

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: June 10, 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: LaValley requested to add under 8. NEW BUSINESS, item g: Cemetery Money Market account. Byczek requested to add under. 8. NEW BUSINESS, item h: Legal Actions for Non Compliance with the Blight Ordinance. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by LaValley, to approve the agenda with the requested amendments. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Dan Girardi - requesting dead end road signage for utility access road near his home.
4. Approve minutes of May 13, 2019 meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by Solda, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for May was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Solda, second by Steeno, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Playground update: concession stand is complete. Grass seed is planted. Will wait until next year to obtain food permit as baseball season is almost over. Work will be done on the field in time for next season.
  - b. WE Energies land purchase: final paperwork has been received for the purchase of 6 parcels of land adjacent to the Norway-Vulcan Industrial Park from WE Energies. Sales consists of approximately 55 acres for the price of \$16,500. Motion was made by Steeno, support by Giuliani, to purchase the land offered by WE Energies for the price of \$16,500 with the funds being taken from the Industrial Park Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: Solda, Giuliani, Steeno, LaValley, Byczek. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Accident at Cemetery/replace retaining wall: on May 14th part of the south section of the retaining wall at the cemetery was destroyed when a truck crashed through it. Board members opted to put off repairing the wall for now.
  - b. Rezoning of parcels of land in the Piers Gorge area: after discussion with all parties involved in the rezoning request, the Norway Township Zoning Enforcement Officer felt there was no reason for rezoning at this time.
  - c. Poverty exemption application: a poverty exemption application was received. It will be reviewed to determine if it meets the guidelines and forwarded to the Board of Review in July.
  - d. Future of River Rd. property: property will be appraised and offered for sale.

- e. Update on township roadwork: reshouldering has been done on Brickyard Rd and CR 577. Potholes filled on CR 573 and Stone Cliff Rd. Groundwater is causing issues on East Main St. County road commission has been contacted. Culvert replacement and grading has been done on the Norway Truck Trail.
  - f. Improvements for website: LaValley and Giuliani will work on updating the website. Please give them your ideas for items you would like to see included.
  - g. Cemetery money market account: motion was made by LaValley, support by Solda, to combine the cemetery money market account with the general township money market account due to the way the current budget is set up. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
  - h. Legal actions for blight remediation cases: the board agreed to look into beginning legal proceedings with several repeat blight remediation offenders.
9. Citizens' Time: Bob Girardi - WE Energies land purchase. Dan Girardi - requesting brushing work be done along CR 577 near Brickyard Rd.
10. Committee Reports: None
11. Board member comments:
- a. Solda - received blight complaint from a resident. Blight Enforcement Officer is aware of the case.
  - b. Giuliani: cemetery software program is installed. On-line training begins this week. Assessing training in Escanaba on Wednesday. Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer will be attending. Spring clean-up went well. 22 tons of garbage collected. 910 scrap tires collected.
  - c. LaValley - preparing to start summer tax collection
  - d. Byczek - averaging about 1 zoning compliance permit per week at this time. Sending 2-3 blight remediation letters per week.
12. Facility Manager Comments: None
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Next meeting will be July 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani