

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: March 11, 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: Motion made by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None.
4. Approve minutes of January 14, 2019 meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for February was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Playground update: building is enclosed. Need plumbing, electrical and health department permits to proceed. A simple drawing of the proposed interior is needed for the health department permit.
 - b. Update of Legal Issues in Township:
 - i. Speed Limits - Supervisor Byczek has been working with the Dickinson County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police to establish a safe speed limit near the East Vulcan Park. The DCRC agreed to post the speed limit at 35 miles per hour in this area. Consensus agreement of the Norway Township Board was given for this agreement. The DCRC will be contacted to let them know the signs can be posted. There will still be a speed study conducted in the area of South Spruce Street and Main Street to determine the speed limit in this area.
 - ii. Building Removal - a grant was applied for under a state blight remediation program for removal of dilapidated buildings. We should find out at the end of the week if we will get it.
 - iii. Sale of Condemned Land - according to the Dickinson County Treasurer there is no law against selling condemned property in a tax sale. It is up to the buyer to check on the property before purchase.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Summer Employment: we will run an ad for summer help. At least 2 of last year's employees will return.
 - b. Spring Clean Up: the spring clean up will be held from May 13th - May 18th this year. Dumpster(s) will be placed at the township property in East Vulcan.

- c. Review Cemetery Rates: board members are asked to review the current cemetery rates, compare them with the prices for other local cemeteries, and be prepared to discuss rates at the April meeting.
 - d. 5th Avenue Paving Project: bids were received for the paving of 5th Avenue. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to award a contract to Bacco Construction with the low bid of \$95,0987.75. Award of this bid is dependant upon the Dickinson County Road Commission agreeing to pay 25% of the cost of the project. Roll call vote: Ayes: Giuliani, LaValley, Solda, Steeno. Nays: Byczek. Motion passed 4-1.
 - e. River Road Property: the owner of the River Road property has been contacted regarding the condition of the building. As of March 15th a \$50 per day fine may be levied. No further action will be taken at this time until we hear from CUPPAD whether we received the grant for remediation of blighted properties.
 - f. Assessor's Contract: a quote for a 2 year renewal of the assessing contract with Triple A Assessing was received. Motion made by Byczek, second by Giuliani, to accept the contract renewal. Roll call vote: Ayes: Byczek, Giuliani, Solda, Steeno. Nays: LaValley. Motion passed 4-1. A quote was also received for renewal of employment for 2 years of Robert Desjarlais by the township to perform assessor services. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Solda, to accept the contract renewal. Roll call vote: Ayes: Giuliani, Solda, Steeno, Byczek. Nays: LaValley. Motion passed 4-1.
9. Citizens' Time: None
10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - no meeting in March. Solda - DCSWMA - will be replacing doors at the dump building. Byczek - DCRC - speed limit issues as stated above.
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - tax collection is complete. Will work with the Dickinson County Treasurer for final settlement.
 - b. Byczek - DCRC will be paving US 2 this summer from Norway east to the county line. WE Energies will be converting the streetlights in Norway Township to LED heads as soon as they finish the conversion in Breitung Township.
 - c. Solda - reminded the board that the next DCTA meeting will be held in Waucedah Township on March 18th at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. Steeno - heard the the US 8 bridge might be closing for repairs this summer. Byczek will check with MDOT for more information.
12. Facility Manager Comments: the shingles and most of the outside work is done on the building at the recreation area. Waiting for design of interior so he can proceed.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Next meeting will be April 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.