

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: October 14, 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 Steeno, second by LaValley. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: Bob Girardi - Industrial Park deer poaching and boulders on median strip by new rock shop.
4. Approve minutes of September 9, 2019 meeting: Motion by Solda, second by Steeno, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for September 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. River Road property: property was sold via warranty deed to Don Dedo for \$10,000. There were unpaid back taxes on the property in the amount of \$284.55 which the township was unaware of at the time of the acceptance of Mr. Dedo's bid. By consensus vote, the township board agreed to reimburse Mr. Dedo in the amount of \$284.55.
 - b. Paving projects for next year: a message was sent to Dickinson County Road Commission informing them that we would like to proceed with obtaining bids on resurfacing Main Street in East Vulcan from US-2 the US-2 and Cedar St.in East Vulcan. Details will be discussed when bids are received.
 - c. Cemetery projects update: 10 trees were removed and 39 stumps were ground down this year. All ground down areas have been filled in and seeded. New rules signs have been installed. More projects are in the planning stages for next year.
 - d. Carpeting in post office: estimates to install carpeting in the post office lobby were reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to proceed with installation of carpet tiles in the post office lobby at a cost of \$837.87 which includes installation. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Vendor will be contacted to proceed with work.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Amend budget to cover tree removal costs: Motion was made by LaValley, second by Solda, to amend the general budget as follows: 1) move \$5,000 from 209702.3 into 2079300; 2) move \$2,000 from 2099700 into 2099300; and 3) move \$1,000 from 2099200 into 2099300. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - b. Charging for GIS Information: LaValley requested permission to give on-line access to Core-Logic Mortgage Co to download the tax bills for the properties on which they are the lienholders. This would give them access only to the information which is currently on our GIS mapping system which is on our website and available to the public anyway.

Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to proceed with giving Core-Logic the access they are requesting for a fee of \$150.00. All ayes. Passed 5-0. LaValley will make arrangements.

- c. Resolution to renew fire and road millage: Resolution 2019-9 was passed by a 5-0 vote to put a proposal on the March 2020 ballot to renew our fire and road millage for 2 mils from 2021 through 2024 inclusive. Information will be forwarded to the Dickinson County Clerk for inclusion on the March 2020 ballot.
 - d. Resolution to levy millage for cemetery road repairs: Resolution 2019-10 was passed by a 4-1 vote to put a proposal on the March 2020 ballot to levy a 1 mill tax for a period of 2 years from 2020 through 2021, inclusive. This is a new tax. Information will be forwarded to the Dickinson County Clerk for inclusion on the March 2020 ballot.
 - e. Blight in Industrial Park: Supervisor Byczek has been in contact with the owners of Barglind Trucking regarding removing the car with the American flag mounted on the trunk. There are also numerous other blight ordinance violations on this property. Letters have been sent to the property owner requesting remediation of this situation and information has been sent to our attorney for review.
 - f. Joint Zoning and Planning: board members discussed the possibility of having our own Norway Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. More information will be presented at the next meeting.
9. Citizens' Time: Tony Baciak - he has been appointed as a member on the county-wide Brownfield Redevelopment Board.
10. Committee Reports: Steeno - NAPC discussed RV parking, change to TV service, 48 hr limit on parking, updating the Master Plan and the mess at the compost site.
11. Board member comments:
- a. LaValley - summer tax collection hours are over. Payment should be made by mail.
 - b. Giuliani - Halloween trick or treat hours in Norway are 4-7 p.m. The township will be the same. Norway Township clerk will serve as the fiduciary agent for the 2020 Scrap Tire Grant as the other 4 municipalities did not get their grants in on time.
 - c. Solda - will request that the 4 municipalities (Breitung Township, Kingsford, Iron Mountain, and Norway) pay an administration fee for this service at the next Solid Waste Management Authority meeting.
12. Facility Manager Comments: None.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, support by Solda, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Next meeting will be November 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani