

Special Norway Township Board Meeting - March 29, 2017 - Road Projects

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek, pledge was recited.
2. Members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, Treasurer; Trustee Mike Steeno, Trustee.

Members absent: Dave Solda, Trustee, excused.

Guests: Jim Harris, Lance Malmberg and Brent Swanson representing the Dickinson County Road Commission

3. Approve agenda: Motion by Giuliani, support by Steeno to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
4. Citizens' time: None
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Bids for road projects: Bids for resurfacing of WPA Road, Fairview Drive and South Circle Drive were reviewed. Road commission representatives explained the positive and negative aspects of all three types of resurfacing options. Motion was made by Giuliani, supported by LaValley, to accept the low bid from Bacco Construction for resurfacing WPA Road, Fairview Drive and South Circle Drive using Alternate Bid #1, Ultra thin overlay. Roll call vote: Ayes: Steeno, LaValley, Giuliani, Byczek. Solda, absent. Passed 4-0.
 - b. Railroad crossings at South Spruce St. and County Rd. 577: South Spruce St would require a major rebuilding of the crossing. Work would also require closing down of the railroad track while the project is completed. It is unlikely the railroad company would grant permission for closure during repair. At this time, the county is recommending to leave it the way it is. Options can be explored in the future.
 - c. Potholes: county road crews have been busy filling potholes. All potholes in the roads to be resurfaced will be filled before resurfacing begins.
 - d. Oakcrest Drive: citizen reports a large dip in the road on Oakcrest Drive where a culvert was removed by the county. County personnel will check it out.
 - e. Traffic study: Norway Township is requesting a traffic study to determine feasibility of lowering speed limits and installing speed limit signs in the following areas: Main St/County Rd 577 from St. Barbara's Church to the Brickyard Road; Fairview Drive; and WPA Road/Forest Drive from the Norway City limits to

Fairview Drive. Jim Harris will contact the Michigan State Police with our request.

- f. Dead trees: county crews have been busy removing dead trees in the Vulcan area.
 - g. Funding for road projects: funds are available for all 3 of the road projects approved by the Township Board while still leaving a good fund balance going into the next fiscal year.
6. Citizens' time: Bob Girardi - shoulder work on County Rd 577 from Brickyard Road to Sturgeon River Bridge.
 7. Board member comments: Board thanked the road commission for all the good job they have done for the township.
 8. Adjournment: being no further business, motion made by Giuliani, support by Steeno, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani, Clerk