

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: June 8, 2020

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 was made by Solda, seconded by LaValley. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of May 11, 2020 meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, 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 Steeno, second by Solda, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Tree removal at cemetery: 3 bids were received. After discussion, a motion was made by Giuliani, seconded by LaValley, to award the project to U. P. Top Notch Tree Care in the amount of \$13,200.00. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
  - b. Logging at cemetery: contractor is done cutting until prices go back up for red pine.. All log piles will be removed by contractor.
  - c. Solar array project: Request for Proposals are due on June 25th. More information after that.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Property Maintenance Code Ordinance and Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance: Ryan & Lynch Law Office was sent our existing property ordinances for updating. The revised ordinances were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Solda, seconded by Steeno, to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 Property Maintenance Code as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes - Giuliani, LaValley, Steeno, Solda, Byczek. Nays - None. Ordinance 2020-1 was declared adopted by Supervisor Byczek with a vote of 5-0. Motion was made by Byczek, seconded by Giuliani, to adopt Ordinance 2020-2 Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes - LaValley, Giuliani, Byczek, Solda, Steeno. Nays - None. Ordinance 2020-2 was declared adopted by Supervisor Byczek.
  - b. County Rd. 577 and Main St. bills: bills not received yet. Table until next meeting.
  - c. Cameras at compost site: City of Norway wants to install security cameras at the compost site due to illegal dumping. Norway City Police will monitor the cameras. Total cost of the project is \$3800.00. The city is asking us to pay \$1500.00. Motion was made by Steeno, seconded by Solda, to share the cost of the security camera system in the amount of \$1,500.00. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.

- d. AV ballots: a large portion of township voters are voting absentee for this election. , Giuliani will be keeping track of how many hours she is spending at the hall on av ballots and if it is excessive, may request extra pay at a later date.
  - e. Carney Lake Association special assessment: Carney Lake Association passed a resolution at the annual meeting to extend the \$200 special assessment per land owner to provide for eradication of nuisance aquatic species in the lake. Motion was made by Byczek, seconded by Giuliani, to approve the request for the Carney Lake Association. All ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Citizens Time - Bob Girardi: 1. Spring clean up and 2. Cemetery looks great . Special thanks to Paul Chartier and crew for all of their hard work.
10. Committee reports - **Steen**o - NAPC - meetings have been by teleconference. Minutes have not been received by Norway Township yet. Next meeting July 1st.
11. Board member comments - **Giuliani** - Norway Township census response is at 62.8% according to the census manager in our area. Letter of thanks was received from the Norway Graduation Committee. **LaValley** - database for the summer taxes is done. When millage rates are received from the school, data base will be sent in for printing. Summer tax relief to residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may possibly be available. More information will be forthcoming. LaValley will be out of the office at the end of June for medical issues. Deputy Treasurer Bray will be available in her place. **Byczek** - found out that auditors are suggesting that any municipality with money in the MI-Class program should move it to safer funds for the near future. A punch list has been made for the road projects just completed. The water issue on East Main St appears to be resolved at this time. A zoning decision made by the township is being challenged by True North Outpost. Owners are requesting a hearing at the NAZBA to be scheduled at a later date. Contractor will be starting on the exterior work on the townhall tomorrow.
12. Facility Manager Comments: a power washer was purchased for cleaning moss off of headstones at the cemetery.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Solda, second by Steeno, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani