

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: August 13, 2018

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee.

Board members absent: Mike Steeno, Trustee (excused)..

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Motion by LaValley, support by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented.. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None.
4. Approve minutes of July 9th meeting: Motion by Solda, support by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for July was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Solda, support by LaValley, to approve paying the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Playground update: plans for the building at the recreation area are not ready for review yet. Plans need to be approved by the Dickinson County Construction Code inspector before we can apply for a grant. Should be ready for review by September meeting.
 - b. Speed limits in township: Byczek is still working with the road commission to get the speed limit lowered to 25 miles per hour on township roads in residential areas. This is required by state law. Byczek has also been working on getting the county road commission to start maintaining the alley behind the residences on the north block of Spring Street again. This alley has not been abandoned and residents are requesting that it start being maintained again.
 - c. Zoning at Piers Gorge and Highway 8: the Norway Area Planning Commission has been working on the zoning issues in these 2 areas but they have not sent any recommendations to the township for their consideration. At this time the property at the corner of Highway 8 and Old Piers Gorge Road is zoned commercial but the property on Piers Gorge Road that is being used as a campground is zoned residential which does not allow business use.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Recreation plan: Giuliani and LaValley will begin working on updating the township Recreation Plan with the help of CUPPAD.
 - b. Continuity of relationship with the City of Norway for zoning: Norway Township and the City of Norway have a joint zoning agreement with the city manager appointed as the Zoning Administrator. The township has recently discovered that decisions are being made, that affect the township, by the Zoning Administrator without contacting the Zoning Officer of the township first. This situation means that township zoning issues are being decided by the City Manager and we don't believe that this was the intent of the joint

zoning agreement. Supervisor Byczek will continue to work with the City Manager to correct this problem.

- c. Travel for Supervisor: due to the number of trips made by the Supervisor for zoning issues, blight issues, meetings, etc., keeping track of the number of miles driven is nearly impossible. Motion was made by Giuliani, support by Solda, to pay Byczek \$75.00 per month for mileage instead of keeping a log of miles driven. The \$75.00 per month is to be divided equally between Supervisor duties and Zoning & Blight Enforcement Officer duties. Passed 3-0 with Byczek abstaining.
 - d. NVAS Resource Officer Millage Request: Norway Vulcan Area Schools requested permission to place a request for a new millage for a school resource officer on the November 6th ballot. Resolution 2018-9 NVAS Resource Officer Millage Proposal was passed by the board by a 4-0 vote. The resolution will be sent to the County Clerk's office tomorrow for inclusion on the ballot.
9. Citizens' Time: None
10. Committee Reports: Don - attended the Electric Utility Board meeting where they toured the City of Norway hydroelectric dam to see the repairs that are being made.
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - tax collection going well. Deputy Treasurer will begin working with the assessor to make address corrections to the assessing software.
 - b. Giuliani - good turnout at primary election. 481 total voters. 7 fire calls during the month of July. Will schedule the bi-annual audit during the next several weeks. Audit needs to be completed by September 30th.
 - c. Byczek - contacted VanOss Forestry Service for update on timber harvest, did not hear back yet. WE Energies is close to getting permission from the MPSC for LED lighting which will save the township more money on streetlights. Work on Boundary Line Road is tentatively scheduled to begin before the end of August.
12. Facility Manager Comments: crew has been working at the recreation area. Work includes replacing rotten boards on the dugouts, priming and painting; patching and sealing of blacktop in the parking lot and on the basketball court. After the rec area is completed, painting of the exterior doors at the townhall will begin. One of the summer help students will be done on 8/17. The other one has football practice and his hours are limited. Jacob Hulce will be working through the fall.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, support by Solda, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.