

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: October 9, 2023

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, 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 made by Steeno, seconded by Edwards, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Sara Coron – County Road 573 (Lower Pine Creek Road)
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve the minutes from the September 11th 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. Byczek questioned the invoice for Ryan & Lynch and asked to hold it until he can call them to confirm the charges. Motion was made by Solda, seconded by Steeno, to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of the Ryan & Lynch invoice. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Motion was also made by Edwards, second by Giuliani, to pay the remainder of the milfoil treatment funds from 2022 to the Hamilton Lakes Board in the amount \$
7. Assessor Time: None
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Solar project update: Chris Moore of Circle Power reported that the court case over the right to referendum issue is going forward to the Appellate Court but he has not heard if the Skrumbellos case will be appealed or not. The Norway Township Zoning Board of Appeals ruled in the township's favor and the Skrumbellos have 30 days from that date to file an appeal. Circle Power is also working on 2 agreements for the 3 townships regarding decommissioning and property tax guarantee so they will be ready when the court cases have been settled.
 - b) Blight issues: the trailer on Cherry St. still has not been moved. It doesn't meet zoning size requirements. The other case has been resolved.
 - c) Highline Internet: we have received a corrected permit application but there are still questions on the METRO act fees associated with the cable running along the roadway. Highline also needs to include the River Meadows Lane and Fern St. areas in their cable runs before it application is approved.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Land division for John Franczek: motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve the land division as applied for by Mr. Franczek. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

- b) Open board seats for upcoming year: there will be 2 board seats on the Planning Commission expiring in December 2023. The openings will be posted on the website and in the Lufts Advertiser.
- c) Fire & Road Millage renewal resolution: the fire and road millage levy will expire in 2024. Resolution 23-07 Fire Protection and Road Millage Renewal was adopted by the board extending the millage from 2025 through 2028, inclusive. The proposal will be on the ballot for the February 27th Presidential Primary election.
- d) Hamilton Lakes milfoil treatment millage renewal: a letter was received from the Hamilton Lakes Board stating that they had approved a .8000 mil special assessment to each landowner in the existing Hamilton Lakes Special Assessment District for the treatment of milfoil at Hamilton Lakes for a period of 3 years, from 2024 through 2026, inclusive. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to approve the special assessment of .8000 mils for milfoil treatment at Hamilton Lakes for the existing Hamilton Lakes Special Assessment District. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- e) New laptop computer and printer for the treasurer: Jeff Edwards is requesting a new laptop due to the age of the existing unit and the complexity of the programs he is using. He is requesting a new printer because the one he was using is now only able to be used for elections. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to purchase a new laptop and printer for the treasurer. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- f) Road projects for 2024/2025: a letter has been sent to the Dickinson County Road Commission stating that the township would like to do Palmcook's Rocky Top Rd and Oakcrest Drive next year for local projects. Supervisor Byczek will also send a letter to the Road Commission Board and Jim Harris, Manager of the Road Commission regarding County Road 573 also known as the Lower Pine Creek Road.
- g) Resolution in support of Opposition to Preempt Local Control for Siting and Permitting of Utility Scale Renewable Facilities: Resolution 23-08 was adopted by the board stating our opposition to preemption of local control on large scale renewable energy facilities such as solar farms, wind farms, and large scale battery storage projects. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Senator McBroom and Representatives Hill and Markkanen. The vote in the legislature is scheduled for October 11 at 9 a.m.

10. Citizens' Time: None

11. Committee Reports: Zoning Board of Appeals meets this Wednesday for a variance on a mobile home. Planning Commission regular meeting is scheduled for Monday October 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

12. Board member comments: **Giuliani** – will attend a training at the Breitung Township hall on Thursday regarding early voting issues. **Byczek** – paving of cemetery roads will begin next week.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani