

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: September 12, 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: Motion by Steeno, support by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of August 8th meeting: Motion by LaValley, support by Steeno, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Financial report for August was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: List of bills was presented. Motion by Solda, support by LaValley, to approve payment of bills as presented. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Blight remediation progress: property owners who were sent letters have been compliant with clean up. Discussion was held regarding the process for issuing blight citations. Board members all felt that the method we are currently using is working well and no changes need to be made.
 - b. Road work progress: paving contractor is running behind on other jobs. Paving of WPA Rd, South Circle Drive and Fairview Drive is now scheduled to be completed by early October. Road commission is continuing work on the drainage issue on East Main St. at the Habitat for Humanity house.
 - c. Medical marijuana: Byczek attended a conference in Marquette on August 23rd. The Norway Area Planning Commission is also studying the feasibility of allowing medical marijuana facilities in the city and township. A special meeting between the City of Norway, Norway Township and the NAPC will be called when the study is completed.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Investments: inquiries have been made to several financial businesses regarding investment of township funds in accounts that pay higher interest rates. Township funds cannot be invested in any funds not insured by FDIC. Township funds will have to remain where they are at this time.
 - b. Post Office heat bids: after removal of the chimneys at the town hall, contractors discovered that the current gas wall furnace in the post office does not meet building code requirements unless the existing chimney has a liner installed.. Bids were received from several area contractors to replace the current furnace with a high efficiency gas furnace or bring the existing unit up to code. After bids were reviewed, motion was made by Steeno, support by LaValley, to award the work to Bietila Engineering for replacement

of the existing furnace with a high efficiency gas unit that can be vented out of the wall.
Roll call voted: all ayes. Motion passed 5-0.

- c. Front entrance overhang: front entrance overhang needs to be rebuilt and shingled. Motion by Giuliani, support by Solda, to have work performed by Mike LaFaive if he agrees to become a township employee while doing the work. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d. New refrigerator for hall: the old refrigerator runs constantly and is too big for our needs. Board members felt that a new, compact refrigerator would be more energy efficient and would save money over time. Motion made by Steeno, support by LaValley, to purchase a compact size refrigerator to replace the existing one. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Citizens' Time: none
10. Committee reports: none
11. Board member comments: LaValley - tax collection has been going well. Last day for payment without penalty is 9/14/17. Giuliani - reminded board members of the DCTA meeting in Felch on 9/18 at 6:30 p.m. Giuliani, Solda and Byczek will attend the MTA On The Road conference on 9/19 in Escanaba. Registration begins at 7:30 our time.
12. Received a letter from DICSA . They are looking for volunteers to be on the board.
13. Facilities Manager comments: water will be shut off at the recreation area at the end of September and in the cemetery in early October. Pipes will be drained by township personnel this year instead of having a contractor do it. Skunks are digging up the grass at the cemetery. Live traps have been set. Chartier will purchase 2 more traps. Need a smaller flag at the town hall. The new one that was put up is too big and hangs on the utility lines when it is windy.
14. Adjournment: being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Giuliani, support by LaValley. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m

Joyce Giuliani
Clerk