

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2019

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 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Motion made by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None.
4. Approve minutes of March 11, 2019 meeting: Motion by LaValley, second by Steeno, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for March was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, second by Steeno, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Playground update: Windows and doors have been installed on the building. Still working on obtaining quotes from electrical and plumbing contractors. Motion by Byczek, second by Solda, to accept the lowest bid for electrical work before the next meeting to assure that the building will be ready for use by the first game of the season. Plumbing work may be delayed until issues with the sewer line are worked out. Ayes - 4, with Giuliani voting nay Motion passed 4-1.
 - b. Speed Limits - Supervisor Byczek met with the Michigan State Police to discuss the speed limit on Main Street near the recreation area and other areas in the township. MSP still states that the areas in question do not meet the requirements needed to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Main Street near the recreation area will be posted at 35 mph and all other areas will remain 55 mph at this time. There is a request in to have a speed study done on County Road 577 near Spruce St. MSP will schedule this with the Dickinson County Road Commission. MSP also has ordered the No Parking signs on the road by the recreation area to be removed.
 - c. River Road Property update: the township did not receive the grant we applied for to help with removal of the building. We are in the process of getting quotes from contractors as the work needs to be done before the building completely collapses. Tabled until next meeting.
 - d. 5th Avenue paving project: the road commission will be discussing this at their meeting tomorrow night. No action yet.
 - e. Cemetery rates: discussion was held on raising rates for non-residents to help defray costs. Motion by Byczek, second by Steeno, to raise the non-resident perpetual care fee from \$200.00 to \$300.00, effective May 1, 2019. All ayes. Motion passed. The new price list will be sent to area funeral homes this week.
 - f. Spring Clean Up - the spring clean up will be held from May 13 - 18. Dumpsters will be placed at the corner of Main Street and Cedar St in East Vulcan. A separate trailer will

be available for residents to discard scrap tires and scrap metal. Signs will be posted on site. Ads will be placed on Channel 7 and in Luft's Advertiser. Information is already on the website.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Letters to dilapidated home owners: Byczek will be sending letters to dilapidated home owners informing them of non-compliance with the townships property maintenance code and also letting them know about the upcoming spring clean up. If board members know of any homes that are in disrepair in the township please let Byczek know so he can add them to the list.
- b. Resolution for Non-Partisan Offices to be allowed in townships: MTA has asked each township to send them a resolution stating whether their townships are in support or opposition to having their board seats being non-partisan.
- c. Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition: the Wild Rivers Invasion Species Coalition has sent an application for the township to join their organization. There is no cost to become a Partner, they are just looking for formal support of their mission. Board member agreed to become a partner in this organization.

9. Citizens' Time: None

10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - on May 1st there will be a public hearing of the NAPC to get input on the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. After the public hearing the amendments will be sent to the city and the township boards for adoption.

11. Board member comments:

- a. LaValley - the final settlement for summer and winter taxes 2018 has been received. All went well..
- b. Byczek - Nickels Logging is planning on beginning work on the timber harvest at the cemetery in May. Dates have been finalized for MDOT paving projects, May 28th - August 30th for U.S. 8 bridge work and early August to late October for U.S. 2 paving from Norway east to the county line.
- c. Giuliani - will be attending a meeting with a citizen group regarding green burials
- d. Steeno - the open house at True North Outpost will be on May 3rd.

12. Facility Manager Comments: new lawn mowers have been ordered. We will be applying for next year's Toro grant for a new lawn mower in May. We have one employee returning for summer work at the cemetery. 1 other application has been received and several calls have been received but no applications from them yet. The ad for summer employment will be run again in Luft's Advertiser.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. Next meeting will be May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.