

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: November 11, 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 to approve agenda as presented made by Solda, second by Steeno. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of October 14, 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 October was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Carpeting in post office: carpet is installed. Waiting for invoice.
 - b. Blight in Industrial Park: junk car is gone, owners of Barglind Trucking and Warehouses are making good progress. Letters will be sent to other businesses in the Industrial Park regarding blight on their property.
 - c. Joint Zoning and Planning: investigating advantages/disadvantages regarding joint planning between the City of Norway and Norway Township. On December 4th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting to discuss this issue with the Norway City Council, the Norway Township Board and a representative from CUPPAD. The meeting is open to the public.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Gate for well site in Industrial Park, resolution to apply for grant from Par-Plan Insurance:

Estimate for the new gate was reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve purchase and installation of a gate at the well site in the Industrial Park. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

Motion to pass Resolution #2019-11 Application for Risk Reduction Grant from Par-Plan for Well-site Gate was made by Steeno, second by LaValley. Roll call vote: Ayes - Solda, Giuliani, LaValley, Byczek, Steeno. Nays: None. Passed 5-0. Grant paperwork is due by November 30th.
 - b. Extension for timber harvest in Cemetery: Nickels Logging is requesting an extension on the contract for logging on the cemetery property due to market prices being very low at this time. Motion by Giuliani, second by Steeno to extend the completion date of the contract with Nickels Logging until June 15, 2020. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

- c. Change GIS mapping hosting services from City of Norway to Coleman Engineering: still researching the issue. Tabled until December.
 - d. Appoint member of township board as representative on DCSWMA board: Motion by LaValley, second by Giuliani, to appoint Dave Solda as the Norway Township representative on the DCSWMA board. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
9. Citizens' Time:
- a. Bob Girardi: barking dog and Industrial Park name.
 - b. Nate Alwine: Joint Planning and Zoning
10. Committee Reports: Solda - DCSWMA - GAD working on old dumpsite. Steeno - NAPC - meeting on December 4th at 6:30 p.m to discuss Joint Planning issues.
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - Tax database received from the assessor. Will add special assessments from blight issues as needed. Winter tax collections start Wednesday, December 4th. Hours will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday until February 14th.
 - b. Giuliani - Presidential Primary will be on March 10th, 2020. Absentee ballot applications will be sent out around January 10th. Norway Township maintains a permanent absentee ballot list. Voters are highly encouraged to vote absentee to reduce wait times at the hall on voting day. Work on the cemetery records project is off to a good start. 8 blocks have been walked through so far.
 - c. Steeno - has received questions from citizens on Industrial Park. Attended DCTA meeting in October where the 2020 census was discussed.
 - d. Don - meeting with a representative from the Census Bureau on November 12th. Also met with Jim Harris, Todd Roell and Lance Malmburg from the DCRC. Joyce Giuliani was also in attendance. Discussed proposed project funding, preventive maintenance issues and the repair work on 5th Avenue. Blight issues are improving. Reminded board members of all of the items that have been accomplished since this board was elected in 2016.
12. Facility Manager Comments: fall clean up is completed. It was a very busy year at the cemetery this year.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by LaValley, second by Solda, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be December 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani