

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: November 12 2018

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 by Steeno, second by LaValley, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time:
  - a. Raylene Johnson - Speed limit on Main Street in East Vulcan
  - b. Kyle Cootware - Speed limit on Main Street in East Vulcan
4. Approve minutes of October 8, 2018 meeting: Motion by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for October was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve paying the bills as presented with the exception of the bill from the Dickinson County Road Commission (needs to be reviewed first) and the addition of the Great American Disposal bill (was received after list was distributed) . All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Playground update: concrete is poured, contacted Moyer regarding replacing the dirt in the infield of the baseball field.
  - b. Recreation Plan: final draft was reviewed. Giuliani will contact CUPPAD for guidance on the next step toward implementation.
  - c. Timber harvest update: work was awarded to Nickels Logging. He has not given us a start date yet.
  - d. Boundary Line Road update: work has been completed.
  - e. Audit Review - the bi-annual audit was completed by Johnson & Rennie LLC of Menominee. Books all balanced and we were given the highest rating.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. METRO Act Right of Way permit extension: AT&T sent a letter requesting an extension of the contract permitting them to use the roadside right of way for lines. Consensus permission granted by the board.
  - b. Collection of school taxes for 2019: NVAS has requested Norway Township to collect the school taxes for 2019. Consensus agreement was given. A letter will be drafted letting them know the amount we will charge at a later date.

- c. Capital Improvement Projects: board members should be thinking of possible projects for the upcoming year. Will discuss at December meeting.
  - d. Brackett Fund for playground: the township will seek funds for the park project. Solda to follow up on this.
  - e. Snowblower purchase: Facilities Manager Chartier requested permission to purchase a new snowblower for the township at a cost of \$939.00 from Country Side Lawn & Sport due to the poor condition of the existing one. Money was set aside for this in the 2019 General Appropriations Act and is available. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
  - f. AMAR Review: the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements has been completed. Our assessor passed with a very high score.
  - g. Planning and Zoning Board appointments: there are 2 seats on the Planning Commission and 2 seat on the Zoning board that will expire in January 2019. Board of Review positions also expire in January 2019. Giuliani will place an ad in the Lufts Advertiser for the seats. Notice will also be posted on the website and on channel 7.
9. Citizens' Time:
- a. Nate Alwine - recreation plan.
  - b. Alan Bilski - thanks for contribution to the Boundary Line Road project.
10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - changes have been made in the site plans for the True North Outdoor project. Marijuana recreational use ordinance was discussed as well as MEDC grants.
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - did tax uploads for winter tax bills. Office hours will be on Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. There will be one day between Christmas and New Years when the office will be open from 9-4 p.m. and it will also be open from 9-4 p.m. on the last day of tax collection.
  - b. Giuliani - the election went well. There were 524 voters on election day and 210 absentee voters.
  - c. Byczek - will be meeting with Ray Anderson regarding ongoing zoning issues. Also will be meeting with John Estes of WE Energies regarding installation of LED streetlights.
12. Facility Manager Comments: None
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 5:40 p.m. Next meeting will be December 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.