

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: January 14, 2019

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek requested that the board go into a closed session when discussing item "g." under New Business - Legal Issue(s) in Township. Giuliani asked to add item "f." under New Business - Budget Amendments. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by LaValley to approve the agenda with the above changes included. Roll call vote: Ayes: Byczek, Steeno, Solda, Giuliani, LaValley. Nays: None. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: R. Girardi - asked about the status of the True North Outpost project.
4. Approve minutes of December 10, 2018 meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for December was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, second by Solda, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Playground update: Letter was drafted requesting funds from the Brackett Fund for the East Vulcan Recreation Area project. Solda will bring the letter to the administrator of the Brackett Fund.
  - b. Recreation Plan: the recreation plan was available for public review for 30 days. Several comments were received and incorporated into the final draft of the plan. Motion was made by LaValley, second by Steeno, to adopt Resolution 2019-3 Adoption of the Norway Township Five-Year Recreation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Solda, Giuliani, Steeno, Byczek, LaValley. Nays: None. Passed 5-0
  - c. Budget Items, Capital Improvement Projects: Suggested ideas for the upcoming year are:
    - i. Roads - 5th Avenue, estimate is \$70,000.00
    - ii. PC for Supervisor - estimate is \$750.00
    - iii. Cemetery Software - estimate is \$4000.00
    - iv. Equipment for Cemetery - estimate is \$7000.00
    - v. Blight Remediation project(s) - estimate is \$8,000.00
  - d. Speed Limit Resolutions: In order to address the speed limit issue on Main Street in Vulcan, the township is going to send resolutions requesting 2 speed studies be done by the Michigan State Police and the Dickinson County Road Commission. Motion was made by Solda, second by LaValley, to adopt Resolution 2019-1 Resolution for Speed Study on Main Street in Vulcan from U.S. Highway 2 to South Spruce St.. Roll call vote: Ayes: Giuliani, Byczek, Steeno, Solda, LaValley. Nays: None. Passed 5-0. Motion was made Steeno, second by LaValley, to adopt Resolution 2019-2 Resolution for Speed Study from East U.S. 2 and Main Street to East U.S. 2 and Main Street. Roll call vote: Ayes: Steeno, Giuliani, Byczek, LaValley Solda. Nays: None. Passed 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Marijuana Ordinance: the final draft of the ordinance to “opt-out” of allowing recreational marijuana establishments in the township was reviewed. Motion made by LaValley, second by Giuliani, to adopt this ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaValley, Giuliani, Byczek, Solda, Steeno. Nays: None. Passed 5-0.
  - b. Appoint representative to DCSWMA: motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to appoint Dave Solda to as the Norway Township representative on the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Authority. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
  - c. Property Tax Deadline Extension: after discussing the issues involved with extending the tax collection deadline, the board, by general consensus, has decided not to grant an extension for payment of property taxes. Therefore taxes in Norway Township will be due on February 14th. Treasurer will be in the office on 2/14 and again on 2/28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for collection of taxes in person.
  - d. LED Light proposal from WE Energies: motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to accept the proposal from WE Energies to change the 25 streetlights owned by WE Energies over to LED lights. Roll call vote: Ayes: Byczek, LaValley, Giuliani, Steeno, Solda. Nays: None. Passed 5-0. Expected cost recovery time for this project is estimated at 11 years.
  - e. Bids for snowblower sale: we received 3 bids for the snowblower. High bid was submitted by Don Byczek. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to accept the high bid of \$150.00. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
  - f. Budget amendments: Giuliani presented several amendments to the budget that need to be made to keep the books in balance. Motion was made by Byczek, second by LaValley, to amend the budget as presented. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
  - g. Legal Issues in Township - discussed in closed session. After return from closed session, a motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to contact David Kivisaari, Attorney at Law, to perform legal work for the township. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
9. Citizens' Time: R. Girardi - requested copies of the speed study resolutions and the marijuana ordinance.
10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - election of officer at NAPC, discussed several zoning code updates, reviewed site plans for AT&T project. Solda - North Alert Ambulance Authority - Dave was appointed as the chairman
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - tax collection going well.
  - b. Giuliani - will work on cemetery book updates with or without the software if necessary
  - c. Byczek - attended an MDOT meeting

12. Facility Manager Comments: started working on building at the recreation area. All walls are up and roof trusses have been ordered. Contractor will start work on replacing the infield dirt for the ball field this spring.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next meeting will be February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani