

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: August 12, 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: Steeno requested to add under New Business, Item f – Security for Upcoming Election. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno to approve the agenda with the recommended addition. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Guest: Jim Harris and Al Bilski, Dickinson County Road Commission: discussed details of the County Rd 573 paving project scheduled for spring/summer of 2025.
4. Citizens' Time:
  - a) Citizens addressing County Rd 573 project: Teresa Charlevoix, Bob Mastie, Matt Westrich, Don Charlevoix, Jon Schwanlein, Mike Rossato.
  - b) Matt Westrich – condition of Stone Cliff Drive
5. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
6. Financial reports for last month: financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. Assessor's Time: BPS Assessing was rated as substantially compliant during the state required audit of their records.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a) Blight issues:
    1. Johnson/Carlson case – weekly visits are being made by the blight officer. Still awaiting court date.
    2. Varda case - some improvements have been made. Court date if September 1.
  - b) Road Rally, August 23, 24: all approvals have been obtained by the group. The cars will be coming into Norway Township on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> only.
  - c) Cemetery Road Project: paving is in progress. The estimate for completing the rest of the cemetery roads was around \$54,000. The project will be rebid next spring.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a) Groveland Mine Solar Project recreation grant: Byczek has been working with the road commission regarding possible non-motorized project ideas. The grant money could possibly be used for this purpose. No determination has been made on the use of the money yet. Other ideas

are a pickle ball court at the rec area or a parking area along the Sturgeon River near the US 2 bridge.

- b) Utilities at the Rec Area: Due to recurring vandalism issues at the rec area, the utilities will be shut off as soon as possible and the rest rooms will be closed.
  - c) Fall MTA Training in Marquette: motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to pay for board members to attend the annual fall training in Marquette. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Contact Giuliani if you would like to attend so she can make the arrangements.
  - d) Updated Cemetery Road estimate: see above.
  - e) Redo dust control – Lake St., Camp Hayes Rd., and Piers Gorge Road: motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to do dust control work on the three roads mentioned. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Dickinson County Rd Commission was notified to proceed.
  - f) Security for Upcoming Election: Steeno said that he spoke to Joe Menghini, who is a retired police officer, regarding having a security presence at the polling location for the November election. Normally, the County Clerk works with the Sheriff's Dept. to provide coverage. The County Clerk will be contacted to see what the security plan is this year.
11. Citizens' Time: None
12. Committee Reports: None
13. Board member comments: **Edwards** - suggested that the road project information be added to the website. **Steen** – thanked the county for working with our township on the road project.
14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani