

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: July 11, 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: Request by Steeno to add, under 8. OLD BUSINESS, item g. Medical Marijuana. Request by Giuliani to add, under 9. NEW BUSINESS, item c. Resolution for New Voting Equipment. Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Solda, support by Giuliani. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizen's Time: None
4. Approve minutes of June 13th meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by LaValley, support by Steeno. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Financial report for June was reviewed. The certificate of deposit at River Valley Bank matured on 7/10/17. Board discussed reinvestment options. General consensus was reached to invest in a 1 year CD while other options are explored.
6. Bills for approval: List of bills for payment was presented. Motion by Solda, support by LaValley, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Board members each received a letter from Sid Bray explaining why he had submitted a bill for payment of services to install fire numbers in the township from October 2013 thru March 2017. Motion to pay Sid Bray for his time and mileage from October 2013 thru March 2017 was made by Steeno, support by Giuliani. Motion passed by 3-2 vote.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Bids for excess property: Bids were received for the 4 lawn mowers that the township is selling. Motion to sell the township property to the highest bidders was made by Steeno, support by Solda. Roll call vote: all ayes. Passed 5-0. High bidders were:
 - i. Ron Vivio - 6.5 hp Ariens walk-behind mower - \$25.00
 - ii. Ron Vivio - 6.0 hp Ariens walk-behind mower - \$20.00
 - iii. Paul Chartier - John Deere LX176 riding mower - \$52.00
 - iv. Don Byczek - John Deere LX255 riding mower - \$302.00
 - b. Blight remediation progress: To date, letters have been sent to 10 property owners requesting correction of issues. 9 property owners have responded.
 - c. Electric franchise & rates: City of Norway electrical rates are higher than WE Energies rates. The city is working towards lowering the rates.

- d. Streetlight agreement: Motion to accept the agreement between the City of Norway and Norway Township for installation, operation and maintenance of new LED streetlights was made by Steeno, support by LaValley. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - e. Cemetery wall problem: County road commission will put plastic mats in the area next to the wall. Grass will be able to grow through them and help hold them in place. Mats will be installed upon arrival.
 - f. Road work progress: Shoulders of roads on the WPA road have been shaved down. Water should now run down the ditches and not on the roadway. No date has been set for paving to begin. The water runoff problem on East Main Street at the Habitat for Humanity site has not been addressed as of this time. Byczek will keep in contact with the road commission.
 - g. Medical marijuana: Board members discussed ideas before attending the joint meeting with the Norway City Council on Thursday.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Township ordinances and methods of enforcement: The process of enforcement of ordinances was discussed. Byczek will develop a step-by-step procedure outlining progress.
 - b. Storm water/ street drainage: Water is bubbling up in the yard of the Vulcan Apartments and washing across the railroad tracks. There is a large sinkhole where the drain pipe is broken. Dickinson County Road Commission will repair the pipe.
 - c. Resolution for new voting equipment: before the County Clerk can order our new voting equipment she needs a signed resolution from the township. Resolution was offered by Giuliani, support by LaValley, to obtain new voting equipment from the state of Michigan at no cost to Norway Township. Roll call vote: all ayes. Passed 5-0.
9. Citizens' Time: Tammy Zanon - medical marijuana policy
10. Committee reports: None
11. Board Member comments: LaValley - tax collection going well so far. BS&A software is working very well. There has been some problem with addresses not being correct but the problem is being addressed. Giuliani - new scanner is installed and works well. Still

learning about Quickbooks but it is getting easier each month. Byczek - reminded members of the DCTA meeting in Sagola on July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

12. Facilities Manager comments: new roof on the shed at the recreation area looks good.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Giuliani, support by LaValley. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m

Joyce Giuliani, Clerk