

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: September 8, 2025

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee; Brian Pellegrini, Trustee

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek requested to add Under Old Business, Item b) Budget Amendments and under New Business, Item e) Lights & Water at Rec Area. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Solda, to approve the agenda with the additions requested. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Edwards absent at this time.
3. Citizens' Time: Kaitlyn Paupore – Rock Lake
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting(s): Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Byczek to approve the minutes from the August 11th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Motion was made by Solda, second by Byczek, to approve the minutes from the August 18th public hearing on Rock Lake as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Edwards absent at this time.
5. Assessor's Time: None
6. Financial reports: reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. Guest Time: Leah Van Zile, WEC Energy Group – Norway Township Electric Franchise Agreement.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Resolution for Permanent Local Watercraft Control at Rock Lake – resolution 2025-5
Permanent Local Watercraft Control at Rock Lake was discussed. This resolution only approves forwarding this matter to the DNR Law Enforcement Division for further investigation into making the lake a “no wake” lake as required by Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to adopt Resolution 2025-5 Permanent Local Watercraft Control at Rock Lake. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pellegrini, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, Edwards. Nays – None. Resolution was adopted 5-0 and will be submitted to the DNR LED (Law Enforcement Division).
 - b) Budget Amendments: due to purchase of the security cameras at the recreation area and the flagpole supplies, the budget needs to be amended as per the attached sheet. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Edwards, to approve the budget amendments as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - c) Ramp at Post Office: 1 bid has been received so far. Still waiting for bids from 2 other contractors. By the time the contract is awarded, it will likely be next spring before work can begin.

- d) Flagpoles at cemetery: still waiting on the halyards to arrive, but work has been started on assembling the flagpoles. Donations will start being accepted as soon as all of the costs have been determined. We are looking at ways to display the sponsor plaques and will have prices soon.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Industrial Park options: VanOss Forestry was contacted to inspect the land at the Industrial Park. His opinion was that if we sell it for a housing development the trees should not be cut. If not, we should consider having a forest management plan for the township land for the best use of the timber. No decisions at this time.
- b) Remove oak trees at cemetery: VanOss Forestry also inspected the dead oak trees at the cemetery. He recommends not only having them cut but the oaks that are still living should be cut also as they will be dead within 5 years anyway. Nickels Logging will be contacted to see if they are interested in the removal job.
- c) Extra help at cemetery: due to the amount of work needing to be done at the cemetery, another worker, Dick Giuliani, will be hired for the fall season. Giuliani has worked at the cemetery previously and is familiar with the equipment and work flow.
- d) Road project(s) for next year: a list of roads to be resurfaced along with the PASER rating for each of them was reviewed. No decisions to be made at this time.
- e) Lights and water at recreation area: lights and water at the recreations area will be turned off for the season.

11. Citizens' Time: None.

12. Committee reports: **Solda:** Central Landfill Authority meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum but Steve Mulka talked about the scrap tire program. Norway Township as of the end of July had only collected 174 tires. Our quota is 1200.

13. Board Member comments: **Byczek** – Dickinson County Planning Commission is requesting informaton oN the Groveland Mine Solar Project; court hearing on September 18th for Todd Johnson; someone is looking at buying the apartment building across from the town hall and renovating it; working on a summer tax collection agreement with the schools.

14. Adjournment: being no further business, motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani