

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: August 8, 2017

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 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek request to add item f., under New Business - hunting on township property, and to add to item b., under New Business, medical marijuana presentation on October 16th. Motion to approve agenda as presented with the above changes made by LaValley, support by Steeno. All ayes. Passed 5-0
3. Citizen's Time: additional time was granted by general consensus of board to permit discussion of the nuisance dog complaint.
 - a. Gary Williams - barking dog complaint
 - b. Don Charlevoix - barking dog complaint
 - c. Gary Williams - establish shooting range on his property
4. Approve minutes of July 11th and July 13th meetings: Motion to approve minutes of July 11 as presented made by Solda, support by LaValley. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Motion to approve minutes of special meeting on July 13 as presented made by Solda, support by Steeno. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Financial report for July was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: List of bills was presented. Motion by Steeno, support by LaValley, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Blight remediation progress: Langer and Dzedzic properties starting to make progress. Bourg's Bar going up for auction sale soon. Will wait to see if it sells before taking further action.
 - b. Stormwater street drainage system: Dickinson County Road Commission will assume responsibility for the system and will make the necessary repairs.
 - c. Road work progress (WPA & Habitat house area): WPA Road, Fairview Drive and South Circle Drive are scheduled to be completed prior to the opening of the Dickinson County Fair. Dickinson County Road Commission is working on putting a culvert with openings in it and a new manhole at the Habitat house on East Main Street in Vulcan to alleviate storm water drainage problems.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Amend budget: Giuliani explained the reason for the negative balance in the Computer Services account .Motion made by Giuliani to transfer \$2000 from the Treasurer's Operating Supplies account and \$5,500 from the Auditing account to bring the Computer Services account back into balance. Support by Steeno. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- b. Medical marijuana seminar in Marquette on 8/23. Byczek requested permission to attend the seminar in Marquette on 8/23 at a cost of \$25.00. Motion by Giuliani, support by LaValley, to send Byczek to the medical marijuana seminar in Marquette on 8/23 at a cost \$25.00. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Byczek told the board that all members are welcome to attend and to let him know if anyone else is interested in going. Byczek also mentioned that there will be a presentation by Ken Stecker about medical marijuana concerns on October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Breitung Township Hall in Quinnesec. All board members are welcome to attend. Solda brought up that there is going to be an MTA-On The Road program at Bay College on September 19th. This is an annual training retreat for township board members. Cost is \$111 per person, continental breakfast and lunch is included. Motion by Giuliani, support by LaValley, to allow board members to attend the MTA-On The Road program. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Let Giuliani know by September 1st if you plan to attend.
- c. Credit Card Policy: Resolution 2017-6 Credit Card Usage was presented by Byczek, supported by Giuliani, to obtain to adopt a township credit card policy. Roll call vote: all ayes. Resolution adopted 5-0. Policy #2017-1 Credit Card Policy was presented and discussed. Motion by Byczek, support by Steeno, to adopt Policy 2017-1 Credit Card Policy as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes. Adopted 5-0.
- d. Equalization issues: discussion was held concerning continuing to contract with the Dickinson County Equalization Department to print summer and winter tax bills, notice of assessment changes, tax rolls, assessment rolls, and to make updates to our assessing files such as name and address changes, and land split/combination changes. John Anderson of Triple A Assessing explained that most of those duties are able to be performed by the assessor for an additional cost to his annual contract of \$50 per month. Motion made by Byczek support by LaValley, to accept the offer by Triple A Assessing for an additional \$50 per month. All ayes. Passed 5-0. A letter will be sent to the Equalization Department informing them of our decision effective 8/8/17.
- e. Medical marijuana issues: Resolution 2017-7 Request Norway Area Planning Commission to Study Feasibility of Allowing Licensed Medical Marijuana Facilities in Norway Township, was presented by Giuliani, supported by Steeno.

Roll call vote: all ayes. Passed 5-0. Resolution will be sent to the Norway Area Planning Commission so they may begin their study.

- f. Hunting on Township Land: Byczek has received requests from several citizens regarding hunting on Township property. General consensus of the board is that no hunting shall be permitted on any Township properties.
9. Citizens' Time:
- a. Don Charlevoix - barking dog complaint
 - b. Don Charlevoix - dump sites in school forest
 - c. Ron Matonich - hunting on township property
 - d. Ron Matonich - document in mail
 - e. Ron Matonich - township employee can't be on Zoning Board of Appeals
 - f. Ron Matonich - wants copy of letter sent to him on June 7, 2017
10. Committee Reports: None
11. Board Member Comments: LaValley - GIS software working great. Giuliani - QuickBooks working great.
12. Facilities Manager Comments: the county repaired the drainage ditch next to the wall at the cemetery. During the last storm, it washed out again. The county is looking at possible moving the utility poles in this area to gain better access to the ditch. Skunks are digging in the cemetery. Traps have been set out. Several dead trees will be removed and/or trimmed as needed.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Giuliani, support by Solda. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani
Clerk