

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: September 10, 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 Giuliani, support by Solda, to approve the agenda with the addition of item e. Zoning Permit Fees under New Business.. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None.
4. Approve minutes of August 13, 2018 meeting: Motion by Steeno, support by Solda, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for August was reviewed. The yearly budget balances were also reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, support by Steeno, to approve paying the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Playground update: plans for the proposed building are at the engineer's office for review. New sand for the infield at the ball field is schedule to be installed in November.
 - b. Speed limits in township: the road commission is still refusing to post a 25 mph speed limit in residential areas in the township. Motion was made by Byczek, support by Giuliani, for the township board to petition the Dickinson County Road Commission to establish a 25 mph speed limit on County Road 577 from U.S. 2 at St. Barbara's Church to the Brickyard Road and on Main Street in East Vulcan near the recreation area. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaValley, Giuliani, Byczek, Steeno, Solda. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. Recreation Plan: Giuliani found a rough draft of the proposed recreation plan that had been started in 2016. Board members will be given a copy to review.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Timber Harvest: VanOss Forestry Services sent a copy of the proposed bid for the timber sale. After review, motion was made by Steeno, support by LaValley, to proceed with the timber sale at the Norway Township Cemetery. Roll call vote: Ayes: Solda, Giuliani, Byczek, LaValley, Steeno. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. Byczek will contact Brock VanOss to let him know to proceed.
 - b. Cemetery road repair bids: Facilities Manager Chartier obtained an informal verbal quote for repair of the roads in the cemetery. Cost was estimated to be \$14,000 on each short road by Fairview Drive and approximately \$175,000 to repair all of the roads that need it. There are no plans for any repair work at this time. This is just a rough estimate for planning purposes in the future.

- c. Resolution for Menominee River Recreation Area: MI-DNR is seeking support for their plan for bridge/trail development at the Menominee River Recreation Area at Piers Gorge. Motion was made by Steeno, support by Solda, to prepare a resolution of support by the Norway Township Board for the planned development at the Piers Gorge Recreation Area. Roll call vote: Ayes: Giuliani, LaValley, Byczek, Steeno, Solda. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. A resolution of support will be sent to the Joe Frieberg of the Michigan DNR.
- d. MTA on the Road meeting: the Michigan Township Association will hold a training session at the Island Resort and Casino on October 10th. Motion was made by Giuliani, support by Byczek, to permit board members to attend the meeting with tuition and mileage to be paid by the township.. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0. Deadline for early registration is September 18th.
- e. Zoning Permit Fees: the City of Norway is raising fees for Class A Non-Conforming Designation Permits, Conditional Use Permits, Rezoning Permits and Planned Unit Development Revisions from \$150 to \$300.. Motion was made by Byczek, support by Giuliani, to accept the increase in permit and zoning fees proposed by the City of Norway. Roll call vote: Ayes: Byczek, Giuliani. Nays: Steeno, Solda, LaValley. Motion did not pass by a vote of 3-2. The City of Norway will be informed.

9. Citizens' Time: None

10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - regarding the request from Austin Kalcec for an outdoor adventure business on the corner of U.S. Highway 8 and Old Piers Gorge Road, it was decided to zone the property for commercial use. Work has also begun on the update of the 5-year Master Plan for the Norway area. There will be a meeting with the Norway City Council, Norway Township Board and CUPPAD to discuss RRR- Rural Redevelopment Ready Communities. Date and time are still not determined.

11. Board member comments:

- a. LaValley - tax collection going well. Approximately \$812,000 of the estimated \$1.3 million dollars in summer taxes has been collected so far. Still working with Norway-Vulcan Area Schools to settle an issue with 201 Board of Review changes. .
- b. Giuliani - the tire grant for 2019 was sent in last week. The bi-annual audit of township books was started on August 27th by Johnson & Rennie. Results are not in yet.
- c. Byczek - talked to the Post Office regarding paying for snow removal at the Vulcan Post Office. We need to set up a pay-pal account for payment. LaValley will work with the Norway Post Office Manager to accomplish this. Bacco has not started work yet on Boundary Line Road due to the equipment operators being on strike. WE Energies has requested permission to remove a street light located where road work is being done on Boundary Line Road. WE Energies has also been approved to install LED streetlights. Norway Township may be one of the first communities to receive them. We did not receive the Toro grant this year. Dickinson County Township Association meeting will be held on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sagola Township Hall in Sagola.

12. Facility Manager Comments: water at the playground will be turned off as time and weather permits. Next year we will need to purchase 2 new push lawn mowers and a zero-turn riding mower to replace the 17 year old Husqvarna mower currently being used. Quotes will be obtained before the budget hearings begin.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, support by Solda, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next meeting will be October 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani