

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: May 13, 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: Giuliani requested that under 8. NEW BUSINESS, item d. Assessing Training be added. Motion made by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve the agenda with the addition of the item requested by Giuliani. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None.
4. Approve minutes of April 8th 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 April was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Steeno, second by Solda, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Playground update: work on water and sewer lines needs to be finished. Electrical nearly complete and ready for final inspection. Still need food license and inspection by health department. Norway-Vulcan Lions Club to donate popcorn machine and items needed for the field. Home Depot may donate, or at least give money off of, a gas grill. Consensus agreement by the board to pay the cost of the grill at a cost not to exceed \$60 if Home Depot does not donate the entire item.
  - b. River Road Property update: numerous attempts have been made to have the owner of this property demolish the building with no success. Samples of materials were obtained from the building and sent in for testing for hazardous materials. Reports were positive for asbestos. Due to the deteriorating condition of Bourg's Bar and the danger to the public, and the lack of cooperation by the property owner, a motion was made by Solda, second by Giuliani, to purchase the property from the owner at a cost of \$1,387.00 so work can begin on tearing the building down. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaValley, Giuliani, Steeno, Bycek, Solda. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. In anticipation of this action, bids were obtained with the low bid being from Morin Excavating. Motion was made by LaValley, second by Steeno, to award the bid for removal of the building to Morin Excavating in the amount of \$17,220. Roll call vote: Ayes: Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, LaValley. Nays: none. Motion passed 5-0
  - c. 5th Avenue paving project: paving done, need some sewer/drain work done yet.
  - d. Spring Clean Up - clean up is in progress. 2 dumpsters are located on Cedar St. and Main St. in East Vulcan.
  - e. Letters to dilapidated home owners: several letters have been sent but no one has responded yet.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Green burials: no action taken at this time. Board will reconsider if requests are received.
- b. Amendment to Norway Area Zoning Ordinance: motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to adopt Ordinance 2019-1 Amendments to Norway Area Zoning Ordinance. All ayes Passed 5-0.
- c. WE Energies Land Purchase: tabled until we receive more information
- d. Assessing Training for Board members: motion made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to permit board members to attend the assessing training to be held at Bay College on June 12th at a cost of \$91 each. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

9. Citizens' Time: None

10. Committee Reports: Steeno - Norway Area Planning Commission - a public participation workshop will be held at the city hall on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. to review the Norway Area Master Plan. The City of Norway is also requesting the township to rezone 4 parcels of land which are in the township. This will be discussed at next month's township board meeting.

11. Board member comments:

- a. LaValley - summer tax collection work is beginning
- b. Byczek - the timber harvest at the cemetery has begun.
- c. Giuliani - was approached by citizens interested in establishing equestrian trails in the township. CUPPAD will be contacted for information as to how to begin the process.
- d. Steeno - reminder of the DCTA meeting to be held in Norway Township on May 20th. Menu was discussed and members were asked to bring in items.

12. Facility Manager Comments: requested permission from the board to change the cremation burial hours on Saturdays. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to add wording stating that cremation burials must be scheduled to be completed by noon on Saturdays. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0. 2 students have been hired for the summer and Larry Raiche will return to help with mowing as needed.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, second by LaValley, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. Next meeting will be June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani