

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: February 10, 2020

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee. Mike Steeno, Trustee - excused.

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 LaValley. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of January 13, 2020 meeting: Motion by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
5. Financial report: Report of income and expenses for January was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, second by Byczek, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. NAZBA appointment: there was 1 applicant for the vacant seat on the Norway Area Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Solda, to appoint Scott Marks to the NAZBA for a three year term expiring 12/2022. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
 - b. Road projects for 2020 - board members will attend a planning meeting with the Dickinson County Road Commission at 10:00 on Tuesday, February 11, to discuss the road projects for this year.
 - c. Tree removal in cemetery this winter: 12 trees have been removed this winter. There are still 15 more trees marked that need to be taken down by a contractor. Specifications for the contract will be finalized and put out for bids this spring.
 - d. Budget review before public hearing: budget ideas were discussed. Quotes will be obtained on updating the outside of the town hall with cleaning and sealing of masonry and painting of doors and windows. The Public Budget Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. right before the March board meeting. The budget will be finalized at that time.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Budget amendments: Giuliani reviewed the several amendments that needed to be made to the budget. Motion was made by Byczek, second by LaValley, to accept the amendments to the budget as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
 - b. Zoning and planning discussion: Byczek presented a white paper regarding planning and zoning in the township. He was going to bring the document to the Norway Area Planning Commission in February but the meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance. The document will be presented at the March meeting. Norway Township was also contacted by the DNR regarding the possibility of installation of a large scale solar array project on the old Groveland mine land. A representative for this project will be at the board meeting in March to discuss plans with the township board.

- c. Extend tax deadline: due to the way the end of the tax collection dates fall, the county treasurer requested the township to extend the tax deadline to March 2, 2020 this year. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Solda, to extend the tax deadline to March 2, 2020. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
 - d. Change date of March meeting: due to the Board of Review meeting, the eve of the presidential primary, the public budget hearing and the regular board meeting all being on the same day, a motion was made by Giuliani, second by LaValley, to move the date of the March board meeting and public budget hearing from March 9th to March 16th. Times will remain the same. All ayes. Passed 4-0.
9. Citizens Time - None
10. Committee reports - None
11. Board member comments - LaValley - will hold office hours on 2/14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2/19 and 2/26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on March 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Byczek - spoke with a representative from a company who is interested in the Norway Mountain property. Giuliani - 143 absentee ballots are out. Things going well so far.
12. Facility Manager Comments: None
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Byczek, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Next meeting will be March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Public Budget Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020 right before the regular board meeting.

Joyce Giuliani