **Byczek** – the rec area and the cemetery are winterized. New windows for the town hall should be here soon. Looking at applying for the scrap tire grant again for 2023. The MTA meeting in Marquette was very informational.
12. Facilities Manager comments: the laborer at the cemetery will be done around the beginning of November.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, support by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Next meeting is on November 14th at 5:30 p.m. DCTA meeting is on October 17th at 6:30 pm at the Breitung Township hall in Quinnesec.

Joyce Giuliani