

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: September 9, 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 Old Business, Item d – Highline Internet update. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards to approve the agenda with the recommended addition. 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 August 12th meeting as presented. 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 Steeno, second by Solda, to approve the bills as presented.
7. Guest Time: Chris Moore, Circle Power – update on status of Groveland Mine Solar Project. A request has been submitted to add an additional 60mgw capacity to the project with the additional solar panels being installed in Sagola Township. UPPCO will be purchasing 62.5mgw of power when the project is operational. Completion of the project is scheduled for 2028, but the company is hoping to be one line sometime in 2027.
8. Assessor's Time: None
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Blight issues:
 1. Johnson/Carlson case – legal papers were served on Todd Johnson and Dan Carlson. Court date will be scheduled soon. Invoice for \$2,000 will be sent for the cost of the fine for non-compliance with the blight ordinance.
 2. Varda case - owner is working on cleaning up his property. No court case is scheduled at this time.
 3. Barking dogs – complaints of barking dogs was received. A letter has been sent to the owners of the dogs and the barking has stopped at this time.
 - b) Groveland Mine Recreation Grant: ideas for usage of the grant money is for a new flagpole, removal of the old basketball court and putting a gazebo in that area, steps from the upper parking area to the ball field and new signage. Colin Jacobetti will provide the design for the proposed gazebo.
 - c) Updating of Master Plan: the board has delegated the task of working on upgrading the existing master plan to the Planning Commission. CUPPAD will also be involved.

- d) Highline Internet update: there is still no plan to provide internet service to customers on River Meadows Drive and some parts of Ball Road and Pine Creek Lake Rd. Since these areas were not included in the original broadband grant, the company says they are not going to do it.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Recreation area issues: bathroom doors need to be painted. Board discussed installing a surveillance camera in the park due to the repeated vandalism occurring there.
- b) Ash Trees at Little School Property: a quote will be obtained to remove the dead ash trees at the little school site on Cedar St. Stump grinding will be included.
- c) Trees for Removal at Cemetery: a quote will be obtained to remove 6 dead spruce trees
- d) Cemetery discussion: road shoulders are being filled with top soil and grass is being planted along the new roads so the grass comes out all the way to the pavement.
- e) Priorities for next fiscal year:
 - 1. Roads – \$500,000 for paving of local roads, with high priority given to Palmcooks Rocky Top Road and 1000 ft. of Oak Crest Drive near the golf course. Other roads to be fixed are part of Cedar St. and Piers Gorge Rd.
 - 2. Replace cemetery truck and plow
 - 3. Recreation area (will be done with grant money)
 - 4. Update master plan
 - 5. New town hall
 - 6. Remove sidewalks in Vulcan
 - 7. How much money to keep in reserve

11. Citizens' Time: None

12. Committee Reports: None

13. Board member comments: None.

14. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, October 14th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani