

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: October 14, 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: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the September 9th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Assessor's Time: 20% inspection of township parcels was completed in August. Building permit inspections taking place this month. Assessor is requesting the township to consider approving the BS&A on line system to give 24 hour access to anyone interested in looking up the information that is contained in the assessing files. This service is free for the township. It aides people seeking information to obtain it quickly without having to request it from the assessor. It gives more detailed information than the GIS system. Follow-up at next board meeting. We also have a tax tribunal case coming up from a resident who believes his land is overvalued.
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 Solda, to approve the bills as presented.
8. Guest Time: None
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Open Bids for Tree Removal projects: 2 bids were received.
 1. St. Vincent Tree Service - \$15,500
 2. Quintin Olson Enterprises - \$10,500Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to accept the low bid from Quintin Olson Enterprises in the amount of \$10,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, Edwards. Nays- none. Giuliani will contact the bidders to let them know the results of the bids.
 - b) Groveland Mine Recreation Grant: board members are still in the process of getting pricing on the items mentioned at last month's meeting, including a new pavilion, flagpole, surveillance cameras, etc. The grant money needs to be obligated by June 2025.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) DTE tree replacement grant – a grant is available in the amount of up to \$4,000 for tree planting in public area from DTE working through the Michigan DNR. Application will be sent in this week.
11. Citizens' Time: None

12. Committee Reports: None

13. Board member comments: **Byczek** – discussed estimated revenue sharing projections for Dickinson County jurisdictions for the upcoming fiscal year. Work on filling in the shoulders on the cemetery roads is moving along well. Visited Norway Mountain. Work is progressing well and the business should be open this season. The MTA meeting in Marquette was very informative. **Edwards** – not in favor of the BS&A on line program due to the invasive nature of the information that would be available. Even though it is public information and must be given out if someone FOIAs it, he feels that making it available so easily is not a good idea. **Giuliani** – received a letter from our attorney this afternoon stating the intention of Eric Wickman to proceed with his lawsuit against the township clerk regarding the right to referendum issue. It will now be forwarded to the Michigan Supreme Court.

14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, November 11h at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani